

Special Town Board Meeting of October 4, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm., by Supervisor Rasmussen who noted that this meeting was held at the Town Hall in Sayner on Monday, October 4th, 2021. The meeting was duly called with notice posted at the Town Hall in Sayner, the Sayner U.S. Post Office, and the Star Lake U.S. Post Office and notice given to the Vilas County News-Review, The Lakeland Times, WRJ0 and WERL, as well as posted on the Town Website. Attending Via phone - Supervisor Schmidt, Supervisor Rasmussen and Clerk Brooker were present.

Quote from Collins Excavating for Star Lake Cemetery Work:

Supervisor Rasmussen opened the meeting and asked Supervisor Schmidt if he had a chance to go over the proposal from Collins Excavating about the Star Lake Cemetery site work. Supervisor Schmidt said he had and made a motion to approve hiring Collins to get the work done for the sum of \$6,000, with work to be completed yet this fall. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried. Clerk is to call Collins Excavating to find out when the work will be done and let him know not to put topsoil on the proposed road and turn around area.

Bid from Collins Excavating:

Haul Away Brush/Stumps
8-10 Loads of topsoil
Seed and Straw
Total Cost: \$6000.00

Meeting was adjourned at 4:08 pm.

A voice recording of this meeting is available in the Town Office.

These minutes were taken at the Special Town Board Meeting held on the 4th day of October 2021 and were entered in the Record Book by:

Regular Town Board Meeting of October 12, 2021

Meeting was held at the Town Hall in Sayner. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman Maines. The Chairman noted that this Regular Meeting of the Town of Plum Lake Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021. The meeting was duly called with notice posted at the Town Hall in Sayner, the US Sayner Post Office, US Star Lake Post Office, and notice given to the Vilas County News-Review, The Lakeland Times, WRJO and WERL, as well as posted on the Town Website. Supervisor Schmidt, via phone, Supervisor Rasmussen, Clerk Brooker and 7 other people were present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Approve Agenda to be Discussed in any Order:

Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to approve discussing the agenda in any order, Supervisor Schmidt seconded; motion carried.

Citizens Comments & Correspondence:

Alex Reichel asked that the Board discuss the possibility of being able to put a raised head stone on the lots he had purchased in the new area of the cemetery, stating that a precedence had been set as someone already had put a raised memorial in the new area next to his lots. Chairman Maines said it can be put on a future agenda.

Jona Eliason asked the Board to look into putting a stop sign at the corner by the shed close to the little easement road on Carl Eliason Street. She feels the stop sign is needed because people go too fast through there. Chairman Maines said the Board could take no action today but would address it in the future.

Delores Zellner thanked the Board for having the debris pile removed from the cemetery. She also asked about the criteria followed when hiring new employees. Chairman Maines explained the process to her and assured her that the Town followed it when hiring employees.

Approve Minutes from Past Meeting(s):

Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes from the past meetings of 9/14, 9/16 and 10/4. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Setting Date for Budget Hearing Meetings:

Clerk Brooker gave the deadline of October 26th for the budget business to be finished. After discussion, Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve November 23rd as the date for the final budget hearing meeting, Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried. The Clerk noted that this particular meeting usually starts at 6:00 pm.

Buying Back 6 Plots in Star Lake Cemetery:

Clerk Brooker said Fred Marsh, who wants to sell some family cemetery lots back to the town has a lot of siblings and she wasn't sure that he was legally authorized by the estate to sell these lots. Supervisor Schmidt said he would be uncomfortable taking any action on this tonight. The Chairman said that the Clerk needs to get from the seller a written letter or document showing a court order that he is legally authorized sell the cemetery plots.

Possibly Changing Banks:

The Chairman informed the Board that the representative from The Incredible Bank he had lined up to be at the meeting to give the Board their banks proposal was in quarantine and would therefore need to be scheduled at a later date. It was noted that they should get more than one bank to come to the meeting. Clerk Brooker said that the new checks she had gotten had only one line for signatures, and that the bank had told her they don't look for the second signature. Per statutes, the two signatures were necessary for the checks. The clerk/treasurer cannot sign for both positions. This item was tabled until they can get representatives from banks to give them their proposals

Loan for New Service Truck:

After discussion on being able to meet time constraints for getting the loan, there was too much that the Board was unclear about, and Supervisor Schmidt said he would have more information by Monday's meeting on October 18th after he a chance to call some people. The Chairman Maines tabled the agenda until the meeting on Monday.

Advertising for Requests for Proposals for Demolition of Three Buildings (Current Town Garage and Two Old Buildings at Recycling Center):

The Chairman asked for discussion on the RFPs. Supervisor Rasmussen suggested that the word "complete" should be added to the wording for any bidders wishing to get additional information from the

Proposals received for Repairing the Tennis Courts:

Two bids were received to repair the tennis courts, from Pitlik & Wick and Pro Track Tennis. Both said they would not be able to complete the project this year, and both had comparable extra options. Options were standard two-colored court, additional crack filling and replacing nets and posts. Pitlik's total with all options was \$33,900 and Pro Tracks was \$29,775. Chairman Maines noted that Pitlik was putting two coats on where the other only one coat. Supervisor Schmidt noted that Pro Tracks offered a warranty and listed leveling the court and that Pitlik did not talk about leveling or a warranty. Both Supervisor Rasmussen and Supervisor Schmidt said they thought Pitlik's bid was not as thorough as Pro Tracks and liked that Pro Track would extend the warranty another 5 years if they were called back in 5 years to recoat. The Board also liked the fact that tennis courts was Pro Tracks main business. After discussion Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to accept the RFP from Pro Track to do the tennis court resurfacing project including all the options and being contingent upon them holding their bid until Spring. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

DOT Certification Maps:

After discussion, Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to approve the DOT Certification maps for the year. Supervisor Schmidt seconded; motion carried. Note: Supervisor Schmidt said that down the line he would like to look into how far the road goes into the property where the new Town Shop is.

Possibly Increasing Prices for Cemetery Lots and Creating Cremation Sized Plots:

Chairman Maines suggested that a cemetery committee be formed to perform a thorough study of current regulations and potential future ones, such as allowing above ground monuments. He would like the committee to come back to the Board with their recommendations. The Chairman said he had called some cemeteries and most of them allow above ground monuments. He suggested a committee of at least 4 to 5 people with 2 of the committee members being Jim Mortag and a Board member. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to table the agenda for now, Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Hiring Surveyor for New Section of Star Lake Cemetery:

During discussion Supervisor Schmidt mentioned that he thought they should get the Collins and Pitlik projects done at the Star Lake Cemetery before they move on to the surveying portion of the project. Greg Maines thought an estimate for the surveying would be less than \$5,000. After further discussion, Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to table this item until the November meeting, Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Paving New Road to Bottom of New Section of Star Lake Cemetery:

Supervisor Schmidt said that he talked with Brian Pitlik who said he would coordinate with Collins so Pitlik could get the preliminary gravel work done this fall, which would also include getting rid of roots and redoing some of the paving at the top of the hill. Black topping may not get done this fall. Supervisor Schmidt described the lay out of the new 12-foot paved road which will include a parking area at the bottom with room for a Hearse and a couple cars. Clerk Brooker will contact Brian and ask him if he could get a quote for the job to her by the meeting on Monday, October 18. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to table this item until Monday, Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Approval of Clean Boats, Clean Waters Grant for 2022:

Chairman Maines noted that the total cost of the CBCW project was \$31,946.10. The DNR request amount was \$23,959.58 and the local share was \$7,986.52. The Chairman felt that the Town had one of the best programs in the state and noted the lakes covered by this program were Irving, Laura, Star, Razorback and 2 landings on Plum, State House Point and the Public Pier. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve the grant application, Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Fishsticks Agreement with Vilas County Land & Water Grant for 2022:

During a brief discussion it was noted that "Fishsticks" is basically putting a special kind of tree in the water to improve habitat for the fish. Reimbursement would not exceed \$3,000. Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to approve the Fishsticks Agreement for 2022, Chairman Maines seconded; motion carried.

Approving Cemetery Deed for Carol Miller:

Carol Miller would like to purchase Lot 126, Site A for her dad. Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to approve the sale in the cemetery in Sayner. Supervisor Schmidt seconded; motion carried.

Hiring Nate Lofy as Part-Time Plow Driver:

Nate Lofy had picked up an application but had yet to return it. Clerk Brooker asked Chairman Maines to read the job description of the part-time plower as a reference for whoever gets the job. The areas to be plowed are the Post Office, Plum Lake Library, EMS Building, Fire Department, Town Hall and Cemetery.

VILAS COUNTY LRIP PROGRAM

October 13, 2021 4:30 p.m.

Meeting minutes:

Present: Troy Schalinske–Vilas County Highway Commissioner, Frank Bauers-Town of Arbor Vitae, Michael Gough-Town of Cloverland, John Barnekow-Town of Conover, Matt Gaulke-Town of Lac Du Flambeau, Dan Balog-Town of Land O' Lakes, Brian Uttech-Town of Lincoln, Bob Becker-Town of Manitowish Waters, Steve Doyen-Town of Phelps, Will Maines and Sharon Brooker-Town of Plum Lake, Lorine Walters-Town of Presque Isle, Jim Egan and Keith Numrich-Town of Washington, Joe Discianno-Town of Winchester and Robin Ginner-City of Eagle River Administrator.

Absent: Town of Boulder Junction and Town of St. Germain were not represented.

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Troy Schalinske. This meeting was in the Commissioner's office at the Vilas County Highway Department. Welcome and Introductions: Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Schalinske explained the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) is a Town program. The County administers the program however, the Town's meet, discuss, and make the decisions on how the program will operate within this County. Schalinske reviewed the program details and explained the new procedures for accessing LRIPWeb through the new WisDOT Transportation Assistance System (TAS). All current and new LRIPWeb users must complete a one-time registration to log-in to TAS and access LRIPWeb.

Schalinske stated the funding is for the 2022-2023 fiscal years. The allocated funding for Vilas County is \$179,151.32. The program only allows 50% of the Towns within a County to receive funding. In Vilas County that would be seven (7) Towns which calculates out to approximately \$25,593.04 each with one (1) Town receiving \$25,593.08 (.04 cents more). To be eligible you must have a road project with a cost twice the amount awarded because it is a 50/50 cost share.

Schalinske also explained the TRID program and encouraged Towns with bigger project costs (in excess of \$100,000) to apply for this funding. Do not hesitate to apply, you never know.

Schalinske explained the next step is to select a 5-person panel of Town representatives that are NOT receiving funding in this fiscal year. Frank Bauers (Arbor Vitae) was elected Chairman and Brian Cooper (St Germain), Joe Discianno (Winchester), Matt Gaulke (Lac du Flambeau) and Dennis Reuss (Boulder Junction) volunteered to fill the 5-person panel.

Motion by Steve Doyen, second by Frank Bauers to leave the program as a 7/7 cycle and dividing the allocated funds amongst the seven (7) townships. All voting aye. Motion carried.

The panel set a due date for applications to be submitted to the County on November 9, 2021. Schalinske stated he would need about a week to review the applications and he would contact the Towns if there is any missing information. A meeting was scheduled for November 16, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Arbor Vitae Town Hall for the 5 panel members to review the applications and make recommendation to the County to process.

Motion by Matt Gaulke, second by Bauers to adjourn meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Ray, Secretary
ss dictated by Troy Schalinske

Special Town Board Meeting of November 1, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Maines who noted that this meeting was held at the Town Hall in Sayner on Monday, November 1st, 2021. The meeting was duly called with notice posted at the Town Hall in Sayner, the Sayner U.S. Post Office, and the Star Lake U.S. Post Office and notice given to the Vilas County News-Review, The Lakeland Times, WRJ0 and WERL, as well as posted on the Town Website. Supervisor Schmidt, Supervisor Rasmussen, Clerk Brooker and 4 other people were present.

Possibly Signing an Offer to Purchase Contract for the Alexander Property in Sayner:

The Chairman asked if everyone had read the offer to purchase contract created by Greg Harrold. Supervisor Schmidt added a short explanation saying that the attorney had put together an offer to purchase the property contingent upon the Electors approval. He noted that the Town Boards vision was to divide the property into a retail area along Froelich Drive. Supervisor Schmidt then made a motion to approve the Alexander purchase. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried. This offer for \$206,677.00 is contingent upon the approval of the Electors and also the approval of the Alexander Foundation Board. If the Electors approve the purchase and the Alexander Foundation Board does not, then the deal over. This offer to purchase will assure that the Town gets first dibs on the parcel.

Possibly Hiring Additional Employee for Buildings & Grounds:

During discussion the Board talked about whether the employee should be part time or full time. Clerk Brooker made it clear that Al was not interested in doing any more than the cleaning and recycling that he is doing now. Supervisor Schmidt thought that the person they hired to do the buildings and grounds could possibly also be the summer brusher and mower and the part time plower in the winter, thinking that perhaps that would warrant having another year-round employee. This person could also take back the recycling job. The savings from these positions could be put toward the new employee to reduce the cost of that employee. Chairman Maines requested that the item be tabled until the November meeting, suggesting that they all think about what the best thing would be to do and bring their ideas to the next meeting. Clerk Brooker to put it on November's agenda.

Possible Change Order to Build Shelter Over Generator at New Garage:

The Chairman noted that a shelter over the generator is a necessity and asked that the Board look over the design and cost. Supervisor Rasmussen explained that the generator is on the west side of the new Town Garage by the septic area and was 10 feet from the roof line. Supervisor Rasmussen said any snow or ice coming off the roof would land right on the generator. Kevin brought it to Kurt (Baird from Hassinger's) attention, who suggested they use ice grabbers. Supervisor Rasmussen was totally against the ice grabbers saying they would end up with the same problems they had at the Fire Station. Supervisor Schmidt asked how much money was left in the contingency fund. It was noted that there was \$30,000 left in the fund. Saying that there was more than enough money, Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve building the shelter over the generator for the cost of \$3,273 and take it out of the contingency line. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

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These minutes were taken at the Special Town Board Meeting held on the 1st day of November 2021 and were entered in the Record Book by:

Special Town Board Meeting of November 3, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Maines who noted that this meeting was held at the Town Hall in Sayner on Monday, November 3rd, 2021. The meeting was duly called with notice posted at the Town Hall in Sayner, the Sayner U.S. Post Office, and the Star Lake U.S. Post Office and notice given to the Vilas County News-Review, The Lakeland Times, WRJ0 and WERL, as well as posted on the Town Website. Supervisor Rasmussen, Clerk Brooker and 1 guest were present.

Proposals Received for Demolition of Town Buildings:

The Chairman opened the meeting. Steve Jamroz attended via phone to answer any questions the Board would have. Supervisor Rasmussen asked the Clerk if Minocqua Grading bid was per the RFP and if they came in to pick up the bid specs. The Clerk said yes that Minocqua Grading did both. Supervisor Rasmussen also asked Steve about it and Steve said as long as the company was following Section 02-4100 of the Project Manuel, they should be good. Steve also mentioned that if the Board thought the prices were a little high, they might want to rebid them again in Spring. The Board noted that they felt the buildings at the recycling center needed to come down to be out of the way when plowing season starts and the need to get in to the Sand Salt Shed became necessary. Steve also confirmed that it was up to the Town to file for the demo permits for the 3 buildings. Supervisor Rasmussen had a lot of knowledge on how the permitting process worked, having dealt with them before for the Fire Department. He explained the process and the steps involved with different inspectors that needed to sign off on their inspections before the process could move forward. A 10-day waiting period is also part of the process.

Proposals:

Minocqua Grading Company, LLC
J.H. Hassinger

Demo of Town Garage

\$48,900.00
\$60,598,00

Proposals:

Minocqua Grading Company, LLC
J.H.Hassinger

Demo of Sand/Salt Shed & Storage Building

\$ 9,500.00
\$16,204.00

Totals of all 3 Buildings:

Minocqua Grading Company, LLC ---\$58,400

J.H. Hassinger ---\$72,961,00 Note: If they were awarded all 3 buildings, they were giving the Town a discount.

It was noted that the above prices did not include any cost or fees involved with the cleanup and removal of any toxic materials, such as asbestos. The Town would be responsible for those costs. Chairman Maines stated that since the Clerk had gotten a good reference from the Town of Minocqua, concerning Minocqua Grading Company's quality of work, and that Steve felt as long as they were following Section 02-4100, they were covered and that they had come in with the lowest bid, he was inclined to go with Minocqua Grading Company. Supervisor Rasmussen asked if Chairman Maines wanted to accept both of their bids and the Chairman said yes. The Board also decided to give Minocqua Grading a call to see if he would just do the two buildings at the Recycling Center this Fall and do the Town Garage in the Spring. Larry said he would be able to do that. Supervisor Rasmussen then made a motion to accept both proposals, for the building at 8755 Lake St. and the buildings at 8921 Glen Brook Lane, with the price of \$9500 for the Glen Brook Lane buildings and a price of \$48,900 for the building at 8755 Lake St. Chairman Maines seconded; motion carried. Clerk to call Larry and tell him his proposal was accepted by the Town Board. Clerk Brooker is to file for demolition permits, for the 2 buildings at the Recycling Center. Supervisor Rasmussen assured the Clerk that when she files for the permits, she will receive a packet from Vilas County outlining the steps and a list of contacts.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

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These minutes were taken at the Special Town Board Meeting held on the 3rd day of November 2021 and were entered in the Record Book by:

Special Town Board Meeting of November 12, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am., by Chairman Maines who noted that this meeting was held at the Town Hall in Sayner on Friday, November 12th, 2021. The meeting was duly called with notice posted at the Town Hall in Sayner, the Sayner U.S. Post Office, and the Star Lake U.S. Post Office and notice given to the Vilas County News-Review, The Lakeland Times, WRJ0 and WERL, as well as posted on the Town Website. Supervisor Rasmussen, Clerk Brooker and 23 others were present.

Response to Request Received by Vilas County to Open County Roads in the Town of Plum Lake to ATV/UTV's:

The Chairman opened the meeting. Since Supervisor Schmidt could not be present at the meeting due to travel, Chairman Maines read the email that Supervisor Schmidt had sent to the office which outlined his views on the ATV/UTV agenda item. Supervisor Schmidt stated that he was bothered by the fact that the County Board would open roads that a Town did not request to be opened. He reminded people the previous agreement was that roads to the Town would not be opened if the Town was against it. He went on to say he firmly believes the original deal is the proper way to address road openings to ATV's. He noted that they were waiting on approval from the DNR for a route the Town had already approved for a trial period to see how things went and if that went well, they would consider more access points to the Town of Plum Lake. Supervisor Schmidt ended by stating he felt it was up to the individual townships to be making these decisions.

Chairman Maines continued the discussion by sharing the results of a survey of around 1000 people in 2015. The survey results with 734 responses were 69% against and 31% for allowing ATV's. He further broke it down by ("Voters" - 65% against and 35% for); ("Trust owners" - 92% against and 8% for); ("Nonresident property owners"- 67% against and 33% for). The Board voted not to open the roads to ATVs at that time. In 2020 the Board had worked on a trail system to bring ATV traffic into town business's including Star Lake. The DNR was not able to approve the trail system developed due to Covid. So far this year DNR has yet to go out and check over the route. The Board can't move forward without their approval. The Chairman said that now the County allows not only towns to request road openings but now just one person can call and request road openings to ATV's and the County is obligated to review each request. The Chairman noted that the County will be looking at this issue on 11/16/21 at 9 am and said the Town Board will be presenting their thoughts at that meeting. The Chairman said he stands with Supervisor Schmidt saying that the decision should be up to the Town Boards whether or not any roads in their township should be opened.

Supervisor Rasmussen stated that he was also in agreement with Supervisor Schmidt's statement. He shared that he had gotten calls and emails on the subject and those contacts were all against opening the county roads to UTV traffic. He feels in order to simplify things, they should use Supervisor Schmidt's statement at the County meeting as it states their stance in a limited amount of words. The Chairman noted that if the County does pass this, the Town would have other options, such as they can decide not to open any town roads which would not help the businesses in town. He had found out from the DOT that the town has authority to approve opening Hwy 155 over the state and the county, and the Town could deny approval to open it. Chairman Maines said the stance of the Board was to push the DNR to move on the trail system the Board already had approved to help out businesses in town and that he was not willing to have the county roads opened up at this time. Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion that Gary's statement be used by Chairman Maines' at the County Board meeting on Tuesday the 16th as the Boards stance and opposition to opening all the county roads in the Town of Plum Lake to ATV/UTV usage. Chairman Maines seconded; motion carried.

Citizens Comments:

Jessica Drallmeier, President of the Sayner/Star Lake Chamber, said she was pro ATV/UTV and feels frustrated that the Town is hurting business's from reaching their full potential by not allowing the recreational traffic into the town. She noted that Errington's in Star Lake had to turn away a group of 22 due to no trails for ATV/UTV vehicles.

Dennis Horan, from the Sayner Barnstormers said he has been working on trying to get a trail system open since 2014. He noted that the DNR has been hard to work with and has no funding available. He currently is trying to get grant funding. He said he was also speaking for the local business's in saying there would be added revenue for them all if the trail system would be allowed to come into town and that there is a demand from the tourism industry for a trail system in the area.

Wayne Ax asked Denny if there was any value in bombarding the DNR to get them moving. Denny said he thought it would help and that he would share the contact information for the DNR to those who requested it.

Sheehan Donoghue asked if the County Board had already voted on the ordinance 26. Clerk Brooker answered yes. Sheehan explained that the Vilas County Law Enforcement had asked for a simplified ordinance document just pertaining to ATV/UTV vehicles so it would be easier for them to understand. She noted that they are living documents and can be amended. Holly Tomlonavich, a member of the county board who represents the town of Washington, stated that she had gotten involved with the issue because she chairs the Forestry Rec and Land Committee and ended up turning it over to the Highway Department after speaking with 3 different attorneys who said the issue belonged in the Highway Department. Sheehan Donoghue also had questions on the format to be followed at the meeting on Tuesday and what committees would be involved. The Chairman said the only thing he had gotten was that Troy was requesting that the Plum Lake Town Board be present at the meeting, Sheehan then recommended that the Chairman contact Willie Otterpohl, who is the Chairman of the Vilas County Highway Committee, for more information. Holly Tomlonavich was able to give a clearer picture of the steps that would be taken. She stated that on Tuesday the Vilas County Highway Committee will meet. There are 5 members and they will discuss this option of opening county highways in the municipalities They will make a motion, with a second, vote on it, majority in favor will move it forward to the full County Board in the form of a resolution. The full County Board will then vote on it. Holly explained it further after Sheehan still had questions saying that a resolution will be drawn up by the Highway Dept. and it will be presented to be part of the agenda for the next full Vilas County Board Meeting. That meeting will not happen until the 3rd Tuesday in January 2022. It will be presented then as a motion and 2nd and discussed and lastly a vote. Noted was input during this meeting is at the pleasure of the County Board Chairman. Sheehan stated that she is opposed to allowing ATV/UTV's on town and county roads and has spoken with others who are also deeply opposed. She feels that the towns people also support the business people, the EMT and Fire Departments, plus help in keeping AIS from invading our lakes. Sheehan hoped that the Town Board would vote in keeping with the desire of the majority of the property owners in the Town of Plum Lake. The Chairman thanked the people for being civil while discussing things. Supervisor Rasmussen stated that he wanted to take time to digest what's going on and noted that the Board has been trying to work with both sides.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 am.

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Special Town Board Meeting of November 15, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am., by Chairman Maines who noted that this meeting was held at the Town Hall in Sayner on Monday, November 15th, 2021. The meeting was duly called with notice posted at the Town Hall in Sayner, the Sayner U.S. Post Office, and the Star Lake U.S. Post Office and notice given to the Vilas County News-Review, The Lakeland Times, WRJ0 and WERL, as well as posted on the Town Website. Supervisor Rasmussen, Clerk Brooker and 3 others were present.

Citizens Comments:

Sheehan Donoghue shared that she had talked with Walt Koskinen and Lynn Schofield and after discussion, she said she was now in favor of the Town purchasing the land. She said she would also like to be on the planning committee to put together a plan on how the Town could best utilize the land. She asked about funding it and the Chairman said it was already set up with the Headwaters Bank in Land O' Lakes with an interest rate of 2.75%.

Supervisor Rasmussen asked if there was a plan for usage of the property and thought it would be a good idea to have one ready for the annual meeting. The Chairman said he didn't want to get ahead of things. He suggested waiting on those decisions until after they had purchased the land. He did share other ideas that had been suggested, such as senior housing, bike parking and trails.

Bob Klager asked if the Town was purchasing the land just to prevent others from buying it. The Chairman said no that there were real ideas on what to do with it.

Response to Counteroffer for Purchase of Alexander Property:

The Chairman read the covenant that was attached to the offer that would apply to and protect the northern most 50 -foot strip running parallel to County Road N. Only dead, dying, or diseased trees considered hazardous by an arborist shall be allowed to be removed along with dead and downed trees to reduce the risk of forest fires. The cutting of other trees and underbrush within the greenspace would be prohibited. No future improvements which would include construction of driveways, structures, landscaping or direct driveway or road access to county highway N permitted on or through the green space. This covenant shall be recorded and run-in perpetuity with the subject property.

The Chairman asked for the Board's thoughts. Supervisor Schmidt felt that there should be a reduction in the price due to the 50-foot piece cut off the property. He also felt that as far as selling the lots for retail, the lack of exposure made it less desirable. He felt that there might be added expense to the town to put in an access road. He also stated he does not like the restrictions as they were hamstringing the value of the property. Supervisor Schmidt was also in favor of possibly putting in senior housing and possibly a small subdivision. Chairman Maines said that there would be good access on Froelich Drive and Whispering Pines Road. He also shared that the town's attorney thought the covenant devalued the property and that they should possibly ask for a reduction in price. During discussion they agreed that to counter with a lower price would likely not be accepted by the seller. Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to accept the counteroffer as stated with the covenant and let the town electors make the decision at the Budget Hearing meeting on November 23rd. Chairman Maines seconded.

Vote: Supervisor Rasmussen, aye, Chairman Maines, aye, Supervisor Schmidt nay. Vote carried 2 to 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

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Vilas County Highway Department

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VILAS COUNTY LRIP PROGRAM November 16, 2021 2:00 p.m.

Meeting minutes:

Committee members present: Frank Bauers, Chairman – Town of Arbor Vitae, Joseph Discianno – Town of Winchester, Matt Gaulke – Town of Lac du Flambeau, and Thomas Stoltman – Town of St. Germain (stepping in for Brian Cooper). Members Absent – Brian Cooper – Town of St. Germain and Dennis Reuss – Town of Boulder Junction.

Others present: Troy Schalinske – Vilas County Highway Commissioner, Kathy Ray – Vilas County Highway Department, Dick Stoegbauer – Town of Lincoln, and Will Maines-Town of Plum Lake.

Frank Bauers, called this meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. This meeting was held at the Arbor Vitae Town Hall at 10675 Big Arbor Vitae Drive, Arbor Vitae, WI 54568. Frank called for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2021 meeting. Motion by Gaulke, second by Discianno to approved the minutes as submitted.

Review, discuss, approve and select TRI applications for the 2022-2023 program cycle - The committee reviewed the following TRI applications for 2022-2023 cycle;

Town of Cloverland	- Zeman Road
Town of Conover	- Rush Road
Town of Land O' Lakes	- Little Portage Lake Road
Town of Lincoln	- Pine Lane
Town of Phelps	- Grosser Lane
Town of Plum Lake	- Golf Course Road
Town of Washington	- East Anvil Lake Road

Schalinske stated he has reviewed the applications and they all meet the criteria. With your approval today they are ready to submit to WisDOT.

Motion by Joe Discianno, second by Matt Gaulke, to approve the applications and forward on to WisDOT. All voting aye, motion carried.

Review, discuss, approve and rank TRID applications - Schalinske stated the following five (5) TRID applications were received. They have been reviewed and all meet the necessary criteria. Schalinske stated the committee needs to review and rank the applications prior to submitting to WisDOT.

VILAS COUNTY LRIP PROGRAM

November 16, 2021

Meeting minutes cont.

Town of Cloverland	- Zeman Road
Town of Conover	- East Hunter Lake Road
Town of Conover	- East Buckatabon Road
Town of Phelps	- Grosser Lane
Town of Plum Lake	- Golf Course Road

Frank Bauers asked Will Maines if he would like to speak on behalf of the Town of Plum Lake submittal for Gold Course Road. Will stated this road has a PASER rating of 2 and is heavily used by the golf course business and also residents who live on this road.

Motion by Thomas Stoltman, second by Matt Gaulke, to approve and rank the TRID applications as follows and forward on to WisDot. All voting aye. Motion carried.

- Ranked No. 1 – Town of Plum Lake-Golf Course Road
- Ranked No. 2 – Town of Conover-East Hunter Lake Road
- Ranked No. 3 – Town of Phelps-Grosser Lane
- Ranked No. 4 – Town of Conover-East Buckatabon Road
- Ranked No. 5 – Town of Cloverland-Zeman Road

Review, discuss, and approve MSILT application – City of Eagle River – Schalinske stated this is the Municipal part of the program. The City of Eagle River will be submitting an application for Red Fox Lane and because this is the only municipality in Vilas County this board can acknowledge and approve the application for funding.

Motion by Frank Bauers, second by Joe Discianno, to acknowledge the City of Eagle River is the only municipality in Vilas County and approve the MSILT application for Red Fox Lane for funding and forward on to WisDot. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Ray, Secretary

Special Town Board Meeting of December 8, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am., by Chairman Maines who noted that this meeting was held at the Town Hall in Sayner on Wednesday, December 8th, 2021. The meeting was duly called with notice posted at the Town Hall in Sayner, the Sayner U.S. Post Office, and the Star Lake U.S. Post Office and notice given to the Vilas County News-Review, The Lakeland Times, WRJ0 and WERL, as well as posted on the Town Website. Supervisor Rasmussen, Clerk Brooker, Supervisor Schmidt via phone, and guests were present.

Citizens Comments:

No citizens comment.

Interviews with Bank Representatives – Peoples State Bank and Incredible Bank:

Leah, one of the Incredible Bank representatives gave the Board their presentation first and answered any questions that the Board members had. A lot of different areas were covered including banking fees. The Clerk had a lot of questions for them which covered account structures, tax collection, Payroll accounts, Now account, how the FDIC insurance worked, The ICS program, a remote deposit capture machine. It was noted that you would need to maintain checks for 90 days and after that you could shred them. Business credit card was an available option. Clerk said they would only need one card issued. It was recommended using a credit card over paper checks when able to reduce the potential for fraud. Incredible Bank also offered Fraud Protection. Supervisor Schmidt mentioned he liked the idea of the Fraud Bundle. Next up were Cory and Gail from Peoples State Bank. Gail started out by saying their bank was very similarly structured as Incredible Bank and said she would recommend that the Town go with their Public Fund accounts saying that there were no service charges and unlimited transactions and also paid interest. They too offered the ICS sweep program, online banking, and would help with transitioning the payroll account over to their bank and would be able to help if the payroll got messed up. Gail mentioned they do a yearly risk review and said that fraud was a growing concern due to the remote deposits being used. She highly recommended that the Town should get fraud protection as a business only has 24 hours to dispute a debit, whereas a regular consumer has 60 days to dispute a transaction. She mentioned that they do have a temporary machine which they could install for remote deposits over tax paying time. They too offer a Community Card from Elan. She mentioned how there was a group email that would go out to a support team from the bank that covered the different areas of banking if a customer needs help. Like Incredible Bank, they too are community oriented. The Board gave equal time to each bank and told them that the Board will be going over the programs and will notify each bank of their decision of whom they will be going with. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to table agenda #8 until the next meeting. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Hiring New Full-Time Employee for Buildings and Grounds:

Supervisor Schmidt said he was in favor of hiring a full-time employee for grounds and buildings. Supervisor Rasmussen asked if there was enough money in the budget. The Clerk said by eliminating the part-time, recycling attendant, the part-time plower, the cemetery sexton, and Ned's job that would give them around \$17,000 to start and said more could come from the highway line. Supervisor Schmidt asked the Clerk if she could ask St. Germain what they are paying their employee for a similar job. It was decided to start advertising and that applications should be in by January 26th, 2022. The Clerk to advertise twice in the Friday's edition of the Lakeland Times and also twice in the News Review. Supervisor Rasmussen said he would like to see a Public Works – Public Safety Committee developed to where they meet once a month during the day with the Public Works and a representative of Public Safety plus a Board member to work together on putting together exactly how much money from the budget has been used and to report it to the Board. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to advertise for a full-time grounds and buildings employee with applications due on January 26th, 2022. Pay based on experience. CDL preferred but not necessary. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried. Note: Clerk to put forming a Public Works & Safety Committee on December agenda.

New Fire Truck – Loan Options and Extended Warranty:

After discussion, Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to set the term for the \$800,000 loan for the Fire Truck at 15 years. Supervisor Schmidt seconded; motion carried. Supervisor Rasmussen also made a motion to accept the extended warranty on the Fire Truck for 10 years at a cost of \$1872.35. Supervisor Schmidt seconded; carried. Supervisor Rasmussen reported that he and Jeremy will be going down to inspect the new truck and will need to sign off on every line inspection. After brief discussion it was decided to revisit the road project loan in January when more information will be available.

Terms of the Loan for the Alexander Property:

After discussion, Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to take out a 5-year loan for the purchase of the Alexander Property. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried. Total loan amount to be determined yet.

Hiring Nathan Lofy as Part -Time Plow Driver:

After a brief discussion, Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to hire Nathan Lofy as the part time plow driver as long as his background check comes back clear. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried. Note: Pay Nathan the same pay rate Ned gets.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.

A voice recording of this meeting is available in the Town Office.

These minutes were taken at the Special Town Board Meeting held on the 8th day of December 2021 and were entered in the Record Book by:

Regular Town Board Meeting of December 14, 2021

Meeting was held at the Town Hall in Sayner. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman Maines. The Chairman noted that this Regular Meeting of the Town of Plum Lake Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday December 14th, 2021. The meeting was duly called with notice posted at the Town Hall in Sayner, the US Sayner Post Office, US Star Lake Post Office, and notice given to the Vilas County News-Review, The Lakeland Times, WRJO and WERL, as well as posted on the Town Website. Supervisor Schmidt, via phone, Supervisor Rasmussen, Clerk Brooker and 8 other people were also present.

Approve Agenda to be Discussed in any Order:

Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to discuss the agenda in any order. Supervisor Schmidt seconded; motion carried.

Citizens Comments & Correspondence:

Don Novak had comments about the town to citizens communications. He first addressed the new sign saying it was too much to take in for the time it takes to drive by and suggested eliminating the time and temperature saying they weren't needed. Supervisor Rasmussen said it was still a work in process to fine tune things. Don also suggested the sign would be a good place to put notices about upcoming Town Board meetings. The Clerk agreed that was a good idea. Don also had questions on how approving the minutes process worked saying that he noticed they were not up to date on the Town's website for a citizen to look at. The Clerk explained that the Board reads them first before approving them and said that she was behind on putting the minutes on the Town's website. Don said it would be nice for citizens to also be able to read the minutes before hand so that they too could have a voice if there was something they didn't agree with. Don also said it would be nice to have a sign-up area on the website to receive notices of upcoming meetings or events. The Clerk said she already had a system in place and said she would add Don to the list.

Sheehan Donoghue asked when they had stopped saying the Pledge of Allegiance at meetings. The Chairman said it had slipped his mind with so much going on. The Chairman then paused the meeting to take the time for all present to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Sheehan also asked the Chairman when the planning committee meeting was going to get scheduled. The Chairman said, right away in January. Sheehan asked that it not be scheduled for the morning of the 7th as she already had an appointment for that time.

Supervisor Rasmussen said he had been approached by some towns people asking that the Board invite their Vilas County Representatives to the January meeting so that the Board could meet them and ask them questions. He asked if that could be added to the January meeting and a letter put out to invite the Representatives. The Chairman said okay, and Sheehan suggested it be made public that they are invited and it should also be made public if they do not come to the meeting.

Supervisor Schmidt suggested to the Chairman that he call a meeting before Christmas and New Years to discuss how "holiday pay" will be addressed.

One last question was asked about the completion and move in date of the new Town Garage. Supervisor Rasmussen reported that it was all enclosed, the drywall was up, heat is on. Supervisor Schmidt said they were still waiting on an electrician to finish up and thought things might be up and running sometime in the following week.

Approve Minutes from Past Meeting(s):

Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes from the past budget, levy, and regular meetings of November 23rd 2021. Supervisor Rasmussen abstained from the vote as he did not have a chance to read the minutes yet. Chairman Maines seconded.; motion carried.

Creating a Public Works/Public Safety Committee:

Supervisor Rasmussen explained that the Fire Chief, EMS, Town Board member and Town Road Crew would be a part of the committee who would meet during the day to discuss what is in the budget for the month, what projects are completed and what projects are anticipated. The committee would then report their findings at regular town board meetings so that everyone could be well informed. Supervisor Rasmussen feels that this is a workable conduit to keep everyone informed and working from the same page. Supervisor Schmidt asked how often Kevin would want to meet. Kevin said he would like to start out at once a month. Supervisor Schmidt was on board with the idea. The Chairman asked if Kevin would be willing to head up and form the committee. Kevin said he was willing. It was decided that it would be a good idea to include a couple citizens in the committee and to get it posted on the Town Website that the Committee was looking for a couple of people interested in being a part of the committee. Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to create a Public Works/Public Safety Committee that meets during the day, starting out once a month and will report to the Town Board at regular meetings. Supervisor Schmidt seconded; motion carried.

Chairman noted that the advice he had gotten was that they would probably be foolish to switch banks. After discussion, Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to stay with Nicolet Bank and not change banks. Supervisor Schmidt seconded; motion carried.

Note: The Chairman will call Peoples State Bank and Incredible Bank to thank them for their time and proposals and let them know that the Board decided to stay with existing Bank.

Note: Clerk Brooker to call Nicolet Bank to let them know they no longer need to work on the proposal as the Board decided to stay with Nicolet.

Accepting the Lakes Management Plan, as Recommended by the Lakes Committee:

Bob Jackson reported that Phase 1 for Little Star and Plum has been approved by the DNR and that they were currently reviewing Phase 2 for Laura, Ballard, Irving, White Birch and Razorback. Bob reported that the Lakes Committee had reviewed and approved the entire plan after making comments and some changes which Tim had incorporated into the plan. Bob said that Tim felt it would be a good idea for the Town Board to also approve the plan. It was asked if a copy was available to read and it was suggested that one be put on the Town website or at least a link to where someone could go to see the Comprehensive Lakes Management Plan. It was also suggested to have a hard copy at the Library for check out. Tim also did a couple of Lake Presentations on YouTube that people can watch. After discussion, Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to accept the Lakes Management Plan from the Lakes Committee, Supervisor Schmidt seconded; motion carried. Note: Clerk Brooker to put Sam's wages for I-Lid work on January's agenda.

Paying Dues to the WTA Town Advocacy Council:

After brief discussion Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve paying dues to the WTA Town Advocacy Council annually and continue to do so as long as a member. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Note: The dues for 2022 were \$126.75. .

Hiring a Surveyor for New Section of Star Lake Cemetery:

The Chairman said that Jimmy Mortag had not heard back from the surveyor he had been in contact with and had no contact information on how to get a hold of him. It was decided to move forward with Greg Maines. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to hire Maines and Associates to survey the new section of the Star Lake Cemetery. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; the Chairman abstained from the vote due to Maines being a relative; motion carried

Selecting a Cemetery Committee:

The Chairman said Sheehan Donoghue and Mary Marsh would like to serve on the Committee and thought a notice should be put on the Towns website and the new Town sign advertising for 1 to 2 more people who would like to be on the Cemetery Committee. The Chairman said it should be 4 people max along with one Board member. The Chairman said he would like the Committee up and running in January some time with meetings on an as needed basis.

.Approve Vouchers:

The Now Account total was \$70,695.08, the Payroll Account total was \$15,484.98 for a grand total of \$86,180.06. Both Supervisor Rasmussen and Supervisor Schmidt had a question for the Clerk which she was able to answer. Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to approve paying the bills for the amount of \$86,180.06, Supervisor Schmidt seconded; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

A voice recording of this meeting is available in the Clerk's office.

These minutes were taken at the Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Plum Lake held on the 14th day of December 2021 and were entered in this Record Book by: