

## Regular Town Board Meeting of August 18, 2020

Meeting was held at the Town Hall in Sayner. Meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm by Chairman Maines. The Chairman noted that this Regular Meeting of the Town of Plum Lake Board of Supervisors was held at the Town Hall in Sayner on Tuesday, August 18th, 2020. The meeting was duly called with notice posted at the Town Hall in Sayner, the Sayner Post Office, 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 and Clerk Brooker were also present and 5 other people. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

### **Approve Agenda to be Discussed in any Order:**

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

### **Selecting and Swearing in the New Town Supervisor for Term Expiring April 2021:**

Chairman Maines said he had gotten letters of interest from Dale Buss, Mike Sealander, and Kevin Rasmussen. Both the Chairman and Supervisor Schmidt stated how pleased they were to have candidates with impressive qualifications. Chairman Maines also said he had verbal conversations with 2 other qualified candidates. Kevin and Dale were in attendance and each spoke. Dale Buss informed everyone that he would step down to let Kevin have the position. Kevin Rasmussen spoke, saying he too was happy for the interest that was shown in the position and was looking forward to working with the Board if he was chosen. Supervisor Schmidt was hopeful that the new Supervisor would be like minded in following the lead of the existing Board efforts to keep the town moving forward. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to appoint Kevin Rasmussen as the new interim Supervisor, Chairman Maines seconded; motion carried. Chairman Maines swore Kevin in: I, Kevin Rasmussen, having been appointed for the duration of Supervisor 1, swear that I will support the constitution of the US and constitution of the State of WI and will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the said position to the best of my abilities, so help me God. Kevin Rasmussen said, "I do" and took a seat at the Town Board table.

### **Citizens Comments and Correspondence:**

Dale Buss asked about the cleaning of the bathrooms at the Old Mill Park. Chairman Maines said that as the bathrooms were not being cleaned every day, the DNR said a sign was to be put out stating that they were not cleaned daily. Chairman Maines said he thought the West Star Lake campground manager was cleaning them and said he would check things out and tell the town crew to check on them. Dale also asked about the status of the "No ATV" signage. Chairman Maines said that none were put out as it was determined to be not enforceable. Dale then asked if any action had been taken to give the Fire Department \$4,000 from the fireworks fund to offset costs for needed gear. Chairman Maines said no action had yet been taken but that he would put it on September's agenda.

Wayne Seeger suggested that the Board contact the recreation officer in charge in Vilas County to question if he could enforce the ATV signs. Wayne also wanted to know if any town property was damaged from the tornado. Chairman Maines answered that no town property was damaged, just State, and private land. Supervisor Schmidt added that the enforcement was all being put on the Recreation Officer who is trying to do what he can. Clerk Brooker asked if it still pays to call in ATV/UTV violations, Supervisor Schmidt said it doesn't hurt.

### **Approve Minutes from Past Meetings:**

Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes of July 1<sup>st</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup>, and July 29<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Maines seconded; carried.

### **Building Projects for the Town of Plum Lake:**

Supervisor Schmidt reported that the work on the Final Plans is almost done, areas updated at last meeting were bathrooms, locks, and storage. Supervisor Schmidt said he was hoping to add a urinal to the men's outdoor bathroom. He also said a meeting is scheduled with Steve Jamroz on Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 11 am, and that he would like the Town Board to act on some expenses. The Building Committee will help go over the plans and Final Plans will most likely be approved at the meeting on Friday. Supervisor Schmidt will work with Clerk Brooker on the agenda for the meeting. Chairman Maines needs sign the contract.

### **Approval of Cemetery Deeds for Jerome & Susan Keller & Craig & Kathy Weberg:**

Lot 114, Sites E & F for Craig & Kathy Weberg. Lot 140, Sites C & D for Jerome and Susan Keller. Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to approve the sale of the lots, Supervisor Schmidt seconded, motion carried.

### **Proposals Received for Repairs to EMS Building:**

Clerk Brooker reported that only one proposal had been received. The Board studied the proposal and had questions for the contractor. Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to table it until Fridays meeting on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Supervisor Schmidt seconded; motion carried. Clerk Brooker to email contractor to let him know the Board has questions for him.

### **Request for Repairs to Camp Two Road Beyond Culvert:**

An email had been received from Tom DeNoyer asking when work would be done on Camp 2 Road. Supervisor Schmidt suggested getting a bid from Pitlik on grinding and graveling the blacktop portion of the road from the Ballard/Irving culvert to the Weschler Road turn off. In the meantime, the town crew should go out and do some cold patching on the potholes as Supervisor Schmidt said he had just driven it and confirmed the road was in rough shape. Chairman Maines said when they got a bid back from Pitlik he would put it back on the agenda for a later meeting.

### **New Locks for Gate & Buildings at Recycling Center:**

Chairman Maines said Gary Kellner has been doing a great job at the Recycling Center and the cleaning of buildings since he has been hired. Gary Kellner reported to Chairman Maines that at least two people had illegally dumped garbage in the recycling dumpster and that it took him a long time to clean it up. Gary had found papers with names in the garbage and Chairman Maines is going to talk to the two people involved. Supervisor Rasmussen reported that he had found a pile of garbage dumped right at the entry gate. Chairman Maines also reported that people have been stealing out of the buildings and said he thinks there are a lot of people who have keys to the gate who shouldn't. Chairman Maines would like to put padlocks on the buildings and get a new lock for the gate. He said there will only be 7 keys, one each for the following: the Town Office, Gary Kellner, Jimmy Mortag, Jeremy Arnold, Pitlik, and Eagle Waste. Chairman Maines will be asking the Crew to be more careful about keeping the gate locked unless they are doing a lot of hauling during the day. Supervisor Schmidt also asked that everyone think about what kind of security they will want installed once the new buildings are put up. Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to buy and install the new locks for the gate and buildings, Supervisor Schmidt seconded; motion carried.

### **New Electronic Sign by the EMS Building:**

Chairman Maines reported that there was already \$20,000 in donations and that the Lions Club would cover the rest but if more donations came in, the Lions would reimburse themselves. Total cost is estimated at \$30,000. Location of sign to be determined yet but will be somewhere near the EMS Building. Jim Schnettler is helping, as he already has experience from working on the Library's electronic sign. The new sign will be two sided and the message will be able to be changed at the Library. Clerk Brooker will contact DOT and find out the specifics on permits, setbacks, size limits etc. Chairman Maines requested the matter be put on the September agenda.

### **Freightliner Repairs:**

Supervisor Schmidt discussed the long history of the newest truck, the Freightliners repair history, and his interactions with Wayne McCaughn from Truck Country. He feels the \$5,000 bill for axle and gear repairs that Truck Country want to do be declined for now. Wayne blames the problems of the truck on misuse of the differential lock and putting too much weight in the truck. A seal supposedly under warranty needed to be fixed a second time, but a bill was sent for it totaling \$1600. Supervisor Schmidt is very unhappy with both the truck and customer service pertaining to the truck. He says it has been a costly ongoing problem from the start.

### **Purchase of Street Sign for Upland Trail in Star Lake:**

Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve buying the Upland Trail sign as long as it is in Green, Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

### **Approval of 2019 Audit Report:**

After brief discussion, Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve the 2019 Audit, Chairman Maines seconded; motion carried.

### **Capital Outlay Funds Needed for Road Projects:**

Supervisor Schmidt voiced that he was not in favor of borrowing money to just sit there without being used. After discussion, the Board decided that Clerk Brooker needed to break down all expenses for Capital Outlay. Supervisor Schmidt said he would come in before the meeting on Friday and help the Clerk out with the breakdown. Chairman Maines asked that it be put back on the agenda for Friday's meeting on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Boat Landing Improvements at Statehouse Point:**

Chairman Maines brought the Board up to speed on the status of the Statehouse Point Boat Landing. The Chairman had met with the DNR and Jack Hylton. Jack had said that there were more landowners who would be willing to contribute to the repairs to the boat landing. Two solutions were discussed. One would be an installation of solid 100-foot mat which would cost about \$200,000. The other would be more concrete planks along with more big rock, and will last maybe a couple of years and will cost about \$3500. The Chairman had told the DNR that there was no money in the town budget this year but they possibly would be able to put something into next year's budget. A meeting with Craig Dalton to revisit the land use agreement is coming up soon. Mr. Dalton says he has some ideas about more responsibilities going to the DNR and the Ski-Club. Supervisor Schmidt suggested that perhaps new outhouses could be constructed.

### **Approve Vouchers for Payment:**

Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve paying the vouchers in the amount of \$122,175.90. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 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 18th day of August 2020 and were entered in this Record Book by: