

# TOWN OF DRUMMOND

Bayfield County  
Drummond, Wisconsin 54832



Notice of the meeting and amended agenda was posted at the Post Office and website on June 9, 2023.

**MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING:** July 11, 2023.

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:30 p.m. in the Civic Center by Roy Bloom, Chair.

**ATTENDANCE:** Roy Bloom, Chair; Scott McKinney, Supervisor; Jeff Hurula, Supervisor; Pam Kalies, Treasurer; Andy Tuttle, Clerk; Mark Jerome, Public Works Director; 6 members of the public.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Hurula, second by McKinney to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2023 town board meeting. **CARRIED.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Kalies reported the following balances are in town accounts: Checking \$302,015.94, Savings \$355.81, Tax savings \$411.11 and LGIP \$493,830.17.

**ROAD REPORT:** Jerome reported:

- Paving projects for the year are complete.
- Roadside mowing has started.
- Beach weed removal/cleanup project has started.
- Dump issues: The large dumpster is being used for construction debris, which is not its intended use. The dumpster is having to be emptied more than expected. Construction debris needs to be taken to an appropriate place and not be placed in the town dumpster. There is also lots of mattresses showing up. The current charge \$35 per mattress. However, the cost to deliver these to the landfill costs more than \$35. Tuttle will put together an economic analysis of dump income and expenses for the board to review at the August meeting.
- Pavilion: There has been an offer to tear down the park pavilion and rebuild at the dump for \$10,000 (versus \$3,500 for tear down only). This is an option to consider seeing how we need covered storage at the dump for many recyclables.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Will Danker has a house adjacent to public landing on Lake Owen. There is a lot of traffic at the landing and most were not boat trailers. It appears that folks are using the public landing as a free swimming beach and picnic area. The parking problem needs to be addressed. The board discussed the issue and will look into options.

**MILL POND DAM UPDATE:** Dean Olson spoke with Chanz Green's office. Green's representative said they are working on a possible \$400,000 grant to assist with purchase of the dam.

**TRI LAKES ROAD CONSTRUCTION:** Since the original bids for pulverizing and paving Tri-Lakes Road came in considerably over budget, Jerome recommended to cover existing pavement with a gravel lift at an estimated cost

of \$102,000. This will, at a minimum, set the road up for paving next year if the board chooses to do so.

LAND PURCHASE: McKinney contacted Chippewa Valley Bank regarding purchasing some of their property for a campground parking lot. He is waiting to hear back from the bank. This item will be discussed next month.

HRA BENEFIT: Tuttle has followed up on a request to increase the Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) benefit provided to employees. The company that manages the HRA account said it would be possible to increase in any format the town chooses. Motion by Hurula, second by McKinney to raise the medical HRA benefit to \$2800 per year. CARRIED. A family HRA benefit will be considered for the 2024.

LIQUOR LICENSE: The liquor license renewal application received from Lundy's Black Bear Saloon has some issues since there is not an existing building. Tuttle is waiting for clarification from the Dept. of Revenue.

UNPAID MEDICAL LEAVE: The board discussed the benefit of unpaid medical leave. The consensus is there is no way to address every issue in a policy to be put in the employee handbook. The Town will continue to consider each request/instance on a case-by-case basis.

SOLAR MICROGRIDS: Bill Bailey of Cheq Bay Renewables detailed the grant process and timelines to apply for solar microgrid projects. A resolution is needed from the town to be included in the larger grant application. Motion by Hurula, second by McKinney to adopt Resolution 2023-0713 US Department of Energy Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations Energy Improvements in Rural and Remote Areas Grant Application Memorandum of Understanding. CARRIED.

BILLS: Motion by McKinney, second by Hurula to approve checks #44926 through #44999 including debits and e-pays for payment of bills. CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next Town Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 8, 2023 in the Civic Center at 6:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.