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Town Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 28, 2024, beginning at 5:30 pm

1. Open Meeting Verification:

The meeting was held at the Recreation Building in Sayner and was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chair Postuchow. The meeting was duly called with the notice posted at the Town Hall in Sayner, the US Sayner Post Office, and notice was given to the *Vilas County News-Review*, *The Lakeland Times*, WRJO, WERL, as well as posted on the Town of Plum Lake website.

2. Roll Call:

Chair Postuchow, Supervisor Eliason, Supervisor Rasmussen, Clerk Lechner, Kate Reichl from the *Lakeland Times*, and 17 other people were in attendance.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

4. Approve Agenda to be Discussed in any order:

Supervisor Eliason made a motion to discuss the agenda in any order. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

5. Approval of Minutes from previous meetings:

Supervisor Eliason noted that there was an error in the meeting minutes from April 23, 2024. In 7.D. about four lines down, change Hanson Lake Road to Hanson Road. With that change Supervisor Eliason made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 23, 2024, meeting. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.** Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from May 14, 2024. Chair Postuchow seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

6. Citizen Comments or Concerns:

Fifteen people spoke as being in favor, or against, ATV usage on town roads.

7. Discussion and Action on the following:

A. Operator's License Application

1. Debra Pockat:

Supervisor Eliason made a motion to approve the Operators' License Application for Debra Pocket. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

2. Bernadette Bojak:

Supervisor Eliason made a motion to approve the Operators' License Application for Bernadette Bojak. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

3. John Gulledge:

Supervisor Eliason made a motion to approve the Operators' License Application for John Gulledge. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

B. Flexible Facilities Program (FFP):

1. Overview:

A handout was provided giving an overview of this program. Chair Postuchow stated that this grant would not require any town match, and could give up to \$4.2 million, which could build a community building. Uses of this community building could include telehealth, provider visits, and computer rooms for work and educational purposes. The Town of Plum Lake does have fiber optic broadband available, but not everyone can afford the service. Supervisor Rasmussen stated that the new building would be ADA compliant, including restrooms. This would assist for voting purposes as well as meetings. Supervisor Rasmussen stated that the building would likely be similar to Boulder Junction's Community Center, but would not house the library. Chair Postuchow asked for the community to spread the word about this potential opportunity. Several community members asked questions.

2. Grant Writing:

Chair Postuchow discussed a contract with the North Central Regional Planning Commission (NCRPC) to assist in writing the grant. Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to take \$3,000 from ARPA funds to pay for grant writing services from the North Central Regional Planning Commission. Supervisor Eliason seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Schedule Workshop:

Clerk Lechner will check with Sam Wessel from NCRPC regarding availability. If possible, schedule a workshop prior to June 4, 2024, meeting.

C. Open and Review Sealed Bids for Camp 2 Road Project:

Chair Postuchow opened the two bids that were received. One bid was from Kelk Land Improvements, and the other from Pitlik and Wick. The total for the Kelk Land Improvements bid was \$177,944.90. The bid from Pitlik and Wick totaled \$134,655.25. This project is for 1.5 miles.

1. Accept Bid

Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to accept the bid from Pitlik and Wick for the Camp 2 Road Project. Supervisor Eliason seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

D. Electorate ATV/UTV (non-binding) Poll Results and Next Steps:

Chair Postuchow stated that the poll was only to see if the numbers were large enough to bring this issue forward to the board. Supervisor Rasmussen stated that he would like to see a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Barnstormers that would layout the process of requesting, implementing, maintaining, signage of approved routes, signage of non-approved routes, maintenance of the signage, and make sure it is clear what is expected. Dennis Horan from the Barnstormers stated that the Barnstormers would be willing to enter into legal documentation such as an MOU. Supervisor Eliason stated that she feels routes should be on a limited basis and allow trails to businesses, and connectivity to other trails. Chair Postuchow stated that her priority is not bringing people here but allowing residents to access other trails and to get outside of town. Supervisor Rasmussen stated that he does not agree with opening every town road for resident use. Chair Postuchow made a motion to move forward with creating a document that specifies what is going to be allowed in this town. She feels that the ladies who assisted with the poll, each is on a particular side of the topic, and they will make sure that the appropriate action is taken for their respective sides. A workshop is needed. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

8. Approval of Monthly Vouchers:

Chair Postuchow made a motion to approve payment for vouchers in the amount of \$89,233.64 with \$57,213.18 for 21810-21850 from the NOW account, and \$32,020.46 for 1290-1292 from the Payroll Account. Supervisor Eliason seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

9. Adjourn:

Chair Postuchow made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

These minutes were taken at the Town Board Meeting of the Town of Plum Lake held on the 28th day of May, 2024, and were entered in this Record Book by: K. Lechner, Clerk