

TOWN OF DRUMMOND

Bayfield County
Drummond, Wisconsin 54832



Notice of the meeting and agenda was posted at the Post Office and website on August 14, 2022.

MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING: August 16, 2022.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:38 p.m. in the Civic Center by Roy Bloom, Chair.

ATTENDANCE: Roy Bloom, Chair; Chris Elkins, Supervisor; Jeff Hurula, Supervisor; Andy Tuttle, Clerk; Mark Jerome, Public Works Director; 10 members of the public.

MINUTES: Motion by Elkins, second by Hurula to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2022 town board meeting. **CARRIED.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gehr reported the following balances are in town accounts: Checking \$259,058.66, Savings \$354.46, Tax savings \$260.00 and LGIP \$325,313.19

ROAD REPORT: Jerome reported:

- Grader has a bad injector and has been out of service for a week.
- Roadside brushing has been started.
- Widened and added gravel to Pigeon Lake Road where the 2018 flooding has it to one lane.
- Lake Owen boat landing dock has sustained damage this summer. The crew is looking to place rocks in front of the dock to prevent further damage from being backed into.
- The first recycling dumpster pull was last week after 3 months and the garbage was just pulled this week.
- There was a lawnmower with snowblower budgeted to be purchased in 2022. Mark asked that the board consider a used skidsteer instead. There is one at Lulich Implement for \$48,000 which is \$18,000 more than budgeted.

AIRPORT REPORT: Jeff Hurula gave a brief report from the last meeting. All available hangar space has been sold. They are working on hangar area expansion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Tim Jeatran asked about the letter of support to open County N to ATV traffic that was approved by the board. The clerk said the he had just sent the letter to the County Highway Commissioner.

LAND PURCHASE: At the Special Town Meeting held prior to the town board meeting, the electors passed a resolution authorizing the purchase of the vacant lot adjacent to the firehall for \$14,000. Motion by Elkins, second by Hurula to move forward with the land purchase of \$14,000 to be paid for out of undesignated funds. **CARRIED.** The clerk asked if the Fire Dept. would be willing to chip in for some of the expense from their account. It will be discussed at the next FD meeting.

MILL POND DAM UPDATE: Dean Olson said there has been no information/estimate from the insurance provider yet. The committee met with the DNR. The DNR said DOT has not submitted any proposal or permit applications. It was also stated that there is a dam grant through DNR in which the Town would have a “good chance” of receiving funds (up to \$257,000).

The DNR requirement of a financial set-aside is not required.

ZONING REQUEST: A zoning request was received from Kristin Haubrich/Brian Stewart for a short-term rental at 46015 W. Tahkodah Lake Rd. This was a previously approved rental but now has new ownership. Jim Crandall explained that the comprehensive plan does not address short-term rentals, but may be something to look into in the future. Motion by Hurula second by Elkins to recommend approval of the permit for a short-term rental to Bayfield County Planning & Zoning. **CARRIED.**

PAVING BIDS: One bid was received for \$185,033.06 from Northwoods Paving for Old Hwy 63 Rd paving project. Motion by Elkins, second by Hurula to Award the project to Northwoods Paving for \$185,033.06. **CARRIED.**

ROAD ISSUES: Mark Jerome brought up several concerns with roads:

Larson Road – There is no place to turn equipment around. The board will need to have a discussion with the landowners at the end of the road to see if a solution can be reached.

Zawadski Road – This is essentially a driveway that services one property. Mark recommended abandoning this road.

Sawmill Lane Easement – One of the easement owners continues attempts to slow vehicles on the easement by employing several tactics, some of which may be safety hazards. This continues to be a concern for several of the residents as well as the ATV and snowmobile clubs. The town crew has attempted to maintain the road for all users but such maintenance is outside the scope of our easement. The board will consult with the District Attorney for advice.

DUMP HOURS: There has been several requests to keep dump open on Wednesdays throughout the winter. Motion by Hurula second by Elkins to extend the Wednesday dump hours through the winter. **CARRIED.**

BILLS: Motion by Elkins, second by Hurula to approve checks #44318 through #44385 including debits and e-pays for payment of bills. **CARRIED.**

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next Town Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, 2022 in the Civic Center at 6:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.