

TOWN OF DRUMMOND

Bayfield County
Drummond, Wisconsin 54832



Notice of the meeting and agenda was posted at the Post Office and website on September 12, 2016.

MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING: September 14, 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; 3 members of the public were present.

MINUTES: Motion by Elkins, second by Fredericks to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2016 and August 26, 2016 town board meetings. **CARRIED.**

EMERGENCY SLOW-NO-WAKE ORDINANCE: Tom Johnson, from the Lake Owen Association presented the idea of creating an emergency slow-no-wake (S-N-W) ordinance for Lake Owen. He had several samples for review.

Essentially, the Association is proposing an ordinance, that when the lake level reaches a certain height, a s-n-w restriction is automatically applied to the entire lake. The Association would like to work with the board to develop such an ordinance in cooperation with the DNR, US Forest Service and Northland College. The board agreed to look into the options further and possibly have something in place next summer.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gehr reported the following balances are in town accounts: Checking \$151911.20, savings \$27,865.39, Tax savings \$228,579.81, and LGIP \$174,693.69.

AMBULANCE REPORT: The Towns of White River & Marengo have contracted for services.

CEMETERY REPORT: Dennis Johnson has expressed his desire to retire from his cemetery duties. The board agreed to look into options for replacement. Also, it has been reported that there are only 6 plots available for sale. The board also agreed to re-open discussions on expanding the cemetery.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Fredericks forwarded a question regarding whether church groups had to pay to use the Civic Center. It was discussed that since these groups were using the kitchen, the standard fee is appropriate. The "non-profit group" fee exemption essentially applied to groups that hold regular meetings and do not use the kitchen. The board also discussed the possibility of renting the old tables. The decision was not to offer this service, as it would be difficult to keep track of who is using them.

LIBRARY REPORT: The library windows have been replaced and were paid for through grant money and donations. The Drummond School Board asked about the possibility of contracting the librarian to work at the school library on Mondays when the town library is closed. Concerns were raised regarding liabilities and legalities of contracting out town employees. The board was open to the idea and will continue discussions with the school board.

ROAD REPORT: Mark asked that the clerk apply to change the contact for WISLR through the DOR. Currently, all the info still goes to Alan Ralph. Mark & Andy met with the FEMA representative. There is a big unanswered question about who “owns” roads listed under the Forest Service Road Agreement. FEMA can only reimburse the “owner”. A definitive answer is supposed to be made shortly.

CLERK: Tuttle gave an update on the Mark Johnson hobby farm permit. Following last months meeting, a letter was drafted stating the boards concern that any hobby farm permit issued to Mr. Johnson, include all the conditions he had listed on his application. The county did issue a permit with the following conditions: Only applicable to current owner, only horses on the property, no more than 4 horses at a time, horses may only be kept for 72 hours and only twice a month, manure must be picked up and disposed of appropriately.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

PUBLIC DEPOSITORY RESOLUTION: Since Chippewa Valley Bank purchased Drummond State Bank, it is necessary to update the resolution dictating where the town money will be held. Motion by Fredericks, second by Elkins to approve the resolution designating Chippewa Valley Bank and State of Wisconsin Local Government Investment Pool as the Town’s depositories. **CARRIED** on a unanimous vote.

LIQUOR LICENSES: Motion by Elkins, second by Fredericks to issue a Liquor License to Bear Country. **CARRIED.**

BARTENDER/OPERATOR LICENSES: Motion by Elkins, second by Fredericks to issue Bartender Licenses to Beverly Dahl, Lori Bertrand, and Melissa Wisely. **CARRIED.**

BILLS: Motion by Elkins, second by Fredericks to approve checks #38609 through #38644 and #40000 through #40069 including e-pays for payment of bills. **CARRIED.** *The non-sequenced check numbers is due to bank changeover and the issuance of new checks.*

CLOSED SESSION: Motion by Bloom, second by Elkins to enter into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(b) at 7:35 pm. **CARRIED.**

OPEN SESSION: Open session resumed at 8:00 pm.

EMPLOYEE WORKLOAD: The board discusses the current workload for Mike Pliss and the option to use him more for Sanitary Dist. Duties in the future. The board will meet with the Sanitary Dist. Board on October 4, 2016 to discuss options.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next town board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the Civic Center.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.