

TOWN OF DRUMMOND

Bayfield County
Drummond, Wisconsin 54832



Notice of the meeting and agenda was posted at the Civic Center, Library, Post Office and website on November 9, 2015.

MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING: November 11, 2015.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:32 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. Two members of the public were present.

MINUTES: Motion by Fredericks, second by Elkins to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2015 and November 2, 2015 town board meetings. **CARRIED.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gehr reported the following balances are in town accounts: Checking \$123,918.92, savings \$27,865.53, Tax savings \$224,852.83, and LGIP \$174,298.32. Gehr also presented the annual resolution obligating the town to pay all state and county taxes if the treasurer fails to do so. Motion by Fredericks, second by Elkins to approve the resolution #20151111. **CARRIED**

ROADS REPORT: Dale Siebert reported that log hauling has been taking place on Bearsdale Road. The road has sustained considerable damage. The Forest Service has put in about \$5000 and the town \$6000 in material, equipment, and labor. The damage is beyond the normal expected from typical log truck traffic.

AIRPORT REPORT: A title search has shown the land the gun club occupies is owned by the 3 Towns and not by the airport as originally thought.

PARK & REC. REPORT: The 2016 was completed and delivered to the clerk. The campground was profitable last year.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

ASSESSOR SERVICES: Claude Ringlemon presented a proposal for future service. The proposal would allow for continued re-assessment of a percentage of properties each year. This would keep the town in compliance with the state and eliminate the need to have a large re-assessment project. There would be a noticeable cost savings over the long term. The board will consider the proposal during budget discussions.

GRADER SERVICE CONTRACT: Siebert presented a grader service contract through Fabick. This is a pay-as-you-go contract with no cost to sign. The grader is due for a 2000 hour service and the contract would result in a potential savings of \$400.00. Most of this type of service is beyond the capabilities of the town staff. Motion by Fredericks, second by Elkins to enter into the service contract with Fabick. **CARRIED.**

LAND PURCHASE: The seller (bank) has informally said the lowest price they would accept for the property at 52640 Front Ave. is \$16,000. The board will stay with its \$12,000 offer.

WEDC GRANT FOR MILL SITE: The town would need to be a partner in the project for Shawn Miller to apply for a WEDC grant for mill site cleanup.

Motion by Elkins, second by Fredericks to draft a letter of support to be included with Miller's WEDC application. **CARRIED.**

DRUMMOND REC MAPS: The last of the old Drummond recreation maps were recently handed out. Tuttle contacted the printer to request a quote on designing and printing a new batch. Once the quote is received, the board will look into space for advertisers and set rates.

BILLS: Motion by Elkins, second by Fredericks to approve checks #38024 through #38086 including e-pays for payment of bills. **CARRIED.**

FUTURE PROJECTS/AGENDA ITEMS:

- The board briefly discussed future highway/firehall building options including clearspan buildings.
- John Simonson is beginning work on the town website. The board will need to look at the new design and provide feedback.

2016 BUDGET: The board worked on the 2016 budget.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The board will meet on November 16, 2015 to finalize the budget. The Budget Hearing will be scheduled for December 9, 2015 at 6:30 in the Civic Center. The town board meeting will immediately follow.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.