

TOWN OF LAKESIDE

Regular Board Meeting November 13, 2018

Agenda:

1. Meeting: Called to order by Chairman Jon Winter at 6:34 pm.
2. Roll Call: Present: Mark Saari, Miina Helske, Ted Helin, Jane Auklan, Supervisor Mary Peterson, Supervisor Scott Luostari, Chairman Jon Winter, Treasurer Tracy Ruppe, and Clerk Ruth Ann Schnepfer.
3. County Supervisor: Scott-Land Conservation: water samples, nothing from Dairyland, most were in the northern part of the state. 64 were tested, 14 of which came back questionable. Tomorrow night the information will be presented at Amnicon. Kristine Oshner-lady from the livestock program no longer here, has moved on. Zoning met on the 6th and sent ordinance to the County Board regarding a moratorium on deer farms. Highway committee looked at adding some ATV routes: Highway F north of Highway 2 open to Degerman road, will be sent to County Board in December. There are 2 new employees at Hawthorne, mostly paid with State funding. Salt shed is full. Passed the County budget: \$56,659,000 total budget-recycling \$140,000, Human Services \$13,000,000, Forestry department is self-funding. Scott has budget book if anyone has questions. A Level 3 sex offender is being released into the Town and the Town was not made aware, question was raised as to why no information was sent out. Scott to look into it.
4. Town board reports: Jon met with FEMA he just needs to get the gravel bills together. WTA meeting at Wascott, 7pm.
5. Approval of minutes: Approval of October 9 regular board and October 16 budget meeting minutes, Scott motioned to approved, Jon seconded, carried 6:45 pm.
6. Treasurer report: Tracy presented. Scott motioned to accept the treasurer report, Jon seconded, carried 6:46pm.
7. Confirmation of October revenues and expenses: Scott made a motion to approve the October checks 21986 – 22009 + EFT's, Mary seconded, motion carried 6:48 pm.
8. Current bills for payment. Checks 22013-22035 presented for payment approval. Scott motioned to accept, Mary seconded, motion carried 6:49 pm.
9. Correspondence
 - a) none

Department and Committee Reports

10. Fire department: Tracy-A couple of members went to joint training with Maple last night. Auction of surplus FD equipment raised about \$500.
11. Town Employees/Roads: Mark-the 2 new security cameras are up. Sell Hardware to come out and send an estimate on the handicapped doors. Beaver dam on Potter road, dropped the level and it seems to be staying down. Beavers also becoming an issue on Camp Amnicon road. The equipment is ready for winter, Mason V helped out. There was a complaint about trucks blocking Old Highway 13 while they were working on the highway. A lady from Iron River was caught dumping garbage at our site. A resident on Hanson road questioned if the Town was going to replace/repair the blacktop on his road, as his property values are going down. It was explained that the Town could not afford to blacktop that road and most Towns around are letting their blacktop roads turn into gravels due to cost issues. Mark advised they had tried doing some patching on that road. They will revisit at the spring road survey. Question was raised as to who requested the 2 bales of straw be placed in the ditch on SVL road and what was the purpose.
12. Building permits and zoning issues:
 - a) None

Public comment:

Public may comment on agenda items or items that may be added for future town board meeting. The comment for each speaker will be limited to (2) minutes or longer at board discretion. Personal attacks are unacceptable and will be handled appropriately.

Question was raised as to why there are meeting minutes/agendas missing on the website for years 2010-2012. Jon to look into it and correct.

Old Business

13. SVL: Jon making a little bit of progress: original \$391,000 construction cost-\$60,000 design cost. We were billed \$499,016; we are funded for \$399,213. Jon is working on getting the construction cost lowered. He is hoping he can get them to adhere to the letter he has, he is working on bringing down the larger part first, but it will still be more than we were quoted. SVL committee was pushing the bridge; current board got stuck with the cleanup. It was suggested that next time we have a large project of this scope, that it be placed on a ballot for a Town vote, rather than voting at a meeting, where a small group of advocates can push the project through.
14. Middle River Properties: Jane-grant has been ordered to support acquisition of the properties. The board could approve and or adopt a resolution suggestion to the DOR, although it would be non-binding the DOR has to take it into consideration. Appraisal was completed as well.
15. Town Employees: Mason signed a temporary contract-started last week and runs through the end of December. Contract allows for up to 32 hours/week at a rate of \$15/hr. He may return again in the spring so we would have to revisit the contract at that time. Mark says he is doing a great job and has been a big help, he already has a CDL as well as experience. We are having issues with the dump attendant; he does not help the residents all of the time and has been leaving early, shutting the site down at 1pm. Marcie has been filling in and would take the job regularly if needed. Keys need to be returned from both Nick and Mandy. The board agreed to have Marcie take over the dump. Scott motioned to have Jon talk to Nick and tell him he is no longer employed by the Town, Mary seconded carried 7:20pm. He is only to be paid for hours actually worked. Collin called and said he will help plow snow when needed. Mark will have him fill out an application, he would be called unless someone comes along with a CDL
16. Cameras: covered earlier, installed and working.
17. Handicapped doors: covered earlier, ongoing.
18. Cemetery: ongoing, may be covered at the next meeting.
19. Election Inspectors: Ruth Ann presented the proposed 2019-2020 election inspectors: Earl Granroth, Cindy Humphrey, Cheryl Peters, Maxine Magerl, Marlene Berglund & Lila Ronn, with alternates Nova Nordrum and Vicki Luostari. Scott motioned to approve, Mary seconded, carried 7:24pm.
20. Mark: Back pay issue has been hanging over the Town for quite a while. There had been conflicting documentation and statements and it is in the interest of both parties to settle the issue. The time in question was from 5/2012-7/2015 approx. 162 weeks, to be paid in a lump sum. Both parties came to an agreement. Jon consulted the WTA lawyer and was advised the presented agreement would be legally acceptable. Scott motioned to accept the conditions of the agreement, Jon seconded, carried 7:29pm.
21. SVL Ditching: since last summer the ditching has helped considerably. The bales currently placed in the ditch could cause an ice dam. Question was raised as to how the board prioritizes issues and why some residents seem to be treated differently. Other residents have had issues and then the previous boards pulled them off of the agenda. Scott advised the construction company might not have done the sloping the way it was intended. Mark to remove the bales and if there are issues in the spring then the Town can place some rip-rap.

New business

None

Motion to adjourn made by Scott, seconded by Mary, meeting adjourned 7:39 pm.

Next regular meeting January 8th, 2019.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ruth Ann Schnepfer, Clerk
11/30/2018

Location: Town Hall, Collection Site, online
These minutes are posted as **unapproved**