

TOWN OF DRUMMOND

Bayfield County
Drummond, Wisconsin 54832



Notice of the meeting and agenda was posted at the Post Office and website on March 6, 2022.

MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING: March 8, 2022.

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

ATTENDANCE: Roy Bloom, Chair; Chris Elkins, Supervisor; Jeff Hurula, Supervisor; Diane Gehr, Treasurer; Andy Tuttle, Clerk; Mark Jerome, Public Works Director; 9 members of the public.

MINUTES: Motion by Elkins, second by Hurula to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2022 town board meeting. **CARRIED.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gehr reported the following balances are in town accounts: Checking \$386,227.69, Savings \$354.42, Tax savings \$497,482.60, and LGIP \$124,934.99.

ROAD REPORT: Jerome reported:

- Lots of trees down following the ice storm that the crew has cleaned up.
- Campground expansion went out for bids. Bids will be opened March 28th.
- Spring weight restrictions should be going on within the next week. The Town will follow the County's lead on setting the date.
- Roy and Mark have been following the Infrastructure Bill funding for projects. The Town may be better off to wait to apply for funding until 2023 or 2024 because engineering costs can be built in.
- BT Lawncare out of Grandview has agreed to mow the Town property for the summer. Mark will get a service agreement together for them to sign.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jim Crandall said the Drummond Area Ski Trail Assn. would like to buy new snowmobile for grooming. Last time the snowmobile was purchased and registered to the Town with reimbursement from DASTA for the purchase price. Crandall asked if the Town would be willing to consider that option again. The board was agreeable and will work with DASTA on the purchase when the time comes.

TAHKODAH LAKE WAKE: Mary Jean Fenske, along with several members of the Tahkodah Lake District board presented a proposal to restrict wake enhancing boats on Tahkodah Lake. They will present a proposed ordinance to their membership for approval. If it is approved, they will look to the Towns of Drummond & Cable to enact the ordinance.

LIBRARY TRUSTEE: Motion by Elkins, Second by Hurula to appoint Nancy Larson to the Library Board of Trustees to fill the vacant seat with a term ending December 2024. **CARRIED**

HEALTH INSURANCE: The employee health insurance policy renewal is due in April. The clerk supplied the board with the policy overview and rates for their information. Seeing no concerns, the policy will be renewed.

WIFI: Estimates were received from Norvado to provide multiple building wifi service. This would provide a single wifi service to the Civic Center, Business Center and Highway Garage. The board discussed the options of buying or leasing the equipment. Leasing was preferred and would save the Town approximately \$100/month over the current service provided. Motion by Hurula, second by Elkins to have Norvado install the wifi service with the leasing option. CARRIED.

MILL POND DAM: Roy detailed his discussions with the attorney regarding options for the dam. The first point of discussion was could the estimated \$500,000 to pay for the dam rebuilt be obtained. Options for financing were available from Bremer Bank as well as Board of Commissioners of Public Lands. There is still concerns regarding the cost of liability insurance and how the final price tag from the DOT would be determined. The clerk will contact the DOT to find out how and when the final price is determined and Roy will contact the insurance carrier for a realistic estimate. The board will bring this matter to the electors at the Annual Meeting next month.

BILLS: Motion by Elkins, second by Hurula to approve checks #44029 through #44071 including debits and e-pays for payment of bills. CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next Town Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, 2022 in the Civic Center immediately following the Annual Town Meeting which will begin at 6:30.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.