

May 12, 2009

The regular monthly town board meeting was called to order by chairman Casper Buettner. Also present were Supervisors William Majest and Susan Hawley, Linda Frank Treasurer and Mary Lee Heise, clerk.

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

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

Treasurer's report was given by Linda Frank.

Recognition of non-board members: Roy Alan Peters of Highland Drive addressed the board stating that there are two new board members and that he would like to help them with the current issues and how to make responsible decisions concerning the ATV issue. He stated that noise is a big issue. When he was on the town board the noise issue came up concerning a mobile home park behind Gators. The neighbors in the area expressed their not wanting this and the board voted to not allow the park. Mr. Peters stated that noise is an issue for the people along Sawyer Lake. He wanted to know if there would be hours of travel. Who would be responsible for cleanup of messes left behind? There should be no cost to the town for this.

Jamee Peters spoke next and stated that people have moved and live here for the peace and quiet. She stated that the new board members may have been elected because of the ATV issue, but asked that the board listen to the people. She related a personal problem she is having with an ATV rider that keeps coming on her property. Wants the board to do what is best for the community.

George Rock stated that he enjoys ATVing; however, his concern is for that part of Sawyer Lake Road by the lake and Silver Birch Ranch. It could be very dangerous. He also stated that there were a lot of other trails that the ATVs can be tailored to.

Dave Peterson a snowmobiler from the area stated his concern about the safety of this issue. The snowmobile club tries to avoid roads when making its trails. He wanted to know who would accept the liability if problems arise.

Michelle Koss bought property on Sawyer Lake for peace and quiet. The big boats being brought to the lake cause enough noise already. She is opposed to ATV use on Sawyer Lake Road. If this matter came to a vote, she would vote NO.

Ron Schell who owns Gators stated he would like White Lake Drive opened for ATVs. He is all for the ATVs.

Tony Ramer stated that the ATVs are respectable in Mountain. They bring in business. They should have speed limits and rules. ATV Club will have coverage on roads.

Jim Schlach has cabin here and feels its okay to ride ATV on roads.

Dave Grimes ó stated that any vehicle on the road should be licensed and the driver should have to have a class N license.

Deb Brown stated that it was a long fight for the snowmobilers and now the a ATV club should be allowed to help pay. Trails should also be opened up for walkers.

Brian Heikenen is concerned about enforcement. He has had problems with ATVers on his land.

#### Unfinished Business:

Blackwell Job Corp. will reroof the hall the first week of June. The board will obtain three bids for material. The Job Corp. will paint the hall, too. The town will have to furnish the paint.

An in house audit will be completed as soon as a convenient date can be set.

Fire Department ó the 1984 Pumper truck is in bad shape. The estimated cost for a new truck is \$190,000. The department asked the boards permission to obtain bids for the new truck. The department will obtain 5 bids to present to the board. Fire Chief Alex Emerich stated that the department started 20 years ago to get money built up. The department has gotten grants for extra equipment and they have done some fundraising for equipment. A motion was made by Supervisor Hawley pursue obtaining 3 to 5 bids for a new pumper truck. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Majest, motion carried. Supervisor Majest will be the liaison for the fire department.

The board and the clerk attended training for new and returning officials hosted by the Wisconsin Towns Association. They feel it was well worth going to and they obtained a lot of helpful materials.

#### New Business:

Road Review to decide which roads will be fixed this year will be conducted on May 30<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:30 A.M.

Discussion on opening certain roads for access to existing trails. Andy Kostelny, president of the White Lake ATV Club gave a presentation on the matter. Also present for this discussion were Jeff Dodderman State Safety officer with the DNR and John Brandtmeyer, president of the ATV club in Townsend. New Trail Maps for Langlade County were shown. The club has been working 1 ½ years on these ATV trails. Andy stated that his purpose here is to connect point A to point B; to connect to Townsend, Wabeno, Lakewood areas and other parts of Oconto County. The Town of Evergreen opened its roads a few days ago and so far has had no problems. Jamee Peters stated that there is no one taking care of people that are riding on private land. Dodderman stated that it is impossible to arrest every person that is breaking the law. A petition was presented to the board last year concerning Sawyer Lake Road to Diamond Roof Road and the half mile on North White Lake Drive to Gatorø and Suzy Qø. The president of the Townsend ATV Club stated that they have not had many problems with damage, people going to fast, etc. They have trail ambassadors who help patrol. The ATV trail issue has not been costly to their township. Their ATV club has a million dollar liability insurance. Jeff Dodderman will help us write an ordinance if we decide to pen up any roads.

Board of Review ó Tentative Date is set for July 29<sup>th</sup> with open book being held on July 14<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Robert Walters has requested that Place Road be renamed to Walters Road. There are only rental properties on this road. Robert Walters owns land on this road and since he has been a lifelong citizen of our township, he is hoping we will honor his request. Supervisor Hawley made a motion to approve the name change of the road. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Majest, motion carried.

Highway óMike Steckbauer presented the board with paperwork certifying that his gravel pit meets state specifications. He also presented a certificate of liability insurance.

Rescue Squad ó Supervisor Hawley stated that the Squad is talking about a new ambulance.

Fire Department Merger ó nothing new to report

Recycling Center ó As of May 1<sup>st</sup> extra dumpsters have been dropped off for household and steel. Summer Dump Hours are 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays and Sundays and 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. Discussion also heard on a problem in the Badger Ranch area where people are throwing tires and have now put an old refrigerator. Discussion on how to get area cleaned up.

Cemetery Deeds ó The cemetery has been resurveyed and mapped and metal corner tags put into place so location of lots is easier, especially in the winter. Some trees will be removed that are affecting headstones.

#### Correspondence:

An e-mail from the county was reviewed concerning their website. Clerk will be looking into this and will start putting the minutes and agendas on the website as soon as possible.

A letter was read from County Board Chairman Mike Klimoski concerning the numerous complaints he has received concerning the garbage and old vehicles on the Woodward property which is next to the ballpark in White Lake, which is in our township. After discussion it was decided to send Mr. Woodward a letter to clean up the mess.

A letter was read concerning the Charbeneau property. The letter was from the health department. They have inspected the property and will be inspecting it again in the future to see if the corrections they insist on have been made.

The renewal for the rescue squad/fire department ATV has been received.

The state has sent the town a notice regarding a mandatory pumping of the town hall septic system.

Membership cards from the towns association were received and distributed to the board members.

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

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