

TOWN OF LAKESIDE

Regular Board Meeting August 10, 2021

Agenda:

1.Meeting: Called to order by Chairman Scott Luostari at 6:30 pm.

2.Roll Call: Present: Tom Schnepfer, Mark Saari, Nova Nordrum, Tracy Ruppe, Clint-John Deere/McCoy, Dale Erkkila family, Tanner Becken, Joseph Germano, Supervisor Mary Peterson, Supervisor Gerald Tutor, Chairman Scott Luostari, Treasurer Vicki Luostari and Clerk Ruth Ann Schnepfer.

3.County Board: Scott-Corridor committee met last Wednesday, still trying to figure out how to deal with a \$220,000 deficit due to previous employee. August 18 is the court date and sentencing, not sure if they will be able to recoup any of the funds. Ashland and Bayfield counties have made resolutions to contribute \$10,000 each in emergency funding to help keep things running. New fencing being put up near the Humane Society by the trail. Highway report: County U-asphalt done, Hwy 2 in town-done, Hwy H -30% designed, Slide area on County U- still working on design, South side of Highway D-working with DOT on resolution. Ryan Haworth resigned from the Highway department; Craig Plummer will take over. County has completed one round of mowing. No new COVID cases this month. Question asked as to why Z was not completed to the end, that falls under different funding. 5-year plan: O to H in 2022, U in 2023, UU in 2023 & U to 13 in 2024. Admin meeting on the 5th, audit results came back with no significant deficiencies. Investigation ongoing into work related fatality. Zoning on 8/11, will talk about redistricting. Public hearing on campground moratorium, stop permitting to review ordinance, it should not affect existing campgrounds, some workers must travel long ways to come to work and they chose to use the campgrounds. County board meets the 19th, Land development on the 31st, Transportation on 9/1 and Admin on 9/2.

4.Town Board Report: Sheriff report 2 pages, lots of things going on, lots of campers and trailers being stolen or broken into. WTA meeting starting to discuss ARPA. Candy Anderson from the county finance department at the meeting starting to discuss how the funds can be allocated.

5.Approval of Minutes: Mary motioned to approve the July 13 regular meeting minutes, Gerald seconded, carried 6:41 pm.

6.Treasurer report: Vicki presented, Gerald motioned to approve the treasurer report, Mary seconded, carried 6:43 pm. Also mentioned that the backhoe was now paid off.

7.Approval of July Bills: Mary motioned to approve the July checks 23310-23344 + EFTs as presented, Gerald seconded, carried 6:44 pm.

8.Approval of August bills for payment: Gerald motioned to pay the August bills (except for the John Deere mileage bill, as they need to be contacted about it), checks 23350-23370, Mary seconded, carried 6:45 pm.

9.Correspondence:

none

Department and Committee reports

10.Fire Department: Nova-FD got 2 new members. They did receive water rescue grant from the ECE, they need to match approximately \$1,000 of it. Still working on compressor. It took 3 months to get 9 tanks back. Some members are taking classes, they are also starting training with Maple. Starting to investigate winter rescue equipment, they need to cross lots of ditches and deep embankments. The guys got them a new pressure washer, just need to assemble it. Still waiting on the sink. Nova plans to question the inspector as she saw some violations that should have been written up. Still expecting the clerk or treasurer to keep track of her budget. Looking for officers that are able to fulfill all their positions. Fax is still acting up. It's been a very dry summer; fire dangers are still very high. People have had run away fire issues. Propane tanks needs to be stored outside in a well-ventilated space.

11.Town Employees and roads: Mark- grading and brushing. Ordered another cylinder for the brusher, also putting on a new brace to reduce some of the sway. Have replaced 4 cylinders so far on the new brusher. It needs to be upgraded to a stronger system, not the cheap one installed. Middle River Road still having issues with people being down there, foot traffic has also increased on the Conservancy property. Maria can no longer work the dump on Wednesdays, due to another job. Scott said he, Mark and Tom can run the Wednesdays for the rest of the season. Always looking for a backup dump attendant. Corner of Pine Central-stop sign is hard to see. Need to replace some stop signs as well as some others that are missing. People in campers are parking on the roads.

12.Building permits: none -inquiries about accessory buildings, but the Tow itself does not require permits for those.

Public Comment

Mr. Germano-Would like to purchase the grader for cash, would write a check for the trade in amount right now. He knows Mark and how he treats the equipment. He would be willing to allow us to keep the grader and continue to use it, until the new one arrives, we would just need to grade a road for him occasionally until that time.

Old Business

13. Town truck: ongoing, should be here the first part of 2022.

14. Grader decision: A member of the public expressed an opinion in favor of going with John Deere. The board still needs to decide, they did not know someone would be willing to pay cash. Mary and Gerald would like to put the old grader up for bids and see if they can get more than trade in. The grader would not come in for a few months, if they do not decide soon prices could increase another 6-7%. JD has one we could possibly get by September if the board moves fast, Cat said they were about 6+ months out. Would be nice to get sooner so the guys can get used to operating it before winter. After much discussion, Scott motioned to purchase the JD-772GB with the packer (and allowing the old grader to go out to the public for bids) the total cost is \$319,556 we would apply \$50,000 down and finance the remaining \$269,556, Mary seconded, carried 7:40 pm. Going to put the old grader on the state surplus website before the next board meeting, Tracy would be willing to help.

15. Fire Engine: ongoing, looking at prices for used engines, no older than 10 years. 2015 and up can go for \$300,000+. Nova would like to have a larger cab on the next one so more firefighters can travel all at once. Also needs to have enough lighting to light up the scene. FD equipment is relatively expensive, might want to start budgeting for it now.

16. SVL: ongoing, got another bill, went from \$40,000 to around \$8,000. Scott was told not to pay anything until his state contacts get back to him.

17. Town Comprehensive plan: Tracy, still in progress, the Douglas County Agriculture Enterprise Area presented to the board a few months ago possibly needs to be included in the event that a farmer would want to participate now or in the future. The AEA was already posted and approved by the board.

18. Other old business: none

New Business

19. Snowplowing: Rate to remain the same \$150 for all residents interested

20. Other-There is a solar energy farm coming to the old Johnson farm. Would have to go through the permitting process through the county, if there was a need for a zoning change, then it would come to the town for approval.

Gerald made a motion to adjourn, Mary seconded, adjourned 7:52 pm.

Next meeting September 14, 2021, 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Ann Schnepfer, Clerk

8/28/2021

Location: Town Hall, Collection Site, online

These minutes are posted as **unapproved.**