

TOWN OF DRUMMOND

Bayfield County
Drummond, Wisconsin 54832



Notice of the meeting and amended agenda was posted at the Post Office and website on March 23, 2024.

MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING: March 26, 2024.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:37 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; 7 members of the public plus all the Janisch kids.

MINUTES: Motion by McKinney, second by Hurula to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2024 town board meeting. **CARRIED.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kalies reported the following balances are in town accounts as of 2/29/2024: Checking \$214,874.91, Savings \$369.28, Tax Savings \$200,000.00 and LGIP \$527,111.87.

AIRPORT REPORT: Brief update was provided by Jeff Hurula.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COUNTY ZONING LAND USE PERMIT FEES: Mike Furtak and Karl Kastrosky, zoning consultants, detailed some of the struggles they have been having acquiring permits from the Bayfield County Zoning Department. They contend the rates have increased and the service and timeliness have decreased substantially. Elizabeth Holland & Mike Choat, who own a cabin on Hammill Lake explained the issues they have run into trying to obtain a permit for a built-in stairway that is replacing an existing elevated stairway to the lake. The board shared other examples they have heard of from residents as to how dysfunctional the County Zoning Dept. is. McKinney detailed the rate changes and comparison to adjacent counties. Bandon Janisch, a local builder, also expressed concern at the difficulty obtaining zoning permits. Overall, the board felt the service of the County Zoning Dept. is lacking and is a barrier to economic growth and is not serving the best interest of the taxpayers. The board will draft a letter to send to the Bayfield County Zoning Dept.

ZONING REQUEST: Bob & Marlys Bickett (Tri Lakes Road) requested a conditional use permit for a short-term rental. The Comp Plan Committee reviewed the application and said short-term rentals were not addressed in the plan, therefore it was not in conflict. Motion by McKinney, second by Hurula to recommend approval of the Bickett conditional use permit to Bayfield County Zoning.

WAKE ENHANCEMENT ORDINANCE: The clerk had sent the draft ordinance to the DNR for review. The DNR Recreation Warden is still reviewing.

SMALL CLAIMS CASE: Notice was received from the town attorney that Chad Pierce dropped the small claims case against the Town.

MOBILE HOME PARKING FEE ORDINANCE: The clerk handed out a draft ordinance for review. He has been working with the assessor and the Barnes clerk to develop the ordinance. The draft will be run past the assessor as well as the town attorney.

SOLAR ARRAY GRANT: McKinney sat in on the Zoom meeting about the solar array grant. The construction will most likely take place in 2025. The town will have to come up with the full payment and then submit for reimbursement. The initial steps are to confirm the location of the panels so that the projects can be put out for bid.

PICNIC LICENSE & OPERATOR LICENSE: The Drummond Dirt & Sno Jacks have applied to a temporary liquor license for a Library fundraiser on March 30, 2024. In addition, Addie

Arens applied for a bartender/operator's license. All paperwork and payments are in order and background check was acceptable. Motion by Hurula, second by McKinney to issue a temporary liquor license to the Drummond Dirt & Sno-Jacks as well as an operator's license to Addie Arens. CARRIED.

LIBRARY COMMISSION MEMBERS: The Library Committee has not put forth a candidate yet. The board also briefly discussed Bayfield County appointments to the board.

SNOWMOBILE GROOMER BUILDING: The snowmobile club had originally requested to raze their current building and rebuild a new groomer barn on the site next to the salt shed. This location does not appear to be large enough and the best bet would be to build on the bus barn lot. The town board will have to look into a land lease for the new building before allowing the new construction.

AIRPORT OPERATIONS ORDINANCE: An updated Airport Operations Ordinance was presented for adoption. This is an updated version of the old ordinance that included some cleanup up language and minor updates. Motion by Hurula, second by McKinney to adopt the Airport Operations Ordinance. CARRIED.

BILLS: Motion by McKinney, second by Hurula to approve checks #45287 through #45329 including debits and direct deposits for payment of bills. CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next Town Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2024 in the Civic Center immediately following the Annual Town Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.