

TOWN OF DRUMMOND

Bayfield County
Drummond, Wisconsin 54832



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

MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING: December 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; 5 members of the public.

MINUTES: Motion by Hurula, second by McKinney to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2023 town board meeting. **CARRIED.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kalies reported the following balances are in town accounts as of 11/30/2023: Checking \$110393.47, Savings \$355.69, savings \$411.62 and LGIP \$201,751.60.

ROAD REPORT: Mark Jerome reported:

- Since there has been no snow to plow, the crew has been busy brushing roads and getting caught up on miscellaneous maintenance.
- One of the plow trucks is having engine issues. Repairs have been completed but the underlying cause of the problem has yet to be diagnosed. A contingency plan needs to be discussed in the event the truck has to be taken out of service this winter.

DAM COMMITTEE: Dean Olson reported the dam removal permit is still being worked on. At current, the DNR and DOT are working through the reclamation portion of the permit. Process is moving slowly.

PARK & REC: Addie reported there was a planning meeting with C&S Design and Parkitecture to discuss ideas for park and pavilion design. They will be putting together preliminary design plans.

AIRPORT COMMITTEE: Jeff Hurula reported the airport committee is working on their operational ordinance. It will need to be approved by the owner towns once it is complete.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT: There was an oversight when developing the 2024 town budget. The amount budgeted for the library was short \$11,483 because it was based on the County minimum library levy. The board and library trustees discussed the reasons for the increased funding request. Changes in employee benefits was the main reason for the increase. Upon agreeing to fully fund the Library's request, the board discussed reducing the highway budget to keep the Town budget balanced. Motion by Hurula, second by McKinney to amend the 2024 budget by increasing the Library line to \$67,168 and reduce the Highway budget by \$11,483, to be determined the public works director. **CARRIED.**

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR RAISE GRANT: Bayfield County is applying for a US Dept of Transportation RAISE Discretionary grant for the reconstruction of a portion of County Highways A & N. They are asking for letter of support from affected Towns. Motion Hurula, second by McKinney to send a letter of support for the RAISE grant. CARRIED.

APPOINT ELECTIONS WORKERS/BOARD OF CANVASS: The clerk supplied a list of potential election inspectors to serve as the Municipal Board of Canvas for the 2024-25 election cycle to the chairman. Bloom read the names: Connie DeChant, Gail Bloom, Cari Hartman, Stacey McKinney, Mary Ann Spears, Nancy Larson, and Kelli Tuttle. Motion McKinney, second by Hurula to appoint the listed election inspectors for the 2024-25 election cycle. CARRIED.

LOCAL GOVT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT: Sam Tuttle introduced himself as a candidate for the Bayfield County Local Government Scholarship. He must attend both a town board meeting and a county board meeting to qualify for the scholarship.

APPOINT LIBRARY TRUSTEE: Miriam Crandall's term as Library Trustee expires in December. She has requested to be appointed for an additional 3-year term. Addie Arens, Library Director, objected to any action on this item, stating the town could not appoint a trustee until the library director and board of trustees issued a letter with their recommendation. This item was be tabled until next month awaiting a formal letter from the library.

DUMP STICKERS: The clerk presented the board with the new dump permit stickers that will be going out with the tax bills and discussed the process for their use.

BILLS: Motion by McKinney, second by Hurula to approve checks #45147through #45209 including debits and direct deposits for payment of bills. CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next Town Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 2023 in the Civic Center at 6:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.