

TOWN OF LAKESIDE

Regular Board Meeting November 9, 2022

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

2.Roll Call: Present: Tom Schnepfer, Mark Saari, Nova Nordrum, Hope Nordrum, Tracy Ruppe, Jason Simonsen, Heather Helget, Dave Ashley, Tammy Hanlin, Supervisor Gerald Tutor, Supervisor Mary Peterson, Chairman Scott Luostari, Clerk Ruth Ann Schnepfer, and Treasurer Vicki Luostari.

3.County Board: Scott-Bonding went through on 9/20. The County had a Big A-Little A credit rating which is good. On 10/28 the County passed its budget (available on the Douglas County website). Negotiating with the City to pay rent on their part of the building. The properties that were for sale to be placed on the tax rolls got decent offers. Transportation on 11/2 it was discussed that there is a lack of sand in the county, possibly looking to swap some property with the State. The funding to fix Highway W is tied up in D.C. appropriation committee, if the money does not come through the county may just have to try and fix with what they can afford. FF pulverization and paving is complete, part of H is complete as well. South Highway D they plan to leave the way it is for the winter and pave in the spring, no matter what they try it still keeps sinking. The South trailer park on E has been 40% cleaned up, the North one is complete, total cost of around \$40,000. The county does not plan to permanently clean up properties, this was an exception. They are beginning to make plans for the culvert replacement where D hits Highway 2, taking place in 2025. The proposed re route is down Highway F to highway 13 on one end. Highway F comes up for fixing before all the other options. The Corridor committee is doing well now, but is still down the \$250,000 that was embezzled, it is supposed to be reimbursed, slowly. County board meeting 11/17, Zoning 12/6, Transportation 12/7.

4.Town Board Report: Wilderness Lane is becoming an issue again. The Town has nothing to do with that road and it is a private party issue. The County sheriff department is patrolling certain areas more frequently. The FD needs to know if there are problem places so that if they must respond they can be accompanied by law enforcement.

5.Approval of Minutes: Gerald motioned to approve the October 10 regular meeting minutes and the October 18 budget meeting minutes, Mary seconded, carried 6:47 pm.

6.Treasurer report: Vicki presented, Mary motioned to approve the treasurer report, Gerald seconded, carried 6:48 pm.

7.Approval of October bills: Mary motioned to approve the October checks 23835-23859 + EFTs as presented, Gerald seconded, carried 6:49.

8.Approval of November bills for payment: Mary motioned to pay the November bills, checks 23864-23886 except for the Solon Concrete bill, (which must be recalculated), Gerald seconded, carried 6:51 pm.

9.Correspondence:

- 1) Letter from the State regarding property taxes being out of compliance.
- 2) Highway D culvert letter (mentioned earlier).
- 3) Northwest Regional Recycling-prices are going to be increasing.

Department and Committee reports

10.Fire Department: Nova-Mutual aid is becoming an issue; Maple will hit 100 this year which is twice as many as normal. Burnout is becoming a problem. Medical calls have only one or two that respond. They have a committee to see where the problem residences are as they need to somehow need to be distinguished so that the FDs have law enforcement there when they arrive. There are also certain situations (suicide, domestic violence) where law enforcement needs to be there first. If there are minors involved, or elderly they also need to be included, if someone cannot care for themselves, the Sheriff must make that report. The departments need to communicate potential issues to each other, so no one goes there blindly. Also, there is a lot of targeting of law enforcement and 1st responders these days, so you can never be too careful. A lot of people also do not realize these are rural volunteer FDs. When a call comes in, say late at night-first, respondent needs to wake up, they then need to get dressed, climb into their vehicle, get to the town hall, fire up the equipment they need and then respond, this unfortunately takes time. This is the time of year to replace and maintain smoke detectors and CO2 monitors, they have a life span between 5-7 years, batteries should be replaced twice a year, and they should be vacuumed to remove dust. Looking at gear needs, they will need to purchase 2-3 new sets of gear. National requirement state gear needs to be replaced every 10 years; most schools will not train FD members if the gear is too old. They are starting to replace air tanks. 5-Alarm will be coming out to do fit tests soon. They are having issues with their fax machine; they are not getting as many faxes as they used to. Solon Springs was FD of the year for 2022. City of Superior Chief Gordon is retiring which will be a loss for everyone. Electric car training is on the horizon, they are hard to extinguish, it takes over 10,000 gallons of water. They were asked if there is any possibility of reduction in training requirements, not likely. At the state level they are looking at potential changes. They are trying to blame the schools/training for the failure of an EMR, but the requirements are too high.

The state has placed too many restrictions, while not taking into consideration these are volunteer community departments.

11. Town Employees and roads: Mark-Beaver issues on Camp Road, grading roads and hauling gravel. The weather is most likely going to put a stop to grading. Still waiting for the solenoid for the brusher. Mark pulled the shoulders, before placing gravel. Schiff road is in bad shape due to the new house being built there. May have to wait until spring to fix depending on the weather. Also did some work on SVL, placed 10 loads of gravel. Scott in contact with Focus on Energy to maybe replace lights. Superior glass came and took measurements on the windows that need replacement.

12. Zoning meeting today they are rewriting ordinance 8.0 on camping. They are looking into requiring more information from towns when they agree/disagree with permitting.

Public Comment

A question was raised about hunting on town land, the individual should ask first and then just be careful while hunting.

It was previously discussed that we need to replace some larger culverts. Depending on the size they could fall under the county bridge aid, the Town would pay, and the County would reimburse a portion the following year.

Also, who works with the State on highway 13 issues. County maintains-they need to fix the bumps before something bad happens. Also, their placing of signage should be reviewed, as if you are in a taller vehicle (fire truck etc.), the signs can sometime block the view at stop signs. Private business operating in residences need to be placed on the inspection list.

Old Business

13. Fire Engine: ongoing.

14. Other old business: none

New Business

15. none

Next meeting December 13, 2022, 6:30 pm.

Mary made a motion to adjourn, Gerald seconded, adjourned 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Ann Schnepper, Clerk

11/27/2022

Location: Town Hall, Collection Site, online

These minutes are posted as **unapproved.**