

## Regular Town Board Meeting of July 13, 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, July 13, 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, Supervisor Rasmussen, Clerk Brooker and 10 other people were present. The 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:

Chairman Maines announced that Jim Haberle, and his wife Vicky, who are the Treasurer and Secretary of the Lakes Committee and Mike Stroh, who is the Chairman of the Lakes Committee have all announced their retirement. The Chairman said that as a Town Board member he wanted to convey his appreciation to them for all their hard work on the Lakes Committee and said there would be a get together for them on Friday 7/15 for their retirement, sponsored by Doug Pinney.

Sheehan Donoghue had the following list of items she hoped the Board would respond to as they came up during the meeting.

1. Review the funding for the garage and salt/sand shed, covering how much the original bond was for, the rate, how many years, how much additional funding is needed, will it be added on to the original bond, why is it needed, etc.
2. Explain why a laptop is needed for the new garage.
3. Why was the tool storage not included in the original bid specs for the garage and how will it be funded?
4. Why are new tires for the Grader needed?
5. What is the brusher for? Is it attached to the grader and what is the Quinlan bid about?
6. Has the land been deeded to the Town for the Eliason Project and if not, how can they put out bids.
7. Who is supervising the Town Crew?

Don Novak felt that "Sayner Unincorporated" signs should be put up on Hwy N West coming into Town and on Highway K coming from the west. He also felt that the new information sign would be seen by more people if it were put up by the library and that the Smoky Bear sign should be put up by the Ambulance Barn. The Chairman said that he appreciated Don's suggestions but said they couldn't discuss it because it wasn't on the agenda, and he didn't think the Board would be changing the locations already picked out for the information and Smoky Bear signs.

Supervisor Rasmussen thanked all the volunteers who came and helped the Fire Department on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, helping them cook and serve the long line of people. He said it had been a wonderful day for all and he figured they served around 1200-1400 people. They cooked 1200 pounds of chicken, 8 cases of brats and 2 cases of hot dogs.

### Approve Minutes from Past Meeting(s):

Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes from the 6/15/2021 Regular Town Board Meeting and the 6/29/2021 Special Town Board Meeting. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; carried.

### Paying for New Electronic Sign:

Gary Kaphingst from the Sayner-Star Lake Lions Club reported that there would be an additional charge yet to have an electrician hook up the sign. He itemized the amounts of the following donors: Sayner-Star Lake Lions Club - \$5,000, Barnstormers - \$2,500, Fire and Ambulance Departments - \$3,000, Liebo's Sayner Pub - \$1,000, Women's Club - \$1000, Lioness - \$200 and Cornell Foundation - \$10,000. Gary said they still needed \$2300 plus the electrician's fee to completely pay for everything. It was noted that all materials and helpers were ready and that they wanted to get it up as soon as possible. He asked what the Town planned on donating. After discussions, the Town came up with the \$2300 needed yet to make the \$30,000 goal, plus an extra \$300 for the cost of an electrician. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to take \$2600 out of the Economic Development category, line # 56702. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried. The Lions Club would send a check to the Town in the amount of \$2400.

Note: Chairman Maines to call Jeremy Rappa to see about getting things done at the Star Lake Cemetery.

### Use of Funds Received from ARPA:

Clerk Brooker explained that the Federal Government had sent a check for \$26,324.14 in June 2021 for hardships incurred during the Covid-19 pandemic of 2020. She said another check for the same amount will be coming in June 2022 and that they must decide what to spend the money by 2024 and have it spent by 2026. Supervisor Rasmussen suggested the Eliason Street Project. It could also be used for Broadband. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to table it until bids were actually gotten for the Eliason Street Project, Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

### Putting Carl Eliason Street Project Out for Bids:

The Chairman reported that Phil from the Town's engineering firm recommended to him that they hold off on putting bids out until January 2022 for the Eliason Street project. His reasoning was that anyone bidding the job would already be booked through 2021. Chairman Maines addressed Sheehan Donoghue telling her that the Town now has interest in 6.0135% of the Alexander Trust parcel. The Town is now free to go ahead with the Eliason Street Project as the land had been officially deeded to the Town and recorded with the County. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to table the bids until January 2022. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

**Keyless Entry Lock for Rec Building Door:**

Lauri Gerlach provided information on different scenarios that could come up on how to use the keyless entry system, going over weddings, pickle ball players, basketball players, and other organizations. She shared additional things from Rick Hamilton from the keyless entry company. She said they were limited to 200 users and that a weather guard would cost \$36 to protect the lock from the elements. There were questions about who would oversee programming. Lauri said she could help Sharon get set up, it was mentioned that possibly the deputy or the town crew could also be trained to use the system. Supervisor Schmidt talked about using a fob system instead and asked Lauri if she could look into that. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to table the subject pending further information, Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

**Financing for Completion of Current Building Projects:**

Chairman Maines told Sheehan Donoghue that this discussion item should clear up her financing questions. He explained that last year they had borrowed \$1,000,000 to go towards the town garage and sand/salt shed building projects. They had also borrowed \$250,000 for the Carl Eliason St. project. They are now looking to borrow an additional \$600,000 to have enough to finish the projects. They had checked with both M-Bank (which is going to soon be Nicolet Bank) and Headwaters Bank. After going through the numbers and various scenarios the Board decided that the Town's best bet would be to stick with Headwaters Bank as they were the only ones offering a fixed 20-year loan at 3% . Supervisor Schmidt said he wasn't comfortable dealing with a balloon payment in 10 years and also that he wanted to keep the \$250,000 separate from the rest and leave it as a 10-year loan. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to accept Headwaters offer to go with the original 20-year fixed offer at 3% for the entire \$1,600,000 and to not include the \$250,000 (if possible) and leave that as a 10-year loan. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded, motion carried. Note: Clerk Brooker said it will most likely be less than \$1,600,000 as they have already paid off \$150,000 towards that loan, and she will check to make sure the bank will also leave the \$250,000 for road work separate too.

**Striping Pavement at the Library:**

Chairman Maines said he didn't think they should look for anyone to do the job. He thought the town crew could do it because he thought the equipment necessary to do it shouldn't cost too much. After a brief discussion, Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to have the Town Crew purchase the piece of equipment necessary to do the striping themselves and the money would come out of the Highway Department line. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

**.Approve Vouchers:**

Vouchers from the Now Account were \$49,026.83 and the Payroll Account was \$19,099.60 for a grand total of \$68,126.43. Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to approve paying the vouchers in the amount of \$68,126.43, Supervisor Schmidt seconded, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 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 13th day of July 2021 and were entered in this Record Book by: