

Special Town Meeting/Special Budget Workshop

October 17, 2019

Meeting was held on October 17th, 2019 at the Town Hall in Sayner. Meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by Chairman Maines who noted that this meeting was duly called with notice posted at the Town Hall in Sayner, the Sayner Post Office, and the Star Lake Post Office, and notice given to the Vilas County News-Review, The Lakeland Times, and WERL-WRJO Radio Stations of Eagle River, as well as posted on the town website. Supervisor Schmidt, Supervisor Wiggemhauser and Clerk Brooker were also present. There were 3 other people present.

Opening Bids for Grader:

There was only one bid from Jim Harmon of Harmon Excavating for the 1978 John Deere Road Grader. Instead of cash, Jim Harmon was offering \$6,000 worth of excavation work. Supervisor Schmidt was interested in accepting Jim Harmon's offer as the Cemetery Project in Star Lake will need excavation work. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion for Chairman Maines to meet with Jim Harmon at the Star Lake Cemetery and get an estimate. Chairman Maines seconded; motion carried.

Purchase of John Deere Mower (Out of Next Year's Budget):

Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to accept the proposal to purchase the 2 Z-Track mowers and trade in the Kubota for a net cost of \$1,989, with payment to be made in January 2020 to Lakeland Lawn and Equipment. Supervisor Wiggemhauser seconded; motion carried. Model numbers of the 2 new mowers are Z994R Diesel and Z345M.

Replacing Aerator Motor for Ballard/Irving Lakes:

Clerk Brooker stated that Joe Heitz was still checking on getting quotes for a new motor and wanted to be sure that the right motor was chosen. After discussion the Board decided to go ahead and act on approving paying one half of the bill for the new motor up to \$600.00. The Town will pay their half in 2020. Supervisor Schmidt made the motion to approve assisting the purchase of the motor from Eliason Lumber up to \$1200.00. Supervisor Wiggemhauser seconded; motion carried.

Update on Clerk Contact with Schenck for 2019 Audit:

Clerk Brooker said that Schenck will be sending a quote for the 2019 Audit soon.

Special Budget Workshop:

Chairman Maines, Supervisor Wiggemhauser, Supervisor Schmidt and Clerk Brooker worked on the Budget for 2020 from 4:48 pm till 6:30 pm. Topics and line items touched on are listed below.

- Mike Stroh, Chairman of the Lakes Committee went through his list of Lake Projects and the projected upcoming costs for the Town Board to take into consideration for the 2020 budget. Clerk Brooker will be submitting the Clean Boats Clean Waters Grant reimbursement. The discussion touched on many subjects, from the I-LIDS, to hiring local people to man the landings, to enforcement, signage, Spiny Water Fleas, pressure washing, etc. Clerk Brooker will add another line for a Rapid Response Grant for the Spiny Water Fleas on Plum Lake. Total cost of all lakes projects will be \$36,320.
- Chairman Maines thought the Town should hire a part time snowplow person to try and avoid paying out overtime. \$2500 was allotted to over-time pay and \$5500 was allotted to part-time snow plow labor.
- Resurfacing Projects: Multimodal Grant is being worked on. Clerk Brooker to call Nick to set up time for him to come and help with Grant in office and also ask Nick about which would be better, for Chairman Maines to come to him or just talk on the phone to help with the narrative. Clerk Brooker is to call Alex Reichel about the land the Town is hoping to get and tell him that there is a sense of urgency for him to decide. Alex is worried about contamination of his land and suggestion was made that he could sell or donate 4 to 5 acres to the Town and then he wouldn't have to worry about his own land being contaminated. Supervisor Schmidt asked about putting \$250,000 in Capital Outlay Highway as a safety net in case the grant for the Eliason Rd Project doesn't happen. If the Town gets the Grant, then the \$250,000 could be used to do Golf Course Rd. All Board members were in favor of the idea. \$250,000 for road projects and \$100,000 for the EMS project will be in 2020 budget Tripp funding won't be available to the Town till 2021/22 cycle.
- Board asked Clerk Brooker to email Kimberly with questions about restricted funds, rather than having to pay Kimberly to come to the meeting. Clerk Brooker will also email Board when she gets information from Eric about the HRA. Supervisor Wiggemhauser suggested using the excess HRA funds to cover the overage in the employee health insurance expense line. Tabled until more facts from Kimberly and Eric.
- Town Garage, solid waste hauling expenses, recycling expenses. etc. Added money to labor for recycling to include Joe's cleaning hours.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

A voice recording of this meeting is available in the Town Office.

These minutes were taken at a Special Town Board meeting held on the 17th day of October 2019 and were entered in the Record Book by: