

# TOWN OF DRUMMOND

Bayfield County  
Drummond, Wisconsin 54832



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**MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING:** May 11, 2016.

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:30 p.m. in the Civic Center by Roy Bloom, Chair.

**ATTENDANCE:** Roy Bloom, Chair; R. W. Fredericks, Jr., Chris Elkins, Supervisors; Diane Gehr, treasurer; Andy Tuttle, clerk. Twelve members of the public were present.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Elkins, second by Fredericks to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2016 town board meeting. **CARRIED.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Gehr reported the following balances are in town accounts: Checking \$133,661.63, savings \$27,866.02, Tax savings \$228,568.54, and LGIP \$174,570.90.

**PARK & REC. REPORT:** There are potentially 4 seasonal campers. The pavilion floor needs leveled. The committee will get quotes for the required leveling. The Park & Rec. Committee will be taking over the coordination of the spring clean-up day. Dick Fredericks thanked Mark Jerome for organizing the "camping party" at the campground.

**ROAD REPORT:** Mark reported Bearsdale Rd. was graded and is now open. Reynard Lake Rd. will be closed temporarily for culvert repair. The road crew worked to improve the snowmobile trail coming into town. Mark asked that the board talk to Norvado about removing the old phone peds in town. Dale & Roy met with the FS engineer regarding road issues. The FS has no money to provide services or materials at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mike Furtak, representing Mike Best (Recreation Rental Properties) asked the board to consider asking County zoning to enforce ordinances regarding "vacation rentals by owner". Roy Bloom also expressed concern with the lack of service provided by County zoning employees.

**ZONING REQUESTS:** Three completed zoning petitions were presented to the board: Stellar Holdings W&E, LP. Requesting rezone from F-2 to RRB; Charles & Maureen Hebert requesting to build cabin on in Ag-1 zone; Tim & Julie Bandt requesting short-tem vacation rental. Motion by Elkins, second by Fredericks to approve zoning permits for Stellar Holdings, the Heberts and the Bandts. **CARRIED.**

**RV PERMIT & SHORELAND GRADING PERMIT:** Mark Johnson presented permit applications for an "after-the-fact" shoreland grading permit and an RV placement permit. The Comp Plan Committee had not reviewed these. The board agreed to consider these permits at the next meeting.

**ROAD ABANDONMENT RESOLUTION:** The board would like to begin the process to discontinue use of the north 250 feet of Front Street where the new

firehall is to be built. Motion by Fredericks, second by Elkins to approve Resolution 20160511 outlining the process to discontinue road. CARRIED.

**SNOWMOBILE TRAIL:** There is an opportunity to secure additional state money for grooming. This would require creating a designated trail on town roads around Lake Owen. Currently the existing trail crosses Lake Owen. The state will not fund any trail that is a dead end or crosses a lake. By designating a new trail around the lake, it would no longer be considered a dead end. The new route would tie the existing trail from Lake Owen Station Rd to N. Lake Owen Drive to Ryberg Road back to the existing trail. Deputy Kistner has reported no problems/complaints with ATV's or snowmobiles on town roads in Drummond and anticipates no problems with the new trail. There were several attendees that expressed opinions:

- Ed Ronkowski related concerns of early traffic on Lake Owen Dr. before the lake freezes.
- Tom Johnson representing Lake Owen Assn. said there is some opposition and would like to postpone any action until next month when many of the seasonal residents return.
- Cari Hartman also expressed a desire to postpone action.
- Steve Bolling, Bayfield Co. Snowmobile Alliance, made the offer to not open the trail until Jan 1. each year to limit early traffic on the town roads.

The board agreed to table this issue until next month.

**TRUCK INSURANCE SETTLEMENT:** The insurance deemed the burnt truck a total loss. Two options were presented: A payout of \$46,369.50 with the insurance company taking possession of the truck or a payout of 37,700.00 with the Town retaining the vehicle. Motion by Fredericks, second by Elkins to accept the larger payout and relinquish the vehicle. CARRIED.

**TRUCK REPLACEMENT PROJECT:** Six bids were received for a replacement plow truck. Only 2 bids met the specs. The two bidders expressed concern that the equipment the town was asking for was outdated and recommended approximately \$3000 in add-ons. Motion by Elkins, second by Fredericks to award the bid to V & H, Inc. for a Western Star with the add-ons not to exceed \$94,000.00. CARRIED.

**TRUCK EQUIPMENT BIDS:** Two bids were received for equipment for the new truck. Universal Truck submitted a bid that did not meet spec. They submitted an amended bid, which still did not meet spec. Monroe, submitted the other bid and again recommended \$11,000.00 in add-ons to "modernize" the equipment (toggle switches vs. levers). Motion by Bloom, second by Fredericks to accept the Monroe Truck bid with add-ons for \$87,977.00. CARRIED.

**CRACK SAW & SEAL BIDS:** Fahrner submitted a quote to crack saw & fill Delta-Drummond Road plus Drummond Lake Road for \$12,143.68. Motion by

Fredericks, second by Elkins to contract with Fahrner for the crack saw and fill project. CARRIED.

**LAKE OWEN PICNIC GROUNDS:** Fredericks detailed a meeting with the town, Lake Owen Assn. and the US Forest Service regarding decreased services and the picnic grounds. The town and Lake Owen Assn. would like to see either services restored or find options to assist. The FS gave 4 options: Let FS maintain at a decreased level, contract with a concessionaire, form a partnership with another gov't or non-profit, form volunteer agreement to get the work completed by volunteers. The partnership and volunteer agreement seem to be the most viable. Lake Owen Assn. said they would agree to be a willing financial partner with the town. The board agreed to pursue these options with Lake Owen Assn.

**VACATION PAYOUT:** Upon retirement, Dale Siebert requested full payout of his remaining vacation and comp time as detailed in the employee handbook. He has 3 hours of comp time and 160 hours of vacation. Motion by Elkins, second by Fredericks to pay Siebert for his vacation and comp time. CARRIED.

**LIQUOR LICENSE:** Drummond Fire & Rescue submitted an application for a temporary liquor (picnic) license to sell beverages during a Boy Scout fundraiser at the park on June 4, 2016. Motion by Elkins, second by Fredericks to issue a temporary liquor license. CARRIED. Mark Jerome also submitted an application to renew his bartender license for the event. Motion by Elkins, second by Fredericks to issue the bartender license upon a clean criminal background check. CARRIED.

**BILLS:** Motion by Elkins, second by Fredericks to approve checks #38399 through #38463 including e-pays for payment of bills. CARRIED.

**FUTUTRE ITEMS:** The board discussed the following:

- Updates to the town website and will continue to work with the web designer.
- Terms of several committee members have expired and need to be formally extended.
- Tim DeChant brought up the illegal dumping situation. The issue is being turned over to the Sheriff for a littering charge.
- Mark Jerome asked the board/clerk to look into auto-deposit for payroll.
- Property insurance rate increase.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next town board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the Civic Center.

The Board of Review Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, 2016 from 3-5 pm in the Civic Center.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.