

TOWN OF DRUMMOND

Bayfield County
Drummond, Wisconsin 54832



Notice of the meeting and amended agenda was posted at the Post Office and website on February 13, 2023.

MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING: February 14, 2023.

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 January 17, 2023 town board meeting. **CARRIED.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gehr reported the following balances are in town accounts: Checking \$67,848.07, Savings \$354.59, Tax savings \$1,199.537.04 and LGIP \$582435.42

ROAD REPORT: Jerome reported:

- The new plow truck was delivered and will begin service.
- Mike Arens is back to work for light duty as his health allows.
- Major repairs to grader being completed in-house.

AIRPORT: Hurula reported there was a building collapse due to heavy snow. The next meeting is scheduled for February 27th.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Pam Kalies introduced herself and stated she will be running for Treasurer as a write-in candidate.

UDC INSPECTOR AGREEMENT: The agreement between Boss Inspections, Inc. and Town for Uniform Dwelling Code (UDC) inspection services needs to be updated. Boss has been the Town's contracted UDC inspector for several years. Steve Boss attended the meeting and explained the provisions of the updated agreement and increase in fees. Motion by Elkins, second by Hurula to approve the Building Inspection Agreement with Boss Inspection, Inc. **CARRIED.**

MILL POND DAM UPDATE: Dean Olson said there is a meeting scheduled with the DOT and the Dam Committee on Thursday, February 16th at 6pm. The committee is hoping to get an update from the DOT as well as a better understanding of how a dam ownership agreement would work as well as the associated costs.

SAWMILL LN. SNOWMOBILE SPEED ISSUES: Last month the board discussed speed control measures for snowmobiles and ATV's on Sawmill Land, including flashing warning lights. Ray Lorenz addressed the board regarding the idea of flashing lights. He feels the flashing lights would be an annoyance to the residents at night. The residents feel that more signage is necessary and will hopefully help curb the perceived speed problem. The board was supportive of doing anything to help slow traffic down. The board felt the

snowmobile club would be willing to chip in for signs. They will discuss with the snowmobile club and see what can be worked out.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES: The Library Board of Trustees has a vacant seat. There are two interested candidates for the position: Jenni McBain and Amy Nighbor. The Trustees met and could not come to a consensus which candidate to choose to fill the vacancy. A letter from the Library was presented asking the Town Board to make the choice of which candidate to fill the vacancy. Addie Arens, Library Director and Mark Jansen, President of the Board of Trustees also submitted a letter requesting Jenni McBain to fill the vacancy and urging the Town Board not to increase the size of the Board of Trustees. Mimi Crandall, Jillian Pliss, and Nancy Larson, Library Trustees each submitted separate emails requesting the Town Board to increase the Board of Trustees to 7 members as per the vote taken at a Trustees meeting. Mark Jansen was in attendance to voice his opinion and stated no formal vote was taken to increase the Board of Trustees at their meeting. Motion by Hurula, second by Elkins to keep to board at 5 members and appoint Jenni McBain to a 3-year term expiring in Dec. 2025. CARRIED.

Jillian Pliss' term as Trustee has expired and she wishes to be re-appointed as the representative of the school district. Motion by Elkins, second by Hurula to re-appoint Jillian Pliss to a 3-year term ending in Dec 2025. CARRIED.

SOLAR ARRAY PROPOSAL: A proposal was received from Chequamegon Bay Renewables to study the economics of installing a solar photo voltaic array at the town hall and highway garage. They will provide an analysis of the Town's past electrical usage, future electrical needs, site suitability and cost involved with installation. There would be no cost to the Town to have the feasibility study completed. Motion by Hurula, second by Elkins to move forward with the solar feasibility study. CARRIED.

BILLS: Motion by Elkins, second by Hurula to approve checks #44657 through #44726 including debits and e-pays for payment of bills. CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next Town Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 2023 in the Civic Center.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.