

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 13, 2025

Chairman Fred Stoll called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Supervisors Kevin Mackie and Myron Olson, Diane Nelson, Clerk; Keith Kesler, Fire Chief; and Mark Johnson and Taylor Lindsay, Streets Dept also attended. Matt Dickenson, WisDOT and Gene Germano of Trusty Trucking was also present.

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

Financial Report: The financial report showed: \$11,561.13 in checking, \$347,516.89 in the general money market account which includes \$184,112.92 in a sub-account dedicated to the town garage, \$1325.50 in real estate tax account, \$2,807.00 in personal property tax account, \$18,194.49 in equipment account, and \$577.21 in the Grant account. Myron motioned, seconded by Kevin to authorize paying the bills and accepting the treasurer's report, and the motion passed.

Town Officers Reports: Fred mentioned the road inspections; he will write up a summary and plan for next meeting. Myron will call Jon Humburg to get an approximate cost for paving Birch and Kauppi Roads and several culvert repairs. Myron indicated they will be addressing the tree removal and addition of some gravel parking off the alley. Keith asked about the possibility to have a designated spot by the door for handicapped access during the elections, Diane will check into portable signage.

Road Report: Mark reported the roads are still soft in many areas. They've been working on equipment repairs. Taylor will be ordered a credit card for ordering at companies with no account. A "Slow – Autistic Child at Play" sign is being ordered for use on Birch Ave.

Fire Chief Report: They have had 5 medical calls, and 3 wildfire calls in the last month. Two volunteers have completed training for EMR (Emergency Medical Response). A third new volunteer came already certified as an EMR. They had an audit by DSPS Dept of Safety and Professional Services). While they are in substantial compliance, they were informed they need to document things down to the minutes and specify every step involved in the various training meetings they conduct. They hosted the Douglas County Fire Assn this month and will host Bayfield's Assn next month. Keith asked what the DNR Hatchery Bridge was rated. It is now posted at 19 tons. Keith indicated the fire truck are 21 tons, and during the closure if they have to go a longer route it will add a significant amount of time for a response. The board directed them to cross the bridge if there's an emergency. The bridge is so short it would be unlikely that both axels are on the bridge at the same time.

New Business:

Zoning: The board reviewed a Conditional Use Permit for a Small-Scale Campground with 3 Camping yurts. Fred motioned to file No Objection, Kevin seconded, and the motion passed.

Highway 27/Sandy Run Project: Matt Dickenson, the project manager for the culvert replacement on Highway 27 over Sandy Run, presented information on the upcoming project. They are replacing the culvert with a bridge that will accommodate critter friendly passage in the stream. They are receiving some funds from Trout Unlimited and some federal money. They'll be placing large boulders in the water to simulate natural waterways. The road will be closed for approximately 12 weeks and is scheduled to start in July 2026. The sanitary sewer will need to be relocated as it is currently on top of the culvert and cannot be collocated with the bridge.

Old Business:

Garage Update: The board walked the various proposed sites for the garage. Myron motioned, seconded by Kevin to locate the new garage on the site that is to the south off Old Highway 2 directly across from the beginning of the Dump Road. The board will set up a working meeting soon to develop an RFP (Request for Proposals) to put out to bid for a consulting firm to work on developing specific plans the garage.

Town correspondence was reviewed. Myron motioned, seconded by Kevin to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Nelson, Clerk