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Town Board Meeting-Minutes

Wednesday, August 7, 2024, beginning at 5:30 pm

1. Open Meeting Verification:

The meeting was held at the Town Hall 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 2 Eliason-Treasurer Klager-Clerk Lechner-Interim Clerk Rosewicz, 27 residents and 1 representative from the Vilas County News-Review.

**Supervisor Rasmussen called in via phone 5:50 pm.*

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. Chair Postuchow seconded the motion. **Motion passed (2-0).**

5. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting(s):

Supervisor Eliason made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 23, 2024, Town Board Meeting with a spelling change in three (3) places in Section 6B (Sergeant). Chair Postuchow seconded the motion. **Motion passed (2-0)**

6. Discussion and Action on the following:

A. Changes and/or Approval to Ordinance 2024-003, Public Access ATV/UTV Routes and Regulations

Discussion: Supervisor Eliason stated that Norfolk Road needed to be changed to Norfolk Drive. The Board was made aware that this is a private driveway and therefore should be removed from the excluded roads list. Chair Postuchow stated that driveways/private roads will not be listed in the ordinance as no private roads will be open to ATV/UTV use. Norfolk Drive was removed from Section XI: Unapproved Roads. Blue Private Road signs will identify these roads. Public Works will compile a list of private roads in the township. Residents can contact the town office of any private roads that need to be identified as non-public roads if they would like to do so. After additional discussion pertaining to Golf Course Road in Section XI, Supervisor Eliason agreed to the ordinance as written regarding Golf Course Road.

Supervisor 1 Rasmussen joined the meeting via phone at 5:50 PM.

Supervisor Eliason moved to approve Public Road ATV/UTV Routes and Regulations Ordinance 2024-003 with the removal of Norfolk Drive. Chair Postuchow seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously. (3-0)**

Supervisor Eliason read Public Road ATV/UTV Routes and Regulations Ordinance 2024-003.

B. Changes and/or Approval to Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Barnstormers of Sayner, Inc. (d/b/a Barnstormers ATV/UTV Club)

Discussion to update the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Barnstormers to indicate a new club president. Chair Postuchow noted that signage of non-through roads will be addressed in upcoming discussion. Supervisor Rasmussen made the motion to accept the All-Terrain and Utility Terrain Vehicle Club Route Maintenance Agreement for Public Road ATV/UTV Routes and Regulations Ordinance 2024-003. Supervisor Eliason seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously. (3-0)**

Supervisor Eliason read the Memorandum of Understanding All-Terrain and Utility Terrain Vehicle Club Route Maintenance Agreement for Public Road ATV/UTV Routes and Regulations Ordinance 2024-003.

C. Changes and/or Approval to Resolution 2024-005, Resolution to Request Vilas County Roads Access for ATV/UTV Routes in the Town of Plum Lake

With no questions from the board, Supervisor Eliason read in Resolution 2024-005: Resolution to Request Vilas County Roads Access for ATV/UTV Routes in the Town of Plum Lake Supervisor Eliason made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-005: Resolution to Request Vilas County Roads Access for ATV/UTV Routes in the Town of Plum Lake. Seconded by Chair Postuchow. **Motion passed unanimously. (3-0)**

D. Changes and/or Approval to Resolution 2024-006, Resolution to Request Wisconsin Department of Transportation Highway Access for ATV/UTV Routes in the Town of Plum Lake

With no questions from the board, Resolution 2024-0006: Resolution to Request Wisconsin Department of Transportation Highway Access for ATV/UV Routes in the Town of Plum Lake was read in by Chair Postuchow. Supervisor Eliason moved to accept Resolution 2024-006. Second by Supervisor Rasmussen. **Motion passed unanimously. (3-0)**

E. Approval of Road Name, Porcupine Ridge Lane

Vilas County request for board approval to name shared road with Conover Porcupine Ridge Lane. Supervisor Eliason moved to approve the road name, seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen. Supervisor Rasmussen expressed his concern over fire and EMS services between Plum Lake and Conover. Clerk Lechner shared that Vilas County officials are aware of this issue and that they are looking into zoning it accordingly. **Motion passed unanimously. (3-0)**

F. Case Tractor

Supervisor Rasmussen stated that we should not put more money into the tractor. He would like to get more money than what was offered. Recommend that we set our price and if we cannot get it, we should take it apart to sell pieces individually (i.e. plow/mower, etc.). Suggested an auction with a reserve of \$10,000 to take bids on it with a timeline to ensure it is sold. Suggested that we also sell the Sterling Truck and Engine

3, but those vehicles will be discussed at a future meeting by placing them on an upcoming agenda.

1. Sale-Bids.
2. Method-Post on Facebook and Town Website.
3. Asking Price-\$10K with attachments.

Supervisor Eliason moved to sell case tractor with attachments with a \$10k reserve.

Second by Supervisor Rasmussen. **Motion passed unanimously. (3-0)**

G. Changes and/or Approval to Ordinance 2024-004 Alternatives to the Board of Review

Supervisor Eliason moved to approve Ordinance 2024-004: Alternates to the Board of Review. Seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen. The ordinance was read aloud by Supervisor Eliason. **Motion passed unanimously. (3-0)**

H. Changes and/or Approval to Ordinance 2024-005, Ordinance to Create 5-Member Town Board

Discussion was held. Chair Postuchow stated that a 5-person board is needed to get through the work of the town more efficiently. Having a 5-member board would prevent a full turnover of the town board. Chair Postuchow read aloud Ordinance 2024-005: Ordinance to Create 5-Member Town Board. Supervisor Eliason would like to Table this item until after the budget is reviewed in October and other significant town items are finalized (i.e. Flexible Facilities Grant etc.) Chair Postuchow did not agree on tabling this item stating that moving forward on this would be important for completing the 2025 Budget Process and allow interested parties to make decisions of running for a Town Board position. Supervisor Rasmussen suggested that this item should be brought to the electors, instead of pushing it forward and that an electors meeting can be scheduled at any time with proper notice.

Supervisor Eliason moved to table the decision on Ordinance 2024-005 and instead discuss it at an electors meeting in October. Seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen.

Motion passed (2-1). In favor: Eliason, Rasmussen Opposed: Postuchow

Supervisor Eliason moved to amend the motion. The motion now states: Table the decision on Ordinance 2024-005 and continue further discussion and any decision at the next scheduled elector meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen. **Motion passed (2-1). In favor: Eliason, Rasmussen Opposed: Postuchow**

7. Adjourn:

Chair Postuchow made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Eliason seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm. **Motion passed unanimously. (3-0)**

These minutes were taken at the Town Board Meeting of the Town of Plum Lake held on the 7th day of August 2024, and were entered in this Record Book by: J. Rosewicz, Interim Clerk