

## TOWN OF LAKESIDE

Regular Board Meeting September 10, 2019

### Agenda:

1. Meeting: Called to order by Chairman Scott Luostari at 6:30 pm.
2. Roll Call: Present: Mark Saari, Tom Schnepfer, John Smedberg, Linda Smedberg, Jared Ambleu, Pam Foster Felt, Al Lorbecki, Barb Helin, Jane Auklam, Miina Helske, Supervisor Mary Peterson, Chairman Scott Luostari, Supervisor Jon Winter, Treasurer Vicki Luostari, and Clerk Ruth Ann Schnepfer, as well as other unsigned visitors. Motion made by Jon seconded by Mary to move agenda item 14. (MRP) be moved to be addressed with correspondence, carried 6:32 pm. A question was raised as to whether the meetings are being recorded; Scott responded that per the WTA lawyer, the Town must adopt a policy first, which it is working on.
3. County Supervisor: Scott: The County will be starting to replace culverts on D & P ahead of next year's blacktopping. Not sure when in 2020 that will start but it will depend on when the BT plant begins operating for the season. Request to open all County roads to ATV's & UTF's they are still looking at the original draft; there will be an effective date if passed. 9/5 admin meeting; all budgets were turned in, still sitting with a deficit, not sure the exact amount. 9/11-Zoning-to look for an extension on deer farm issue. 9/19 will be county board meeting. 9/25 will be the board of adjustment, the Brule River Heritage variance will be on the agenda. Scott's contact information can be found on the county board site if anyone has questions for him.
4. Town board reports: None
5. Approval of minutes: Jon motioned to approve the 8/13 regular board meeting minutes, Mary seconded, carried 6:39 pm.
6. Treasurer report: Vicki presented, Jon motioned to accept the treasurer report, Mary seconded, carried 6:40 pm.
7. Confirmation of August revenues and expenses: Jon made a motion to approve the August checks 22363 – 22398 + EFT's, Mary seconded, motion carried 6:42 pm.
8. Current bills for payment. Checks 22402-22422 presented for payment approval, Mary motioned to accept, Jon seconded, motion carried 6:43 pm.
9. Correspondence
  - a) Towns Association in Amnicon this month.
10. (14) Middle River Properties: Jane-The Svedberg's and Sladkey's were both in attendance. The land trust to make an offer on the purchase of the land, looking for walk-in access from the Town first, they just want a small stretch. Pam (DNR grant program) the funds are approved from the Lois Nelson trust, all stewardship properties need walk-in access, no formal road required. Town property already involves public access and it is legal to park at the end of the road and walk across. If the property went to the land trust, there would be a possibility it could be turned back to the town anyway, so there would not be any access needed. John Smedberg & Rick Ulland are requesting the Town grant them a 25 foot egress and ingress along the property. Property values are rising and they would like to be able to explore sale of the property to private entities, since it appears the land trust is not coming to the same land valuation as they believe is adequate. They thought they had access through one of the adjoining properties, but that fell through, they already have easements amongst themselves so all property can be jointly accessed. The Town already has made some stipulations regarding how the property can be accessed at a prior annual meeting. If the requested easement 25x200 were granted, then Jane would have to go back to the land trust for more money as the value would increase. There currently in an old logging trail for access. Scott to talk to the WTA lawyer about the situation.

### Department and Committee Reports

11. Fire department: Nova out of Town.
12. Town Employees/Roads: Mark-Saturday afternoon vehicles destroyed Halkett & Poplar River Road, had to fix. Germano's has 1 more day of hauling. Ordered more light bulbs and has been replacing some, he would also like to get the fender fixed on the dump truck, also needs an axle replaced. Brushing is almost done. There was a gentleman helping himself to gravel, to pay for what they think he took. Jon made a motion, Mary seconded to bill the guy \$50, carried at 7:12. There had already been a report filed to the Sheriff's office. We have been

receiving brusher and grader numbers. Well need to revisit at budget time. Jon got a call on how well Camp road was looking. The question was raised as to whether we are going with a 24 or a 32 hour employee? Tom to start working with Mark up to 32 hours, with a 90 day agreement, will be evaluated after that period. Mary motioned to approve hiring Tom under those terms, Jon seconded, carried 7:22pm. Mark found another culvert that was hit on Hermanson road. There is a State 90/10 grant out there that Scott is looking into, but it requires the improvement to increase commerce in order for it to be granted.

13. Building permits and zoning issues:

- 1) DeVries-(Brosz) Road-only 20 feet wide if the Town did approve it the driveway ordinance would need to be amended, to include non-residential properties. The question was raised as to whether the property needs to be owned by the individual before access can be granted. There is an issue regarding the property lines as if the property actually can be accessed. The property at this time does not fit into our driveway permit parameters, so we have to deny at this time. Motion made by Jon seconded by Mary to deny at this time, carried 7; 30. Question was asked as to who is responsible for making sure the permits being asked for actually belong to the requestors?

Public comment:

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**Old Business**

14. SVL: nothing new, still waiting.
15. Middle River Properties: discussed earlier.
16. FEMA: Scott still working on, still a long process
17. Old business: none.

**New business**

- 17) Propane & Fuel Bids: Fuel and propane offers were opened and read. Como again won both bids, with propane at \$1.039 and fuel at \$.15 over daily rack price. Jon motioned to accept the Como bid Mary seconded, carried 7:51 pm.

The next meeting date October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Budget meeting to be October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019-time TBD.

Motion to adjourn made by Jon, seconded by Mary, meeting adjourned 7:52 pm.

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