

TOWN OF DRUMMOND

Bayfield County
Drummond, Wisconsin 54832



Notice of the meeting and agenda was posted at the Civic Center, Bear Country, Post Office and Library on May 10, 2010

MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING: May 12, 2010.

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. 8 townspeople.

AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda by Behrends, second by Fredericks.

CARRIED

Tom Ketchum, agent for The Horton Group, spoke to the board about our insurance coverage. He recommended placing a soft base under the play equipment at the park and also replacing some of it to bring it up to current standards. There were questions about liability limits, coverage for town vehicles and buildings. The Horton Group handles the town's liability, auto and worker's comp coverage.

Approval of minutes of prior meetings was postponed until June.

REPORTS: *Roads* – Dale Siebert reported contacting the owner of a mailbox hazard on Pioneer Road. *Fire Department* – Rodger Larsen said there was one vehicle accident response during the month. *Ambulance* – Mary Behrends said that one ambulance has been repaired under warranty. They will seek replacing it when the warranty expires. *Library* – Dick Fredericks said preparations are being made for the summer program. Local artists have been displaying their works on the walls in changing exhibits. *Museum* – Patsy Larsen urged those present to come see the audio displays recently created with the help of school students. *Chair* - Bill DeVries reported on the recent “four towns” meeting and a weather spotter workshop. *Treasurer* – The following balances are in town accounts: Checking \$130,256.53, savings \$35,362.51, cemetery CD \$2,140.74, Tax \$92,522.05, LGIP \$173,025.94. *Planning Committee* – Ralph Thyssen said the committee has completed coordinating the names on the future land use map to coincide with the countywide terminology.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ralph Thyssen asked the town board to put a sign on the pier at the Lake Owen boat landing indicating that the town purchased it and will maintain the unit. The pier will facilitate loading and unloading boats that are launched at the landing. Ron Anderson, president of the Lake Owen Association, thanked the town board for placing the pier at the boat landing. He also said he is in favor of any activity that restricts multiple unit developments (MUD) on area lakes.

Action on the seasonal load limit on the Delta Drummond Road was postponed until the June meeting.

SEALCOAT: Motion by Fredericks, second by Behrends to request bids for chip seal coating approximately 1.3 miles of village streets. CARRIED.

LAKE DEVELOPMENT: Ralph Thyssen, Planning Committee member stated that it has been the opinion of the committee that they find the Bayfield County Zoning Department's ordinances restrictive enough to meet our needs on shoreland use. If all towns in southern Bayfield County decide to seek the adoption of the Barnes Overlay at the county level, then our committee recommends that Drummond should adopt it as well. Until then, they will continue to defer to the Bayfield County Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. Roger Dreher spoke in favor of restricting MUDs on area lakes and urged the town to adopt the Barnes Overlay conditions on Drummond lakes. The board endorsed the position taken by the Town Planning Committee.

LITTLE LEAGUE: Motion by DeVries, second by Behrends to donate \$200 to the Great Divide Little League. CARRIED.

STREET LIGHTS: The board discussed placing additional streetlights on U S Highway 63 as it passes by the village. Since the installation cost is approx. \$2,300 each, they decided to consider it in the fall at budget time.

SCHOOL BUS GARAGE: The board took no action on purchasing the school bus garage and fuel tanks. They will meet at 6:30 p.m., before the next town board meeting to tour the building and consider it at the June meeting.

RECYCLING RESOLUTION: Motion by Behrends, second by Fredericks to authorize the town clerk to apply for state recycling grants. CARRIED.

LAKE OWEN PIER: Motion by Fredericks, second by Behrends to sign an agreement with the U S Forest Service which permits the town to place a pier at the public boat landing on Lake Owen. CARRIED.

BUILDING DEMOLITION: Motion by Behrends, second by Fredericks to accept the bid of \$1,500 by Del Jerome to remove and dispose of the dilapidated building on the new town land. CARRIED. The funds will come from the Drummond Pride fund.

WEB SITE: The board heard from Alan Ralph, who is starting a free, monthly newspaper in the area. Motion by Behrends, second by Fredericks to put the paper on the town website for a trial period. The action will be reconsidered at the August meeting of the board. CARRIED.

DONATION: Motion by DeVries, second by Behrends to designate the \$2,000 donation received from Bruce Hendry to go toward purchasing the pier placed in Lake Owen. The remainder of the \$3,400 cost will come from the undesignated fund. CARRIED.

BILLS: Motion by Fredericks, second by Behrends to approve checks #34197-34244 for payment of bills. **CARRIED.**

The next town board meeting is set for June 9, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the school bus garage. The board will tour the building and then convene for a regular monthly meeting in the Civic Center at approx. 7:00 p.m

Motion by Fredericks, second by Behrends to adjourn at 9:35 p.m. **CARRIED.**