

# TOWN OF DRUMMOND

Bayfield County  
Drummond, Wisconsin 54832



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**MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING:** May 20, 2009.

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Center.

**ATTENDANCE:** Bill DeVries, Chair; R. W. Fredericks, Jr, Mary Behrends, supervisors; Jim Crandall, clerk; Diane Gehr, treasurer. Four persons.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Behrends, second by Fredericks to approve the agenda as printed. **CARRIED.**

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

**MINUTES:** Motion by Behrends, second by Fredericks to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2009 regular board meeting as presented. **CARRIED.**

**DELTA-DRUMMOND ROAD:** Rick Forsythe of Northwoods Paving explained to the board that additional base material was added to the Delta-Drummond Road during repaving to bring it up to about the quality of County H. The road was rebuilt to a standard that should be able to handle all commercial traffic. Henry Schinnebeck of Great Lakes Timber Professionals Assoc. said that most wood harvested locally goes out of the area over highways. Additional axles added to logging trucks minimize damage to roads. Dale Siebert referred to an email from our engineer on the project saying the engineer believes the additions to the surface and base will allow the road to handle heavy traffic. Siebert suggested posting weight limits for a longer time in spring to protect the road. Myron Nelson from Delta said that the Delta town board voted to extend the breakup period, but keep it as a Class A highway. DeVries referred to a conversation with Spring Rosales, District Ranger, who opposed reducing weight limits on the road. Fredericks said he had a conversation with the Forest Engineer, Duane Reppert, who agreed that the road can withstand commercial loads. Motion by Fredericks, second by Behrends to maintain the Delta-Drummond Road as a Class A highway, but to extend the spring breakup weight limits to June 1. This is to be reviewed in 2010. Roll call vote: Fredericks – yes, Behrends – no, DeVries – yes. **CARRIED**

**CRACK-FILLING BID:** Motion by Behrends, second by Fredericks to accept the bid of \$2,800 by Fahrner Asphalt Sealers for crack filling on approximately 1.3 mi. of Old 63 North in the village. **CARRIED**

**PREVAILING WAGE:** Motion by Behrends, second by Fredericks to adopt a resolution opposing proposed changes to Wisconsin prevailing wage law. **CARRIED.** A copy of the resolution is attached.

**ATV ROUTES:** The board discussed access by local residents to the planned Beck Road parking area and trailhead for ATVs. Motion by Fredericks, second by Behrends to open Beck Road to ATV travel from County N north to the ATV trailhead. CARRIED.

**TOWN GARAGE:** The board discussed the quote of \$2,800 by Timberland Technical Services for replacing lighting in the town garage. Motion by Behrends, second by Fredericks to accept the price but request a breakdown of materials and labor. CARRIED.

**CIVIC CENTER:** Motion by Fredericks, second by Behrends to accept the bid of \$633.25 by Wisconsin Seamless Gutters to complete roof gutters on the Civic Center. CARRIED.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:** Motion by Fredericks, second by Behrends to support a letter to Bayfield County Zoning urging action on an overlay district adopted by the Comprehensive Plan that restricts subdivision of large land parcels zoned Ag-1 and F-1 to a minimum of 10 acres. CARRIED. This is in accordance with the adopted Comprehensive Plan.

**UTILITY CUT ORDINANCE:** The board discussed the town utility cut ordinance as it applies to the proposed burying of fiber optic cable in the town and village. The current plan provides for approval of any such plans by the road foreman before laying can begin. Motion by Behrends, second by Fredericks to approve language changes to the utility cut ordinance, which provide additional protections for the town. CARRIED. A copy of the amended ordinance is attached.

**FIVE-YEAR ROAD GOALS:** The board discussed the Five Year Road Goals with Siebert. There is a possibility that the town will not be billed for cost overruns on the Delta-Drummond Road Phase I road project in 2009. No action was taken.

**DEBT:** Motion by Behrends, second by Fredericks to borrow \$169,443.82 from the State Bank of Drummond for two years at 4.5% for the purpose of prepaying three Trust Fund Loans. CARRIED.

**OPERATOR'S LICENSES:** Motion by Fredericks, second by Behrends to approve operator's licenses for Svea Kastens and Ben Walin. CARRIED.

**ROOM TAX:** Motion by Behrends, second by Fredericks to reappoint Doug Manthey to the Cable Area Room Tax Commission. CARRIED.

**REPORTS:** *Chair* – DeVries reported on the patient transfer activities of Great Divide Ambulance and the airport. *Library* – Fredericks said the library would be having a big, one-day summer program for children this summer. *Museum* – Fredericks said the museum has an artifact that will be mounted on the display board at the park. *Treasurer* – Gehr reported the following amounts in town

accounts: Checking \$2,261.56, savings \$135,112.46, cemetery CDs \$2,871.30, Tax \$100.00, LGIP \$172,349.09.

VOUCHERS: Motion by Fredericks, second by Behrends to approve checks 33539–33595 and 33605-33617 for payment of bills. CARRIED. (33596-33604 not used due to printer misfeed.)

The next town board meeting will be on Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Center.

Motion by Behrends, second by Fredericks to adjourn at 9:50 p.m.