

# TOWN OF DRUMMOND

Bayfield County  
Drummond, Wisconsin 54832



Notice of the meeting and amended agenda was posted at the Post Office and website on April 14, 2024.

**MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING:** April 16, 2024.

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:22 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; 8 members of the public.

**MINUTES:** Motion by McKinney, second by Hurula to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2024 town board meeting. CARRIED.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Kalies reported the following balances are in town accounts as of 3/31/2024: Checking \$44,750.59, Savings \$369.67, Tax Savings \$200,334.40 and LGIP \$529,520.72.

**ROADS:** Mark Jerome reported it was business as usual. A meeting with Forest Service regarding tree removal along Horse Pasture Grade was held. He is hopeful that the tree removal will happen.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**WAKE ENHANCEMENT ORDINANCE:** The draft Wake Enhancement Ordinance was sent to the DNR for review as per statute. The DNR offered several wording suggestions as well as a few concerns of enforceability and legality. Bloom will contact legal counsel to have them review the draft and DNR recommendations.

**PARK PAVILION DESIGN:** A fee proposal was presented from C&S Design & Engineering for construction documents, bidding, and contract administration services associated with the new pavilion construction. Motion by McKinney, second by Hurula to approve continued services with C&S Design & Engineering as described in the fee memo dated April 12, 2024. CARRIED.

**FALSE ALARM ORDINANCE:** Drummond Fire & Rescue submitted a draft ordinance to assess a fee for excessive false fire alarms. The draft was not written in enforceable language. The clerk provided several example ordinances and asked the FD to re-write. The ordinance will be reconsidered at the next Town Board meeting.

**DIRT & SNO-JACK BUILDING:** The Drummond Dirt & Sno-Jack club want to build a new shed to house the trail groomer. They have been considering multiple sites on Town property. The proposed site would be near the Sanitary District pumphouse adjacent to the snowmobile trail. Bloom will consult legal counsel regarding a lease for their building on town land. The Club also asked the Board for permission to build an information kiosk on the campground parking lot trailhead. The Board agreed to the kiosk placement. Finally, the club thanked the town for a successful Barstool Race event and for all the assistance they provided.

**PATROL TRUCK & EQUIPMENT QUOTES:** Mark Jerome presented quotes he had received for a new truck along with the equipment build. The quotes were for the same truck and equipment from separate vendors. Mark recommended the truck from Mid-State Truck, Inc. and the equipment build from Monroe Truck Equipment. The order would need to be placed now to take delivery next year. Payment will be made in 2025. Motion by Hurula, second by McKinney to purchase the truck from Mid-State Truck for \$132,500 and the equipment build from Monroe Truck Equipment for \$161,133. CARRIED.

**BACKHOE PURCHASE:** Mark Jerome presented a proposal to purchase a new backhoe from McCoy Construction. This is a used machine that was a recent trade-in from the Town of Barnes. The asking price is \$72,000. The Board originally budgeted \$105,000 to purchase mini-excavator and trailer. This backhoe would also eliminate the need for the trailer. Motion by Hurula, second by McKinney to purchase the backhoe from McCoy Construction for \$72,000. CARRIED.

**LIBRARY COMMISSION MEMBERS:** Jena Jeager has been recommended by the Library Board of Trustees to fill the vacant seat. Motion by Hurula, second by McKinney to appoint Jena Jeager to the Library Board of Trustees with her term ending December, 2026. CARRIED.

**EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE:** The Clerk distributed the health insurance renewal packet to the Board for review. The current plan has changed with an increase in deductible as well as a proposed 14% increase in premiums. There were some discrepancies in the premium increases and no way to compare rate with similar plans. The Clerk will contact the agent for clarification.

**PAY SCHEDULE:** To simplify payroll accounting, the building cleaning and campground cleaning/scheduling will switch to a salaried position with no benefits provided. In addition, the Library Director position will now incur all costs associated with insurance benefits. Motion by Hurula, second by McKinney to change the pay schedule for the building and campground position to salary and remove insurance benefits. CARRIED.

**EARTH DAY CLEANUP:** The local Cub Scout group asked if they could pick up garbage around Town for Earth Day. They would like to be able to use the campground dumpster for the garbage they collect. The Board felt this was a worthwhile project and will make the dumpster available.

**ROADSIDE CLEANUP:** No official roadside cleanup is scheduled due to lack of participation.

**BILLS:** Motion by McKinney, second by Hurula to approve checks #45302 through #45347 including debits and direct deposits for payment of bills. CARRIED.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Motion by Hurula, second by McKinney to enter closed session at 8:56 pm to discuss compensation of an employee.

**OPEN SESSION:** The Board returned to open session at 9:18 pm. Motion by McKinney, second by Hurula to pay Mike Arens the balance of his sick and vacation leave and to allow him to maintain employment up to 16 hours per week. CARRIED.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next Town Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2024 in the Civic Center at 6:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.