

October 12, 2011

The regular monthly town board meeting as posted at Mike's, Bob's Northern Lights and Strong's and published in the Antigo Daily Journal was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairman Casper Buettner. Also present were Supervisors Susan Hawley and William Majest, Linda Frank, treasurer and Mary Lee Heise, clerk. Townspeople present were Alan Peters, Sharon and Mike Steckbauer and Ryan Brown.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all those present.

The agenda was approved upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Majest, motion carried.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved upon motion by Supervisor Majest and seconded by Supervisor Hawley, motion carried.

Treasurer Linda Frank read the financial reports from August and September. Discussion followed concerning the Reassessment CD. The CD will be renewed and an additional \$25,000 will be moved from the checking into this CD.

Non –Board Business: Alan Peters notified the board that there is a tree across the road on Fish Hatchery Road and that there are branches sticking out of the ditches along Sawyer Lake Road. Mr. Peters was informed that the right of way along Sawyer Lake Road will be logged after November 1st. The debris in the ditch areas should be cleared then. Additional brushing, clearing and ditching will be done followed by a wedge and overlay of the road.

New Business: Wiring Update – Jamie Popelka has been working on the wiring in the hall. There was only a 50 amp service going into the kitchen. He has now replaced that with a 100 amp service. He will be checking the office area to see that it has sufficient amperage for the equipment. When the work is done it should cut down on power danger.

J&A Pest Control – J & A has been contacted concerning spraying the hall for flies and bugs. However, it needs to be done after the painting is completed. He will be contacted after Blackwell Job Corp is done with the painting project.

Renaming Part of Buettner Road – The renaming is being done in order to locate residences when 911 are called. The fire number portion of addresses will remain the same. Only the road name portion of addresses will be changed. East Wood Street and Church Street will be extended from the Village of White Lake's boundaries. Residents on the portion of Buettner Road to be changed will be contacted and invited to the November meeting.

Ball Park Light Loan – The clerk from the Village has informed the Town that paying the final installment in 2011 will save quite a bit of interest on the loan. A motion was made by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Majest to approve the payment of the final installment of the ball park light loan, due in 2012, now.

Approval of Liquor License(s) – Barb Doemel and Debbie Brown have applied for a liquor license for the Wolf Pass that they will be leasing from John Bartz. The required paperwork has been completed and the proper notice has been in the paper 3 times. After discussion, Supervisor Hawley made the motion to approve the liquor license for Barb & Deb's Wolf Pass Bar & Grill.

Amanda Hatch and her husband Merle have also applied for a liquor license. The license will be for the business currently known as The Wood Shed. They have also completed the required paperwork and the notice has been submitted to the paper for the required publishing. Upon motion by Supervisor Majest and seconded by Chairman Buettner, the board approved the license if the business passes inspection, if the previous licensee relinquishes the current license and if all publication requirements are met. Motion carried.

County Settlement Agreement – The agreement pertaining to special assessments and special charges on taxes received from the county was read by Clerk Heise. Discussion followed. The board feels that it is not to the town's benefit to sign the agreement. A motion was made not to sign the settlement agreement. The motion was made by Supervisor Majest and seconded by Supervisor Hawley, motion carried.

General Building and Plant – Painting is being done.

Highway – Paving and shouldering is done. Roger Tarplay did the shouldering and did a fine job. Chairman Buettner stated that Dale Buettner will be another driver of the plow truck this winter, in case of an emergency. Loren Wilson will be our alternate for the grader. Sawyer Lake Road plan discussed again. The board has until November 15th to set the project for the 2012-2013 TRIP Program. On November 29th all projects will be reviewed and the committee will decide which towns will receive money. The paperwork for the 2010-2011 projects must be in by November 15th.

Fire Department – The Remington Grant money was used for ice rescue equipment and an ice rescue boat. The fire department has put in another list of items needed to the Remington Foundation for possible funding such as self-contained air bottles. Assistant Chief Ryan Brown mentioned the issues the department is having with the telescoping lights on the pumper. The tanker will get new tires. The dry hydrant project as Sawyer Lake is progressing. Six Hundred feet of pipe has been buried to the lake. The permit is in to the state. If the permit is received soon the project will be finished this fall, otherwise it will be finished in the spring. The fire department will be holding another open house on December 3rd from Noon until 4 p.m. There will be a chilli cook-off. The department is asking that those attending bring a donation to our local food pantry.

Rescue Squad – There were 21 calls in September. Fifteen of those calls were in the Town of Wolf River. There have been 103 calls so far in 2011. New training and new paperwork is required, which will make recruitment harder.

Cemetery – final mowing and cleaning up of the cemetery is done and the mower has been cleaned up and put away.

After board approval, the town has purchased a new commercial copier for the hall that will also fax and scan documents. It is necessary that the machine scans for ballots that must be scanned and emailed to military personnel. After 90 days the board will have to decide whether to purchase the extended warranty for the copier. We received a nice thank you note from Hadley Office Equipment for our purchase.

Correspondence: Grievance Procedure – A grievance procedure must be in place for every municipality in the state, even if they only have one employee. The clerk has typed up a procedure based on a sample provided by the Wisconsin Towns Association. Supervisor Majest was given the original to review and correct. It will be finalized at the November meeting.

We received paperwork from the Department of Revenue for “Exempt Computer Aid” which will be used in completing levy papers. Mileage Certification map and paperwork have been completed with corrections and sent back to the Department of transportation. The clerk will be attending a clerk’s association meeting in Crandon on October 27th. Highway Aid information was received for 2012. The town will receive \$159,431.27. The voting machine has been serviced and is ready for the November 8th election. The town also received the levy papers from the state. Shared Revenue paperwork for 2012 state that the town will receive \$20,616.

October bills submitted for payment were approved upon motion by Supervisor Majest and seconded by Supervisor Hawley, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned upon motion by Supervisor Majest and seconded by Supervisor Hawley, motion carried.