

# 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:** June 13, 2023.

**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; 6 members of the public.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Bloom, second by McKinney to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2023 town board meeting. **CARRIED.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Kalies reported the following balances are in town accounts: Checking \$161,877.23, Savings \$354.81, Tax savings \$410.60 and LGIP \$591,579.61.

**ROAD REPORT:** Jerome reported:

- Summer road construction projects have begun.
- Paving of Old 63 N Rd, Longview Rd, and Pioneer Rd will be taking place within a week.
- Park & Rec Committee met to discuss the pavilion. A meeting with C&S Design will be scheduled to start the design phase.

**AIRPORT COMMITTEE:** Jeff Hurula reported

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.

**MILL POND DAM UPDATE:** Dean Olson said the DNR reviewed the dam removal permit and returned it to the DOT for further clarifications and additions.

**RESOLUTION VACATING ZAWADSKI ROAD:** Resolution 2023-0613 to Vacate a Portion of Zawadski Road was read aloud by Chairman Bloom.

Motion by McKinney, second by Hurula to adopt Resolution 2023-0613.

**CARRIED** by roll call vote (3 yes, 0 no).

**SOLAR ARRAY:** Bill Bailey of Cheq Bay Renewables addressed the board concerning establishing solar arrays, more specifically microgrids. There is a considerable amount of funding and grant opportunity for microgrid establishment particularly for public and emergency-use buildings. The funding would pay for the vast majority of the costs. The board discussed creating several microgrids and possibly including the Sanitary District. The Town has the opportunity to be included in a grant being run through the county. Motion by McKinney, second by Hurula to enter into a Memorandum Of Understanding to proceed with grant application to construct solar microgrids for town buildings. **CARRIED.**

**TRI LAKES PAVING OPTIONS:** Mark Jerome detailed several options to proceed with the repair of Tri-Lakes Road. His opinion was not to cut corners

trying to make something work within budget constraints, such as using less asphalt. He felt he could get the center (worst section) of the road graveled over the existing deteriorating pavement this year as well as get the remainder of the road prepped to possible paving in 2024. The board agreed that this made the most sense and advise him to proceed with the gravel and prep work.

**OSWALD ROAD BIDS:** Two bids were received for the Oswald Road reconstruction project. Jerome Excavating was the low bid. Motion by Hurula, second by McKinney to award Oswald Road project to Jerome Excavating for \$39,250.00. CARRIED.

**HEALTH INSURANCE:** Four health insurance policies were presented for consideration. Tuttle explained the differences in pricing and benefits. Both Tuttle and the insurance agent recommended staying with a HealthPartners plan due to the ease of administration. The recommended plan was HPIC SE HSA Gold. This would result in a premium savings to both the town and the employees. There was concern as to whether the currently paid deductibles would carry over. Motion by McKinney, second by Hurula to switch to the HPIC SE HAS Gold policy assuming the paid deductibles carried over. CARRIED.

**ZONING REQUEST:** Billy the Bear, LLC at 48290 Larson Road requested town board approval for a Class A Special Use permit for a short term rental. Motion by McKinney, second by Hurula to recommend approval of the special Use permit to Bayfield County Zoning. CARRIED.

**LIQUOR LICENSE:** Buckhorn, LLC, Otter Bay Resort of Lake Owen, Inc, Eagle Knob Lodge, Inc, Hagstrom LLC, and Lundy's Black Bear Saloon & Inn, LLC applied for renewal of their appropriate liquor licenses. In addition, Lundy's Black Bear Saloon & Inn, LLC, Buckhorn, LLC, and Hagstrom, LLC applied for renewal retail tobacco licenses. Concern was raised regarding Lundy's Black Bear since there currently wasn't a building on site. Tuttle had contacted the Dept of Revenue and in their opinion it probably was not appropriate to renew the license. Motion by McKinney, second by Hurula to issue liquor licenses to Buckhorn, LLC, Otter Bay Resort of Lake Owen, Inc, Eagle Knob Lodge, Inc, and Hagstrom LLC and tobacco licenses to Buckhorn, LLC, and Hagstrom, LLC. CARRIED.

**OPERATOR LICENSES:** Operator/bartender license applications were received from Kathryn Rose, Jena Unseth, Krystal Hagstrom, Deneen Carpenter, and Michael Lunderville. All background checks came back acceptable. Motion by Hurula, second by McKinney to issue operator licenses to all applicants listed. CARRIED.

**LAND PURCHASE:** The board discussed trying to lease the back parking lot at Chippewa Valley Bank for additional camping and trailhead parking. The bank was not interested in leasing but said they would consider selling. McKinney will contact the bank to further explore this option.

BILLS: Motion by McKinney, second by Hurula to approve checks #44898 through #44919 including debits and e-pays for payment of bills. CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next Town Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July11, 2023 in the Civic Center at 6:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.