

# TOWN OF DRUMMOND

Bayfield County  
Drummond, Wisconsin 54832



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**MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING:** February 8, 2017.

**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; Mark Jerome, Road Foreman.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Elkins, second by Fredericks to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 town board meeting. **CARRIED.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Gehr reported the following balances are in town accounts: Checking \$286,349.49, savings \$27,883.56, Tax savings \$240,628.60, and LGIP \$175,072.37.

**CHAIRMAN REPORT:** Bloom made a formal complaint to Bayfield County Supervisor Brett Rondeau regarding the poor service of the County Zoning Dept. Bloom also inquired about the UDC inspector. Bud Rubek is unable to provide service and Alder Engineering is now the designated UDC inspector for Drummond.

**LIBRARY REPORT:** Fredericks reported the library will be replacing carpet with ceramic tiles in the area where the computers are located. The chairs are ruining the carpet and tile will be much more durable. Library donations will be used to pay for the new flooring. A star party will also be held at the library on March 24<sup>th</sup> in the evening.

**ROAD REPORT:** Jerome reported several items:

- Salt/sand was received.
- There was damage to the plow on the loader. It will not need to be repaired, but was substantial enough to be addressed.

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

**ZONING REQUEST:** John Bergeman requested approval to build a residence on property zoned Foresty-1. The Comp. Plan Commission did review the request and said it did comply. Motion by Fredericks, second by Elkins to approve the Bergeman zoning request. **CARRIED.**

**BUILDING BIDS:** Six bids were received for the construction of the new building. The board agreed to use alternate bid No. 1 which would replace fiberglass insulation for the closed cell spray foam. The engineer recommended the town forego concrete testing which would be a \$1500.00 savings. Motion by Elkins, second by Fredericks to accept the Arnie Mackey Construction, Inc. bid, Alternate No. 1 and less the concrete testing for \$422,157.00. **CARRIED.**

**BUILDING FINANCING:** The board discussed options for paying for the new construction. The final agreement was the following:

Fire Protection Fund	\$210,000.00
Highway Building Fund	\$41,157.00
Failed Lake Project	\$20,000.00
<u>Finance</u>	<u>\$150,000.00</u>
	<b>\$422,157.00</b>

The failed lake project was the project to dredge the swimming beach and boat ramp. This was stalled due to the area being considered “historic” and therefore creating the unlikelihood of a permit being issued.

In order to proceed with securing financing a resolution needed to be passed and signed. Motion by Fredericks, second by Elkins to approve the financing resolution to borrow \$150,000.00 principle for a term of 5 years with the payments being made from general tax levy. **CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE** – Bloom –yes; Elkins – yes; Fredericks – yes.

**CEMETERY OWNERSHIP:** Tuttle had a title company look into the questionable ownership around the cemetery. Documents do prove the Town does own the land immediately east and south of the cemetery lot and that expansion would be possible.

**DRUMMOND LAKE PROJECTS:** The dredging project that was planned will not happen due to the area being considered “historic” by the State. There is very little chance of getting a permit. The board will pull the permit application so the fee will be refunded. Fredericks will resubmit an application to do maintenance on the boat ramp. There is the possibility of stocking the lake with walleye, as per the DNR. Stocking rates would be about 990 fish at a cost of \$2.00/fish. This is an item that will be discussed for the 2018 budget. The board also discussed developing a hiking trail along the lake. The board will continue to look into making this happen, possibly through volunteer labor.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** In continuing discussions of how to promote the Town, the board discussed the possibility of a fishing contest and will look more into the details of holding such. They also discussed starting up a community picnic to take the place of the old fireman’s picnic, just to build community. The board would also like to talk with Shawn Miller regarding his intentions for the mill site.

**BILLS:** Motion by Elkins, second by Fredericks to approve checks #40385 through #40447 including e-pays for payment of bills. **CARRIED.**

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next regular town board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Civic Center.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.