

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**DATE: June 11, 2024**

Chairman Fred Stoll called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Supervisors Myron Olson and Kevin Mackie, Diane Nelson, Clerk; Amy Eliot, Treasurer; Mark Johnson, Streets Dept; Keith Kesler, Fire Chief; Patrick Weimer, Andy Carlson, Ballfields; and Gene Germano, Trusty Trucking, also attended.

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

Public Comments: Andy developed a draft memorandum of understanding for the board to consider. He also wondered about the visiting teams using their equipment. The board indicated anyone would need to get their approval to use equipment they owned.

Financial Report: The financial report showed: \$37,128.94 in checking, \$103,542.72 in the general money market account which includes \$196,112.92 in a sub-account dedicated to the town garage, \$29,404.63 in real estate tax account, \$2,187.95 in personal property tax account, \$51,890.26 in equipment account, and \$69,999.69 in the ARPA Grant account. Myron motioned, seconded by Kevin to accept the financial report, and authorize paying the bills, motion passed.

County Supervisor's Report: Scott discussed the recycling program and the recent newsletter. He talked about the Blatnik Bridge project and the business concerns; several will be closing in 2026 with the current design. The project is expected to start construction in 2026 and be completed in 2031. He discussed the five-year road plan and provided a copy. He explained that Highway H is approximately 70% done being designed. He provided information on the capital projects and the new committee assignments.

Town Officers Reports: Myron met with Dan Kephart at High Landing and Park Rd. Dan indicated the project looks good for financing but wouldn't be until next year. Myron mentioned that rocks are pushing up and will need removal before the project begins. Fred discussed the road inspections and indicated that the PASER rating will be going down on several roads including Wentala, Park, Birch, Hill and Kauppi. Myron indicated he would like to see Kauppi Rd. pulverized and graveled, he also would like to widen Wentala from 20 to 22 feet and increase the shoulders from 14 inches to two feet. Keith suggested checking into having a polymer mixed in for elasticity on the new roads, Myron will check on the costs.

Road Report: Mark has been doing equipment repair and gravel placement. He will start mowing soon especially in areas where they impede traffic visibility. Indicated the trapper has been keeping busy with beaver and indicated we've had no bad washouts with the recent bouts of rain. Fred mentioned the fiber optics cables going in on Clevedon Rd. and he instructed Mark to keep track of costs. If it gets high we should bill Norvado for the repairs.

Fire Chief Report: They have had 3 medical, 2 mutual aid, and 1 wildfire calls since the last meeting. He discussed upcoming 3-yr maintenance.

New Business:

Zoning: Nothing needed approval.

Liquor and Bartender Licenses: Myron motioned, seconded by Kevin to approve all licenses, motion passed.

Dump Usage: The board discussed the option of switching to punch cards, window stickers, and hang tags for a more visible proof of residency/authority to use the dump. A couple from Iron River have been using it, but apparently they are cleaning the church, so a dump pass was provided. Options for new stickers or tags will be researched along with prices for the board to review. In reviewing this issue, it has come to our attention several businesses are using the facilities. Letters will be drafted and mailed to them informing them this is not allowed.

Roofing bid: Only one bid was received. The lot of tin was awarded to Patrick Weimer for the amount of \$750.

Land purchase: The state requested a check for the purchase amount of \$31,000 and expects the sale to be finalized within a month.

Old Business:

Fire Dept. Water Source: Tim Butterfield expects to be able to install the well in mid-July. He will come with the big rig that can handle the large diameter pipe. Myron indicated the tank would be 19K plus transportation costs. Patrick indicated he may know of some available tanks and will check on them.

Town correspondence was reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Nelson, Clerk