

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**DATE: Feb 10, 2026**

Chairman Fred Stoll called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Supervisors Kevin Mackie and Adam Olson, Diane Nelson, Clerk; Amy Eliot, Treasurer, Keith Kesler, Fire Chief; Brent Koehn, dump attendant; and Mark Johnson and Taylor Lindsay, Streets Dept, and Borg Isakson also attended.

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

Financial Report: The financial report showed: \$21,879.79 in checking, \$180,467.16 in the general money market account, \$385,068.88 in real estate tax account, \$128,601.02 in the capital account for the garage, \$72,145.42 in equipment account, and \$577.87 in the grant account. Kevin motioned, seconded by Adam to authorize paying the bills and accepting the treasurer's report; motion passed.

County Supervisors Report: Scott provided a report of the county meeting dates, the priorities for Superior Days, and a Department Managers meeting. The Sheriff department is in demonstration phase implementing body cameras, treasurer office is working on tax collections, district attorney's office is recruiting for an assistant district attorney, medical examiner reported overdose rates are down significantly, highway department is preparing construction bids for summer projects, forestry department is increasing camp sites at county parks and overseeing the county fairgrounds and finance department is preparing for annual audit.

Town Officers Reports: Fred mentioned receiving a call from a woman hoping we picked up dead deer, we do not.

Road Report: The crew has been dealing with icy roads. They requested approval to get chains for grader, which was granted. Mark indicated the snowflakes are deteriorating to the point they may not be suitable for display next year

Fire Chief Report: They have had 4 EMS calls, 2 car accidents, 4 medical calls, and 1 snowmobile accident. They have 8 volunteers taking EMR training which we are hosting. Improvements to the They thanked the town for clearing snow at FD.

New Business:

Zoning: Nothing required approval.

Approval of Liquor License: Kevin motioned, seconded by Adam to approve the liquor license for the Brule River Wedding Barn, motion carried. Diane discussed wedding barn's request for an ordinance allowing her customers to bring home unopened bottles of wine or liquor. The Dept of Revenue allows this if the town has an ordinance. Diane will draft the ordinance for approval at a future meeting.

Snowmobile traffic on town roads: Borg Isakson requested the board consider an ordinance allowing snowmobiles to traverse town roads to access a trail. He provided guidance and a model ordinance provided by the WDNR. The board will review the material and decide at the next board meeting.

Confirmation of Fire Department officers: Fred motioned, seconded by Kevin to approve the appointment of the following officers: Chief: Keith Kesler; Deputy Chief: Dale Johnson; Assistant Chief: Mark Johnson; Captains: Adam Olson, Jon Dillard, and Borg Isaksen.

Inspector Rob agreement update: Kevin discussed the changes to state building codes requiring Rob to increase his rates, which have been the same for 15 years. Kevin motioned, seconded by Adam to approve the new rates, motion carried.

Audit Report for 2023 & 2024: The board reviewed the two audit reports, which provided the best rating we could get given that we are a small municipality with too few staff for multiple layers of checks and balances.

Garage Progress Report: Tweaks have been made to the plans, eliminating unnecessary items. The state review of the plans resulted in removing the mezzanine as it would necessitate a sprinkler system. The grant options we've explored are unavailable to us for one reason or another. Amy is still pursuing options. The current timeline includes:

- 1) putting it out for bids in March
- 2) bid opening and selection in April
- 3) breaking ground in May.

Diane is working on getting the funding straightened out. The bank is one option, the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands is second, and bonding is third. Bonding provides the lowest interest rate but needs a referendum by ballot. We may need to get a loan and then pay it off with bonding. It is too late to get on the April ballot.

Old Business: None

Town correspondence was reviewed. Adam motioned, seconded by Keith to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Nelson, Clerk