

TOWN OF LAKESIDE

Regular Board Meeting December 12th, 2023.

1.Meeting: Called to order by Chairman Scott Luostari at 6:00 pm.

2.Roll Call: Present: Mark Saari, Tom Schnepfer, Martin Pflug, Barb Helin, Earl Granroth, Nova Nordrum, Heather Helget, Jeremy Gronski, Lance Olson, Supervisor Gerald Tutor, Supervisor Mary Peterson, Chairman Scott Luostari, Clerk Ruth Ann Schnepfer, and Treasurer Joanne O'Hara.

3.County Board: Scott-Zoning meets tomorrow, to discuss: nonmetallic mining, wake boats, Dairyland outdoor retreat. Zoning conference in the spring. County Board meets on 12/21, no Admin committee meeting this month, Forestry meets on the 18th. There were 3 bids on the asbestos removal at the Parkland Trailer courts, \$17,000 was the low bid. Land sale of pipeline right of way, resolution to transfer 40 acres off of Becks Road to DNR, reviewing SWLP lease. Shooters' Saloon is in bad shape, and they need to decide what to do with it. Transportation hired 3 new plow drivers, and by the end of year they should be fully staffed. Troy pit issues in Brule as well as highway H issues so Scott is going to attend their meeting tonight.

4.Town Board Report: They are tearing up the roads again. One vehicle almost hit someone head on, on Peterson Road and Amnicon River Road. As soon as the roads are graded, they tear them up. Sheriff department has been notified.

5.Approval of Minutes: Gerald motioned to approve the November 14th regular meeting minutes, Mary seconded, carried 6:08 pm. Gerald motioned to approve the Levy & Budget meeting minutes, Mary seconded, carried 6:09 pm.

6.Treasurer report: Joanne presented: Mary motioned to approve the treasurers report as presented, Gerald seconded, carried 6:10 pm.

7.Approval of November bills: Mary motioned to approve the November bills, checks 24289-24315 + EFTs, Gerald seconded, carried 6:11.

8.Approval of December bills for payment: Mary motioned to pay the December bills checks 24321-24338, Gerald seconded, carried 6:12 pm.

9.Correspondence:

a) Town Advocacy council letter

b) Superior days letter, April 9 & 10, 2024 will be the next one.

Department and Committee reports

10. Fire Department: Nova-The 3 new members have completed trainings A & B, as well as EMR training, will register after the first of the year as some of the requirements will expire. At that time, we will have 5 EMRs. Need people, becoming a problem in all townships. Association level discussions, fire protection is being discussed. Marketing needs to be expanded, works in MN, but it takes staff and money. Not much assistance coming from the State. The new members got their fire gear. Looking into a fire blanket which will help with car fires, Martin is pricing. Also looking at a "Lucas" device for assistance with CPR, looking for grants. Trying to find ways to be able to assist using less people.

11. Town Employees and roads: Mark-guys are grading and brushing, having beaver issues, patched River & Hanson Roads. The potential issue with Hlina's is another resident's culvert has collapsed at the end. Scott to contact resident/realtor. The kids keep tearing up the roads. We will no longer plow any driveways that we have been doing for Amnicon.

12. Building Permits and Zoning:

A) Erickson-Zoning Change-would like to place a second driveway, there was never a permit requested for the other driveway. Lots of issues: filled in 4 acres of wetlands, culverts are not up to specs, does not fit into the Towns comprehensive Plan, culverts were put in without permits. It was reported at first that they were just storing personal stuff, but they are using it as a business. How much power does the County have to make them conform to rules and regulations? Was the DNR consulted? Concerns as to why it is going to the Board of Adjustment-they mainly handle variances. Gerald motioned to deny as they are not in compliance with Town policies and permits, Scott seconded, carried 6:47 pm.

B) McMahon-The attorney approved the verbiage on the letter to vacate the streets and alleys, Gerald motioned to approve the request to vacate, Mary seconded, carried 6:48 pm. Popovich will have one in 2024.

C) Dan Brown-placement of culvert without a permit, currently we have no legal recourse at this time. Scott to contact him.

D) Wire-Gerald motioned to move to the January meeting so it could be researched better, Mary seconded, carried 6:56 pm.

E) Olson-Building permit-has in depth documentation rezoning the wetland, and shoreline, to build a driveway so they can build. Mary motioned to approve the building permit, Gerald seconded, carried 7:01 pm. Mary motioned to approve the county requested permit, Gerald seconded, carried 7:02 pm.

Public Comment

Jeremy Gronski-wanted to explain his permit request from last month. His family has owned the property for over 100 years, they have one larger parcel and one sliver that he would like to sell, in order to build himself on the remaining property.

Old Business

13.Fire Engine: ongoing.

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15.

16.none

New Business

17. Driveway permit on next month's agenda for discussion.

18. Sage road- 3 houses are a business; the town does not plow businesses. Clerk needs to send a letter and refund their money.

19.none

Lights to be changed on the 19th.

Next meeting is February 13th, 6:30 pm.

Gerald made a motion to adjourn, Mary seconded, adjourned 7:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Ann Schnepfer, Clerk

12/28/2023

Location: Town Hall, Collection Site, online

These minutes are posted as **unapproved**.