

## TOWN OF LAKESIDE

Regular Board Meeting Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

1.Meeting: Called to order by Chairman Scott Luostari at 6:36 pm.

2.Roll Call: Present: Ted Helin, Barb Helin, Martin Pflug, Nova Nordrum, Heather Helget, Supervisor Gerald Tutor, Supervisor Mary Peterson, Chairman Scott Luostari, Clerk Ruth Ann Schopper, and Treasurer Joanne O'Hara.

3.County Board: Scott-Tri-County Corridor committee met on 2/5, the bridges and culverts on the corridor need inspecting, they contracted with a company to inspect 16 structures. There is nothing new on the court case they are involved with. The trailer courts ended up having 24 trailers and 2 sheds removed, the total to date is \$35,000 and they still must negotiate with the dump for \$47,000 worth of dumping fees. Land development is looking into the best ways to market the land. The county has improved recruiting and retention of employees, they are currently staffed at 91%. Transportation-Construction on Highway 2, culvert by D needs to be replaced, that along with the county Highway H work has been pushed out to 2025. Land Development meets 2/27, Forestry 3/5, Transportation 3/6, Admin 3/7, and County board on 3/21. The DNR is going to release wasps near the Brule River to kill Emerald Ash Borers.

4.Town Board Report: The Sheriffs department is out in the area looking for someone.

5.Approval of Minutes: Mary motioned to approve the January 9th regular meeting minutes, with the correction that Scott made the "second" on January Erickson permit issue, Gerald seconded, carried 6:43 pm.

6.Treasurer report: Joanne presented: Gerald motioned to approve the treasurers report as presented, Mary seconded, carried 6:45 pm.

7.Approval of January bills: Mary motioned to approve the January bills, checks 24360-24398 + EFTs, Gerald seconded, carried 6:47.

8.Approval of February bills for payment: Mary motioned to pay the February bills checks 24400-24421, Gerald seconded, carried 6:48 pm.

9.Correspondence

a) Request from the high school for a donation for the musical.

## **Department and Committee reports**

10. Fire Department: Nova-doing maintenance on the rescue rig (strobe light out), tender went in on Monday for recall, they took it to Mid-State rather than Boyer. Doing inventories on truck stock, cleaning trucks, and creating maintenance lists. ATV is still down; they are at the point where they may have to take it into a shop. They ordered SCBA but they need to go back, packs and masks are no longer compatible, when they replaced the last ones, they went with the best deal they could get. Each cost about \$12,000. They are having someone bring stuff out to test and display. Their annual meeting is the 27<sup>th</sup>, officers to be elected at that time. 8 total members, 6 are 1<sup>st</sup> responders, only 5 are really active. They were meeting tonight to discuss ordering a fire suppression blanket, it would be especially helpful in case of an electric car fire, plus it takes less people to deploy. Ordered new stop and slow lights, most equipment now is going towards being rechargeable, need to investigate on board charging for the trucks. Extraction equipment was put off till spring when they can have more live demonstrations. Working on being able to do things with less people. Medical calls sometimes go to 5-6 different departments until someone responds. Fire departments county wide are struggling, even if they have a larger roster. Nova was at an accident where the Deputy almost got hit, people do not slow down or move over. She is going to bring it to the association level meeting, Scott to also talk to the sheriff to see if there are other ways to control traffic. The new members have been cleaning up the fire hall, and it looks nice.

11. Town Employees and roads: None-Mark was out brushing Walsh Road and Gerald wanted to know why it was barricaded. It needs to be fixed but it would be extremely costly for the town, for the amount of traffic so it was closed. Also, peoples GPS were giving them the wrong directions, and they were ending up in a resident's yard. The weather has allowed the ability to brush the roads back farther. State came out with a local bridge assessment; we need to inventory any culvert between 6' and 20'. Could get a reimbursement for doing the inventory. Scott to ask Mark to complete the inventory.

## 12. Building Permits and Zoning:

A) Erickson-Ongoing, the Board of Adjustment meets in March to approve the second driveway, even though they already added it. The zoning change will have to be completed after the adjustment, if approved. Still looking at it, may get kicked back to the board at some point. A resident asked the 2 members of the board who voted yes, why they thought it was such a good idea. Maybe the board should go see the condition of his current storage property. It is a bad spot for the trucks to come out on to the road. There was a lot of opposition from the residents. The board did place restrictions on the permit, which can be reviewed yearly. Cannot put porta potties there unless he

has it zoned commercial. Does not seem fair that the guys on Camp Amnicon Road jumped through hoops to do anything that involved wetlands, but in this case nothing, is a DNR issue. County needs to investigate. Why are they relocating the business in the first place, are there underlying concerns.

B) Ritzen Road permit-hold off till next month and Mark gets to review it.

## **Public Comment**

### **Old Business**

13. Fire Engine: ongoing.

14. Driveway Permit-First page needs to include that double walled plastic culverts are acceptable. There needs to be some kind of penalty if someone puts in a driveway without a permit. Like the one on Peterson Road, first they wanted it, then they did not when they found out the parameters, so they put it in anyway. Was brought up that is not fair to anyone else, but we had nothing in place at the time. Scott to draft up a new permit and bring it to the next meeting for review.

15. Berglund Road-What is going to be done with the self-titled private driveway. The guys removed the sign, the police were called, but the sign was replaced within an hour of its return. Sign and woodshed are on State property. It is a Town road. In order to have it turned into a private driveway, all the adjacent property owners would have to sign off/approve it and then it has to be brought in front of the board to decide. As of now the Road is a Town road, the sign is illegal.

16. none

### **New Business**

17. Joint Powers-That time of year where we need to approve the joint powers agreement regarding 911. Mary motioned to approve the agreement, Gerald seconded, carried 7:38 pm.

18. Logging off Erickson Road, they were told about the road damage ordinance. Amnicon maintains Erickson Road, Wentworth Road is ours and appears to be in okay shape at this time.

19. Bartholomew Road-If it is truly a town road then the guys need to brush it and cut back trees. Gerald to talk to owners to see if they would like to keep it town road knowing that the town right of way will be cut and brushed or turn it into a private drive and keep it the way it is.

20. None

Next meeting is March 12th, 6:00 pm.

Mary made a motion to adjourn, Gerald seconded, adjourned 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Ann Schnepfer, Clerk

2/27/2024

Location: Town Hall, Collection Site, online

These minutes are posted as **unapproved**.