

Special Town Board Meeting of May 5, 2020

Meeting was held 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 Wiggenhauser and Clerk Brooker were present plus 8 other people. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Approve Agenda to be Discussed in an Order:

Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve the agenda in any order, Supervisor Wiggenhauser seconded; motion carried.

Citizens Comments and Correspondence:

Jona Eliason stated that the culverts on the East side of 155 are all blocked and wondered what could be done to open them. Chairman Maines said the Town had offered to take over the street by Ahlborn's, but that Woody did not want to deed it over. Cleaning of the culvert would have to be done by Woody Ahlborn. Jona Eliason also wondered if the state would deal with the culverts when Hwy 155 is redone in a year or two. No one was too optimistic that the state would address the culverts at that time.

Supervisor Wiggenhauser reported that someone who rents cottages on Plum Lake through an Air B&B gave him a call to find out if there were certain guidelines to follow to open up. Advice given from the Board was to keep watching for changing information from Wisconsin's advice on safety guidelines for opening up various businesses.

Sheehan Donoghue voiced that she strongly felt that the pipes on the Eliason Street Project really needed to be more than 2 feet in the ground - she felt they needed to be at least 4 feet in the ground in order to keep them from freezing. Sheehan stated that she was unaware that the Board was already to the point of acting on repairing the EMS Building. She thought the EMS Building was still lumped together in the talks of all the other buildings. Supervisor Schmidt assured her the EMS had been discussed at former Board Meetings and that they had acted on borrowing \$100,000 for the repairs.

Carl Eliason Street Project:

Chairman Maines asked Alex Reichl and Matt Rowe, a Trustee for the Ruth Alexander Real Estate Trust, for an update on where they are and what the prospects are for the Town to be able to acquire the land in question. Matt Rowe said he realized that there was a time frame involved but needed more information from the Town in order to help him understand what is going on. He did say he thought he could meet the deadline. He also said the families of the Trust and himself desired to help the Town out. Phil Kriesel from MSA Engineering took the lead and explained the details of the \$190,000.00 Eliason Street Project to Matt saying the land in question would be the site of an infiltration pond which would be fairly deep. He said that for the project to be done in 2020 he needed to start the survey part of the project immediately. Phil stated he would need at least an acre for the pond. Chairman Maines asked if anything could be done verbally tonight. Matt Rowe confirmed he was comfortable in doing a verbal agreement now in order for the Town to be able to move forward with the engineering part, but wanted about a week to deal with the various family members before any finalization could take place. Supervisor Wiggenhauser asked which way the Trust was leaning as far as the land being a lease, purchase, or gift. Matt said he was leaning towards a gift. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to hire MSA Engineering firm for \$30,500.00 Supervisor Wiggenhauser seconded; motion carried.

Bids for EMS Building Repairs:

Supervisor Schmidt presented a packet he received from Steve Jamroz that is to be presented to the bidders for the EMS job. An ad will be put in the paper and specs will be given out to bidders. Steve Jamroz suggested the Town hire a General Contractor. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to advertise for bids for the repair/renovation of the EMS Building. Chairman Maines seconded. Supervisor Schmidt aye, Chairman Maines aye, Supervisor Wiggenhauser nay, motion carried 2 to 1.

Repairs to Statehouse Point Boat Landing on Plum Lake:

Chairman Maines said he had met with Dan Jacobi from the DNR at Statehouse Point Boat Landing. He said they had checked out the situation that people were reporting to them, saying it was getting exceedingly difficult for people to be able to pull their boats and trailers out of the water at the landing. Chairman Maines said he had talked with

Mr. Jacobi who suggested that to rectify the matter, two double wide cement planks with beveled edges be put in and then fill and pack in 1-inch rock along the outside of the ramp. Chairman Maines reported that the DNR will be completing the above outlined work in the next few days. Chairman Maines said per the land use agreement, the Town is responsible for maintaining the landing. Mr. Jacobi said he had sent a letter to his bosses at the DNR which stated reasons why the DNR should take over the maintenance part of the boat landing. Chairman Maines said the future hope would be that the town would continue to maintain the Ski area, bathrooms, and parking lot and that the DNR would take over maintenance of the boat landing. Chairman Maines said the land use agreement will expire in 2021, so sometime this summer he will be talking with the DNR to try and work this out as he is not in favor of being responsible for maintain the boat landing.

Nixon Lake Road Repairs:

Chairman Maines reported that the Town had received a letter of authorization for \$152,000 from the State. He said work on Nixon Lake Road would be done until the money runs out. The Chairman said he is waiting for a call from Craig Dalton to set up a meeting with him and the Town Board Members to do a site inspection of Nixon Lake Road. It was suggested that Jimmy Mortag also go along to the site inspection. Craig Dalton will assess the situation and tell the Board what he would like done to the road. The Town will then get bids for the work suggested by Mr. Dalton.

New Town Garage Plans:

Supervisor Schmidt went over different scenarios on how to best utilize the bays in the proposed new Town Shop. There was talk of keeping one of the old Plow Trucks in case of break downs. The Board also talked about the best site for the new Town Garage. Chairman Maines laid out what the payments would be for different options. A \$250,000 Salt Shed would be \$46,000 per year for 6 years, or \$29,000 a year for 10 years. The Town Garage would be \$88,000 a year for 10 years or \$55,000 a year for 20 years. The Rec Building was briefly covered saying that options were renovating it or building new. Supervisor Wigenhauser asked if there had been any updates from the Building Committee. Chairman Maines said he had not heard from them and wanted to call a meeting with the Building Committee prior to the Electors Meeting in order to lay out the best options to present at the Electors Meeting. A meeting with the Building Committee was set for Thursday, May 14th at 5:00 pm. Immediately following, a Special Town Board Meeting was set. Its purpose is to have a discussion on the proposed building projects and act on what will be presented at the Electors Meeting. Clerk Brooker will call Patrick Nickel at mBank to get some solid figures

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

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

These minutes were taken at the Special Town Board Meeting held on the 5th day of May 2020 and were entered in the Record Book by: