

TOWN OF DRUMMOND

Bayfield County
Drummond, Wisconsin 54832



Notice of the meeting and amended agenda was posted at the Post Office and website on January 14, 2023.

MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING: January 16, 2024.

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; 3 members of the public.

MINUTES: Motion by McKinney, second by Hurula to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2023 town board meeting. CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kalies reported the following balances are in town accounts as of 12/31/2023: Checking \$583,794.81, Savings \$369.28, savings \$412.13 and LGIP \$202,673.81.

ROAD REPORT: Mark Jerome reported:

- The older plow truck continues to have breakdowns. The crew is doing what they can to keep the truck operational as long as possible.

PARK & REC: Addie introduced the initial pavilion design from C&S Design. The committee was not impressed and felt the design lacked creativity. Another meeting with the design group will be scheduled.

AIRPORT COMMITTEE: Jeff Hurula reported the committee is still working on operations ordinance that the towns will have to adopt. They are also looking at possibly buying a hangar to be used for storage or potential rental. Questions have been raised whether the airport can borrow the money to buy the hangar or if one of the towns will have to do that. They are also looking into whether board liability insurance is needed.

AMBULANCE: Roy Bloom reported there is a change in the law regarding transfers. Statute now only requires one licensed person in the back of the truck and one driver. This opens an opportunity to hire drivers thus alleviating some of the overtime for the licensed employees.

CLERK: Tuttle brought up training opportunities including Board of Review training that must be attended by one of the board members. McKinney volunteered to attend the training.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

KNAPP LAWSUIT: The board discussed the judgement in the Knapp lawsuit. The court found in favor of the Town. The attorney for the town said he expects Knapp to file an appeal.

LIQUOR LICENSE: Drummond Dirt & Sno Jacks applied for Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retail Liquor License for the Barstool Races on February . Motion by Hurula, second by McKinney to issue the temporary liquor license to the Drummond Dirt & Sno Jacks for the Barstool Races. CARRIED.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES: Miriam Crandall resigned leaving a vacancy on the board of Trustees. Addie asked the town board to give her and the trustees two months to find a new member.

EMPLOYEE HRA BENEFIT: Mike Arens addressed the board and asked several questions regarding the Health Reimbursement Account and employee health insurance benefits. The board and Arens discussed how the benefits are awarded and options for moving forward. The clerk will talk with the insurance agent to clarify some of Arens' concerns.

EMPLOYEE POLICY HANDBOOK: A change was made to the handbook to address the increase in medical HRA benefit approved towards the end of 2023. Motion to approve McKinney, second by Hurula to approve the changes to the 2024 Employee Handbook. CARRIED.

BILLS: Motion by McKinney, second by Hurula to approve checks #45210 through #45237 including debits and direct deposits for payment of bills. CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next regular Town Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2024 in the Civic Center at 6:30 pm.

An extra Town Board meeting is scheduled for Friday January 19, 2024 at 4:00 pm at the Civic Center to award tree trimming project.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.