

TOWN OF DRUMMOND

Bayfield County
Drummond, Wisconsin 54832



Notice of the meeting and amended agenda was posted at the Post Office and website on September 11, 2023.

MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING: September 12, 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 August 8, 2023 town board meeting with changes. **CARRIED.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kalies reported the following balances are in town accounts: Checking \$109,090.66, Savings \$355.25, Tax savings \$411.11 and LGIP \$295,967.00.

ROAD REPORT: Mark Jerome reported:

- The crew is working on Kimball Road and Cutacross Road. They are widening the right-of-way and improving drainage.
- Tri-Lakes Rd. gravelling should begin within a month.
- Oswald Rd. construction project should also be starting shortly.
- The bus garage was broken into last week. There was an estimated \$12,000 worth of copper and brass fittings taken from the Sanitary District supplies.

AMBULANCE REPORT: Bloom reported that the lack of employees continues to plague the ambulance service.

PARK & REC: Addie Arens reported there were several items stolen from campers over the Labor Day weekend including fishing gear taken from parked boats and personal camping gear. Arens suggested 24-hour surveillance cameras. Arens also inquired on the status on improvements in the park. She is getting requests for 2024 use of the pavilion. She also inquired about the timing of construction of the new barstool race hill. The board agreed to move forward with contacting an engineering firm to get prices and plans for a new pavilion. Construction of the barstool race hill is slated to begin this fall.

DAM COMMITTEE: Bloom reported that the committee has requested documentation from DNR. The 2 landowners on the lake received letters from the DOT regarding eminent domain for lease.

LIBRARY: Addie Arens said the library had lots of business during the summer. They are beginning the 2024 budget process and the county allocation amounts have been calculated. The patio project is finished but has been put away until spring. The library committee is looking at a new air conditioning unit that can be partially funded via a Building Stronger Libraries grant in 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bob Kriva addressed the board regarding his property on Kraft's Point Rd. There is a runoff problem. When road was rebuilt in 1998, it

caused a change in drainage so that water from Kraft's Point Rd. now runs down the road and drains down his driveway. He raised the issue 3 years ago and tried to find a remedy. The Town had put a small berm at the driveway which has helped somewhat. However, heavier rains are causing more and more erosion. The board discussed getting an engineer involved to assess the situation. The board will contact the Bayfield County Highway Commissioner as well as the Northwoods paving representative for their assessment.

Jim Crandall asked the board about the ambulance service...who were the owners and what is the yearly subsidy payment for Drummond?

4-TOWNS MEETING UPDATE: The board discussed some of the topics from the recent 4-Towns meeting, in particular, the grant to establish a joint highway agreement to address sharing equipment and levy exemption for EMS cost increases.

DUMP/RECYCLING FEES: Mark asked to stop taking mattresses at the dump. Currently, the charge is \$50 per mattress which barely covers the town cost to dispose of them. Building demolition is also coming into the dump too often. The large rolloff is for large items that don't fit in a dumpster or bag and is not for construction demolition. Motion by McKinney second by Hurula to discontinue taking construction demolition and mattresses at the town dump. CARRIED. The changes to the dump will be addressed in the tax newsletter.

LAND PURCHASE: No movement has happened on this discussion since August. It will be re-visited at the October meeting.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE: The road crew has been using demo brusher. The current town brusher will grind up 2-inch tree and this new machine will grind up to 6-inch tree. The cost for the new brusher is \$20,000 new, however the demo unit can be purchased for \$16,500. Motion by Hurula, second by McKinney to purchase the new brusher unit for \$16500.00. CARRIED

TRAFFIC ORDINANCE: The board wanted to amend the traffic ordinance to address parking issues on Lake Owen Drive. However, the existing ordinance was written in 1995 and has been amended multiple times. The clerk recommended the entire ordinance be re-written to include all the amendments and update the language. This will be worked on during future meetings.

BLIGHT ORDINANCE: The clerk researched the Bayfield County Health and Zoning ordinances to see if they address the "blight" issues. There may be options under the County ordinances to address some of the issues. The clerk is awaiting a call from the Health Department.

2024 BUDGET: The board discussed a few of the projects and subsidies that should be included in the 2024 budget.

BILLS: Motion by McKinney, second by Hurula to approve checks #45034 through #45062 including debits and direct deposits for payment of bills. CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next Town Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2023 in the Civic Center at 6:30 pm.
An extra Town Board meeting will take place on October 5, 2023 at 6pm in the Library to work on the 2024 budget.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.