

TOWN OF DRUMMOND

Bayfield County
Drummond, Wisconsin 54832



Notice of the meeting and amended agenda was posted at the Post Office and website on May 7, 2023.

MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING: May 09, 2023.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:31 p.m. in the Civic Center by Roy Bloom, Chair.

ATTENDANCE: Roy Bloom, Chair; Scott McKinney, Supervisor; Pam Kalies, Treasurer; Andy Tuttle, Clerk; Mark Jerome, Public Works Director; 6 members of the public.

MINUTES: Motion by Bloom, second by McKinney to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2023 town board meeting. CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kalies reported the following balances are in town accounts: Checking \$206,491.90, Savings \$354.81, Tax savings \$410.60 and LGIP \$589,072.09.

ROAD REPORT: Jerome reported:

- Spring road weight restrictions have been lifted.
- Preparing the bid specifications for Oswald Road reconstruction.
- The rates charged for several items at the dump will need to be adjusted.
- The new skidsteer has been delivered.

AIRPORT COMMITTEE: Jeff Hurula reported that a hamburger social/fly-in is scheduled for this summer. They are also looking for the towns to do some brushing this summer.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mark Jerome asked if the Town had a blight ordinance. The board reported that no such ordinance is known. Roadside cleanup was also discussed. The cleanup day will be May 20th from 9am-noon.

MILL POND DAM UPDATE: Dean Olson emailed the DNR and was informed the dam removal permit is still under review.

SUPERVISOR VACANCY: The recent passing of Chris Elkins has left an unfilled position on the town board. Statue requires the vacancy be filled by an appointment from the remaining board and town clerk. Jeff Hurula expressed interest in filling the vacancy and had run for supervisor in the last election. Motion by McKinney, second by Bloom to appoint Jeffrey Hurula to fill the vacancy on the town board. CARRIED.

PARK PAVILION: The board discussed the park pavilion project. It was determined that the project will need to be bid therefore requiring an engineering firm to draw up plans and specs. The board also discussed the potential cost of pavilion construction. The board recommended that a Park & Rec committee be to look at options for pavilions that could be taken to an engineer to develop plans.

PAVING BIDS: Bids for paving portions of Pioneer Road, Tri-Lakes Road, and Longview Road were presented. Northwoods Paving was the only bidder.

Pioneer Rd and Longview Rd projects can in under budget. The Tri-Lakes project came in substantially over budget. Motion by Hurula, second by McKinney to award paving projects for Pioneer Rd. and Longview Rd. to Northwood Paving for \$211,562.56 and 174,316.20 respectively. CARRIED. Jerome will re-visit the Tri-Lakes project to see if there is a way to get that within budget or possibly reduce the scope.

CHAMBER DUES: The board discussed paying membership to the Cable Area Chamber of Commerce. They felt it would be a goodwill gesture. Motion by Hurula, second by McKinney to become a Gold member of the Cable Area Chamber of Commerce. CARRIED.

SOLAR ARRAY REPORT: The solar array analysis report presented by Cheq Bay Renewables was discussed. The board would like to explore the potential further. Mr. Bailey, of Cheq Bay Renewables will be invited to speak to the board.

PIGEON LAKE FIELD STATION: A grant to look into possible uses of the Pigeon Lake Field Station has been applied for by Bayfield County UW Extension. There was a general discussion of the scope of the grant project.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE: The clerk presented a few options of health insurance policies. There were several options priced lower than the current policy and had comparable benefits. The clerk will ask the insurance agent for more information.

CLOSED SESSION: Motion Hurula, second McKinney to enter closed session 8:11pm. to discuss benefits of an employee. CARRIED. Present were Roy Bloom, Scott McKinney, Jeff Hurula, Andy Tuttle, and Mark Jerome. Discussion revolved around the number of hours being worked by Mike Arens, the current workload, and continuation of his benefits (health insurance).

OPEN SESSION: Motion Bloom, second Hurula to return to open session at 8:40pm. CARRIED.

Motion by McKinney, second by Hurula to continue to provide Mike Arens health benefit until such time he can enroll in another policy, preferably a family plan with his spouse and to adopt a policy similar to Family Medical Leave Act for future occurrences of prolonged injury or illness. CARRIED.

BILLS: Motion by McKinney, second by Bloom to approve checks #44844 through #44897 including debits and e-pays for payment of bills. CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next Town Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2023 in the Civic Center immediately following a public hearing to vacate Zawadski Road scheduled for 6:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.