

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**DATE: July 11, 2023**

Chairman Fred Stoll called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Supervisors Myron Olson and Kevin Mackie, Mark Johnson and Mike Sims, Streets Dept, Keith Kesler, Fire Chief, and Gene Germano, Trusty Trucking were also present.

Minutes: Myron motioned, seconded by Fred to approve the minutes of last month's board meeting, motion passed.

Financial Report: The financial report showed: \$8,902.24 in checking, \$464,482.81 in the general money market account which includes \$146,112.92 in a sub-money market dedicated to the town garage, \$14,774.02 in real estate tax account, \$12,425.86 in personal property tax account, \$26,617.98 in equipment account, and \$69,868.01 in the ARPA Grant account. Myron motioned, seconded by Kevin to accept the financial report, and authorize paying the bills as presented, motion passed.

County Supervisor Report: Scott emailed his report. Lee Sandok Baker was appointed to fill the vacant District 13 Supervisor position. County timber sales last month totaled 1.023 million. We received no bids on the Parkland trailer park parcels, they are being advertised again this month. Hwy G is completed. Hwy Y is almost complete just a couple of entrances and shouldering left. Hwy W is still on going. There were no applications for the seasonal positions, and the department is short 7 workers, one is a foreman, also short one mechanic.

Town Officers Reports: Myron met with WisDOT regarding a welcome to Brule sign on Highways H and 2, the school is out for the summer now so nothing will likely happen until fall. Myron spoke with Douglas County Forestry, they will take care of the beaver dam on Bellwood Pit Rd. The town will not be replacing the culvert on Bellwood Pit until after the South Shore project is completed.

Road Report: Crew has been mowing roads. Grader was down with a bad quality sensor; it was fixed under warranty. Several new road signs have been ordered as well as 130 new fire number signs that have been deteriorating. High Landing culvert replacement is being done around resident's schedules as road will be completely closed for a while. A culvert was replaced on Keinenen Rd.

Fire Chief Report: They have had 1 medical, 1 vehicle and 2 mutual aid calls since the last meeting, Training was conducted at pond, trucks got stuck in mud. Gravel is needed on road. They hosted a County Fire Assn. meeting. Tires are needed on several vehicles.

New Business:

Zoning: Nothing required approval.

Resolution: WDNR has \$20,000 for putting gravel on Ski Trail and Ranger Rd. The required match is \$8,000 which can be in-kind. Kevin motioned, seconded by Myron to pass the resolution to accept DNR funding, motion carried.

Bartender and Liquor Licenses: Myron motioned, seconded by Kevin to approve the issuance of all the licenses, once training certificates are provided, motion approved.

Old Business:

New Vehicle: Kevin met with Ford Dealership in Superior. We are on a waiting list for once trucks become available to order..

Fire Dept. Water Source: The board and Keith went to Wascott to see their well setup. Keith will get info on installing one from well-drillers capable of installing a high capacity well.

Land purchase from DNR: Diane attended the hearing on June 29 at the Douglas County Courthouse. No one else was present other than the DNR representative Nicole Flamang. The next step in the purchase is to hold a special meeting of the town electors to authorize the purchase. Nicole offered to attend the meeting to answer any questions that come up. She indicated this would be a good purchase for the town even if a garage was not placed on the land, due to its proximity to the sanitary district in case they ever decide to expand. She also indicated the DNR recently purchased 20 acres in Brule for \$160,000. She felt this land was significantly reduced in price (\$31,000 for 20.36 acres) due to the deed restriction of using it for a public purpose. Fred suggested having the elector meeting before the next board meeting, as the notice of the meeting must be posted not more than 20 days nor less than 15 days prior to the meeting. Elector meeting will be scheduled at 6:00 pm on August 8, 2023.

Fence Viewing: Fred discovered an easement has been placed on several sides of the 40 acres in question, for the purpose of building a road. Therefore, any fence to be installed would not be on the parcel boundary line but 20 feet off of it.

Town correspondence was reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Nelson, Clerk