

TOWN OF DRUMMOND

Bayfield County
Drummond, Wisconsin 54832



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

MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING: October 10, 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; 2 members of the public.

MINUTES: Motion by McKinney, second by Hurula to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2023 town board meeting. **CARRIED.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kalies reported the following balances are in town accounts as of 9/30/2023: Checking \$83,546.93, Savings \$355.69, savings \$411.62 and LGIP \$299,277.03.

ROAD REPORT: Mark Jerome reported:

- Oswald Rd. reconstruction project is completed. This is an LRIP grant funded project
- Kimball Rd. reconstruction project is also complete.
- Gravel on Tri Lakes Rd. has been spread.
- Cutacross Road reconstruction project will be wrapping up shortly.

PARK & REC: Andy Tuttle received quotes from C&S Design and Engineering and Parkitecture + Planning for a combined project. The 2 firms would work together to re-design the park layout and design a new pavilion. The pavilion work would follow the project through the build. Total cost is estimated around \$22,000. The board will review the documents and consider for 2024 budget.

DAM COMMITTEE: Dean Olson reported the DNR has not issued the dam removal permit to DOT yet. Olson personally requested a copy of the permit application and DNR response that he would be willing to share with the board.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

LAND PURCHASE: McKinney asked Chippewa Valley Bank if they would be willing to make a charitable donation of the land next to the bank. No response has been received at this point.

KRIVA DRAINAGE ISSUE: To follow up from a discussion last meeting with Bob Kriva regarding a drainage issue off Krafts Point Road, Mark Jerome met with Bob Anderson, County Highway Commissioner. Bob is a licensed engineer and agreed to give his opinion as to the road drainage issue. He determined it was not a town issue and the slope of the road was not causing excessive water to enter Kriva's driveway. His opinion was the Kriva driveway was poorly constructed and it did not allow for water to shed correctly, thus causing it to run down the driveway and cause erosion problems. He also said

the berm the town has built at the driveway entrance was above and beyond the requirements of the town. Mark & Bob met with Kriva's son and explained their findings.

TRAFFIC ORDINANCE: No work has taken place on updating this document since August. It will be re-visited at a future board meeting.

DIRT & SNOJACK FUNDING REQUEST: Mark Jerome reported the Drummond Dirt & Sno Jack club wanted to put up a couple kiosk/trail signs in town. They were looking for \$1000 from the Town to assist with the project. Since no representative of the club was in attendance to speak to the request, this item was tabled.

BAYFIELD COUNTY HEALTH ENFORCEMENT LETTER: Bayfield County Health Dept. sent a letter to Michael Lunderville, owner of the Black Bear Inn regarding the open foundation. It is a violation of the County health code and must be remedied within 60 days. The Health Dept. has been in contact with Lunderville who states he will be starting construction next spring and he would put snow fence around the open hole. The board would like to just fill the hole it and would be willing to do it with town equipment to remedy the situation. Bloom said he would contact Lunderville to make the offer.

AIRPORT COMMISSIONER: Ray Ebert will not be representing Drummond on the airport commission any longer and will be the Namakagon representative since he resides in that town. Joe Garceau has offered to represent Drummond. He resides in Cable and has been involved with the airport. The airport commission is behind Graceau being appointed to the commission. Motion by Hurula, second by McKinney to appoint Joe Garceau to the Airport Commission as Drummond's representative. **CARRIED.**

TAP GRANT LETTER OF SUPPORT: Bayfield County Highway Dept. is applying for a Federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant to develop a County wide plan to implement pedestrian and bicycle facilities across Bayfield County. They are asking for letters of support to include with the grant application. Motion by McKinney, second by Hurula to provide a letter of support from the Drummond Town Board. **CARRIED.**

USFS SECURE RURAL SCHOOL FUND GRANT: The board discussed possible options to apply for a Secure Rural Schools program grant. They would like to apply for funds to restore fish spawning habitat in Drummond Lake and the Long Lake Branch up to the Mill Pond Dam. Jerome will contact the Forest Service to see if this is a viable grant project and the board will act accordingly to submit an application.

CWD DUMPSTERS: Bayfield County Land & Water Conservation is again asking towns to support Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) dumpsters throughout the county. These dumpsters are for the disposal of deer carcasses

to prevent further spread and introduction of CWD. Motion by McKinney, second by Hurula to donate \$150 to the CWD dumpster program. CARRIED.

MAILBOX POLICY: The Drummond Post Office is moving away from free PO boxes for village residents and establishing a driving delivery route in the village. The board will work with the post office to set a policy for placement of mailboxes within the village.

BILLS: Motion by McKinney, second by Hurula to approve checks #45065 through #45089 including debits and direct deposits for payment of bills. CARRIED.

2024 BUDGET: The board worked on the 2024 budget.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next Town Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2023 in the Civic Center. The 2024 budget hearing and town meeting to approve the tax levy will take place prior starting at 6:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.