

Special Town Board Budget Meeting of October 29, 2020

Meeting was held at the Town Hall in Sayner. Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chairman Maines. The Chairman noted that this Special Meeting of the Town of Plum Lake Board of Supervisors was held at the Town Hall in Sayner on Thursday, October 29th, 2020. The meeting was duly called with notice posted at the Town Hall in Sayner, the Sayner Post Office, Star Lake Post Office, and notice given to the Vilas County News-Review, The Lakeland Times, WRJO and WERL, as well as posted on the Town Website. Supervisor Schmidt, Kevin Rasmussen and Clerk Brooker were present and 4 other people.

Damaged Stone in Sayner Cemetery:

Chairman Maines told Nadine Stahl that he had a discussion with the employee about the damage of her stone in the Sayner Cemetery and told her that the Town would take care of the damage to the stone but probably not till Spring or Summer. Both Supervisor Schmidt and Supervisor Rasmussen agreed with the Chairman’s decision. Clerk Brooker mentioned that the stone to be replaced was not in stock right now. Chairman Maines made a motion that by Spring or Summer the Town would replace the grave stone in the amount of \$1400. Supervisor Schmidt seconded; motion carried.

Citizens Comments:

Sheehan Donoghue thanked the Board for posting the notice on the door about Statue 941.235. She said she would like to see a heading added on the notice stating, “with the exception of this statue, no weapons allowed”. She wants people to feel safe and not intimidated to come and vote. Sheehan Donoghue then stated that she was “disappointed and chagrined” that the Employee meeting was being held after this meeting saying that it would have been helpful to have a general understanding of future training etc. that may be needed in the Town of Plum Lake. She also strongly suggested that the Town Board develop guidelines or rules for the employees of the Town. She felt employees should have the correct training for jobs they are asked to do. She also felt that too many things have happened due to carelessness and being inattentive to detail and that the Town needs to lay out guidelines and a system that the Town Employees need to follow to report to the Board, within 24 to 48 hours any problems they have encountered. Sheehan also said she would like the cemetery people to consider allowing people to put upright stones instead of flat stones in the cemetery and wishes that a few trees could be planted in the new part too. Chairman Maines said her comments were duly noted and that they would be going through employee guidelines and may be revising them. Sheehan Donoghue later added that she didn’t think it was wise to have one of the employees be the supervisor, she feels that one Town Board member should be directing the employees and giving them more Board supervision by meeting with them around every 2 to 4 weeks and make a list for the employees to follow of things that should be done. Chairman Maines said he would check with some of the other Towns to see how they handle the supervision of Employees.

Dolores Zellner asked if the new employees had a work schedule. Both Chairman Maines and Supervisor Schmidt explained that Jim Mortag was the foreman and the crew set their own plans on when to do the various projects.

Supervisor Rasmussen informed everyone that on November 4th the dispatch center in Eagle River will have a power outage for 4 hours. Supervisor Rasmussen said it should not affect 911 calls.

Approval of Resolution for AIS Grant for Monitoring Cameras:

Chairman Maines read the proposed Resolution which is for installing boat landing invasive monitoring systems (cameras) at Razorback Lake, Lake Laura, and Irving Lake. Questions came up on how much this was going to cost the Town. After discussion, the Board was still not clear on what their cost would be. Chairman Maines set the matter aside till they had their work on the Budget finished as he wanted to make sure they would have the funds to support the cameras. He said he would call Mike during the Budget Meeting to get those costs and said he may revisit the matter right after the Budget Meeting. He also delayed acting on the Clean Boats Clean Waters item till after the Budget Meeting.

Discussion on 2021 Budget:

Discussions on the Budget began at 1:30 pm and ended at 5 pm.

Reopened Approval of Resolution for AIS Grant for Monitoring Cameras:

Chairman Maines reopened the discussion at 5 pm. After brief discussion Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to approve the Resolution for the AIS Grant, Supervisor Schmidt seconded; motion carried.

Surface Water Grant Resolution

WHEREAS, the Town of Plum Lake is interested in obtaining a cost-share grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of installing Boat Landing Invasive Monitoring Systems at three additional lakes in the Town of Plum Lake - Razorback Lake, Lake Laura and Irving Lake.

WHEREAS, the applicant attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and representations contained in the grant application;

WHEREAS, a grant agreement is requested to carry out the project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Plum Lake will meet the financial obligations necessary to fully and satisfactorily complete the project and hereby authorizes and empowers the following officials or employees to submit the following documents to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for financial assistance that may be available.

TASK	TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	EMAIL ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER
Sign and submit a grant application		office@townofplumlake.com (715) 542-4531

Enter into a grant agreement with the DNR		office@townofplumlake.com (715) 542-4531
Submit quarterly and/or final reports to the DNR to satisfy the grant agreement, as appropriate		office@townofplumlake.com (715) 542-4531
Submit reimbursement request(s) to the DNR no later than the date specified in the grant agreement		office@townofplumlake.com (715) 542-4531
Sign and submit other documents:		office@townofplumlake.com (715) 542-4531

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that applicant will comply with all local, state and federal rules, regulations and ordinances relating to this project and the cost-share agreement.

Adopted on the _____ day of _____, 2020

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Town of Plum Lake at a legal meeting held on ____ / ____ / ____

Authorized Signature

Title

Date Certified

Chairman Maines also signed the Clean Waters Clean Boats grant application. Total cost of 2021 CBCW project is \$30,059.80. This includes funding for the late season monitors. Local share is 25%, or \$7,514.95 with the DNR share of 75% at \$22,544.85.

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm.

A voice recording of this meeting is available in the Clerk's office.

These minutes were taken at the Special Town Board Budget Meeting of the Town of Plum Lake held on the 29th day of October 2020 and were entered in this Record Book by: