

October 13, 2009

Regular monthly town board meeting, as advertised in the Antigo Daily Journal and posted at Mike's Service, Bob's Northern Lights and the town hall, was called to order by Chairman Casper Buettner at 6:30 p.m. Also present were Supervisors Susan Hawley and William Majest, Linda Frank, treasurer and Mary Lee Heise, clerk. Representatives from B & B Container as well as Sharon Steckbauer and Patrick McCarthy were also present.

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

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

The treasurer's report was read by Linda Frank. Discussion followed. Motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Majest, motion carried.

Recycling Center ó Butch Perrot from B & B Containers came before the board concerning increase in tipping fees and fees imposed to get rid of the recyclables from the township. Mr. Perrot presented a spreadsheet showing costs from both 2008 and 2009. The matter of increased fees was discussed with Mr. Perrot in 2008. At that time the board agreed that the extra charges would be approved because the increase was unforeseen. The charges for the increase will be addressed again at the November meeting.

Non-Board Member Business ó Pat McCarthy came before the board to discuss Poor Farm Road. New gravel had been laid on the road and it was all tore up during spring break up making huge ruts. The damage was blamed on logging trucks. Logging trucks are not allowed to haul loads on town roads from the time the road limits are posted until they are removed. Mr. McCarthy feels that this road should be closed during the winter and feels that we are wasting town money and equipment to keep the road open. In the past when people needed to use the road in the winter they used snow shoes or 4 wheelers. The road goes thru private property and, according to Mr. McCarthy, the property owners would rather that the road not be plowed in the winter. The town will have to see if the road can be legally left unplowed in the winter. The Towns Association will be called and the situation will be explained. An example of a road being closed in the winter, near Antigo, was discussed. This matter will be on the November agenda.

Painting of the Town Hall ó The painting of the hall will probably not be done until spring. The Blackwell Job Corp. will clean and paint the hall. The hall will be white and the trim will be the same green color as the roof.

Sawyer Lake Signs ó Ryan Brown from the DNR office forwarded several maps of Sawyer and Jessie Lakes to the clerk. The clerk will work with Ryan to get the right size maps and information needed for the signs to be put on the lake. Three signs are needed and will be made ready for spring.

Woodward Property ó Alex Emerich, Cappy Buettner and William Majest inspected the Woodward property on August 28th. At that time pictures were taken. Mr. Woodward

was sent a letter giving him until September 8th to clean up the garbage and cars on his property. On September 8th the property was again inspected and it was obvious that Mr. Woodward had made an attempt to clean up the property. He was then given until September 30th to complete the project. On September 30th the property was again inspected and nothing further had been done to get rid of additional garbage. The clerk was then instructed to turn the matter over to the county. She mailed in all letters sent to Mr. Woodward from the town, the Village of White Lake and County Board Chairman Mike Klimoski. An update on this matter will be given at the November Meeting.

New Business:

Mutual Aid Contract with Wabeno ó The mutual aid contract with the Town of Wabeno for 2010 has been received. The contract is for fire protection for the Ada Lake area. Supervisor Hawley made the motion to approve the Wabeno Mutual Aid contract. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Majest, motion carried. The papers were signed by the board and will be returned to Wabeno by the town clerk.

Comprehensive Planning Update ó The clerk informed those present of efforts made by the chairman, clerk and county board chairman, Mike Klimoski regarding comprehensive planning. The work included going thru the current zoning maps and seeing if changes were needed, especially in those areas marked öA-1ö. A resolution supporting the adoption of the county's comprehensive plan was read by the clerk. A motion was made by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Majest to adopt the resolution supporting the adoption of a Comprehensive Plan by Langlade County Board of Supervisors, motion carried.

Assessor Contract ó The 2010 contract for Assessment services was received from Kelly Zillmer, our current assessor. The contract for 2010 is for \$13,600, which is less than the 2009 contract which was \$19,000. The increase for 2009 was due to a scheduled across the board adjustment.

The 2010 Budget Hearing and Meeting will be held on November 17th. Budget preparation meetings will be held prior to this date and will be posted.

General Building and Plant ó Pete Roskopf has a machine that is used to spray on foam insulation. He has given an estimate of \$1500 for materials. Motion was made to have Pete spray foam insulation on the south half of the highway building. The motion was made by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Majest, motion carried. Discussion on replacing toilets. A motion was made by Supervisor Hawley to replace the toilets and made other upgrades in order to make restrooms handicap accessible. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Majest, motion carried.

Highway ó The paving scheduled for 2009 has been completed and shouldering is now in the process of being done. Discussion on gravel by mailboxes followed. If gravel is needed it is up to the property owner to fix this. Property owners can come to the hall and get some gravel from the pile that is located in the parking lot. Highway mower ó 4 shafts have been replaced since we purchased the current mower. The shaft is too small and keeps breaking even though the mowing being done should not cause continued breaking. A boom-type mower was discussed. A mower of this type would fit on the tractor we lease for mowing and would mean that the tractor would not have to leave the road. After

further discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Majest to give the board permission to look at mowers and get prices for a new mower. The small town truck is in need of repair, but the repairs will be done under warranty.

Ambulance ó Supervisor Hawley stated that the squad is waiting for their new ambulance. Otherwise things are going well. The squad has not decided as to what to do with old ambulance.

Cemetery ó Improvements have been done. The board has received many compliments. Discussion on the cemetery maps.

Lake level on Sawyer Lake ó The clerk has been calling the DNR office regarding the lake level and what can be done about water removal during this time of drought.

Correspondence ó Letter from DNR concerning possible charges for getting rid of electronic equipment and how it will affect town. Discussion on paperwork from county regarding zoning change requested by Silver Birch. The zoning change was denied. The clerk discussed paperwork received regarding the current voting machine. The cost of programming for elections will now be on the municipalities. The exact cost will have to be figured in during budget preparation. The title for the old fire truck still shows a lien holder on it. The clerk will go thru old paperwork to find the lien release. The original credit corporation is no longer in business.

Fire Department ó Ryan Brown gave a power point presentation showing the new fire truck. He discussed all the new features of the truck. The fire department placed the old truck on an auction site for municipal vehicles and received \$5,075 for the vehicle. The trade in the town would have received was only \$3000.

The new truck is expected the week of the 21st. The treasurer will have to transfer money to make the payment for the truck when it arrives. Insurance for the new truck was also discussed.

Bills were approved for payment upon motion by Supervisor Majest and seconded by Supervisor Hawley, motion carried.

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