



**TOWN OF SPIDER LAKE, SAWYER CO, WI
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING 03/10/2010**

The regular Town of Spider Lake Monthly Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Hucker. Present were Hucker, Brandt, Promersberger, McGuinness, Meyer, Treasurer Overman, Acting Secretary Christine Ferda and Fire Chief D. Brandt. Clerk Guyer was absent.

Motion was made by Meyer and 2nd by Promersberger to approve the agenda. All in Favor Motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance was waived due do the earlier recitation.

Motion to approve the Town Board minutes of 2-10-2010, the Road Committee minutes of 2-23-2010 and the Plan & Review Commission minutes of 2-3-2010 was made by McGuinness & 2nd by Meyer. All in Favor. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by Overman. February 2010 receipts were \$495,245.53 and expenditures \$1,613,997.77 leaving a balance of \$360,205.58. Overman advised that the capital equipment loan payment in the amount of \$60,562.42 was made for the year. The current road equipment loan is now paid in full. The fire truck final payment will be due in 2011. Overman reported receiving the Sawyer County severance payment in the amount of \$11,006.21 on gross timber sales on County forest acreage. The Town also received \$48,373.11 from Federal Forest Land cutting activity. The Town received notice that there are three cabins left on county land in Spider Lake. Motion to approve the Treasurers report was made by McGuinness & 2nd by Promersberger. All in favor. Motion carried.

Hucker reported that Clerk Guyer discovered a glitch in the W-2 program which only affects the road crew as they have deferred compensation and other deductions. Last years W-2's and possibly prior years may have to be adjusted. Also, an accurate printed check list cannot be generated due to a computer program problem. This will hopefully be resolved in two to three weeks. Hucker suggested that the Town needs to reassess the current software program in view of recent issues that have come up.

The vouchers were presented for payment. Motion to approve was made by Promersberger and 2nd by Brandt. All in favor. Motion carried.

On the recommendation of the Plan & Review Commission, a motion to approve the Boersma rezone from F-1 to RR-1 was made by McGuinness & 2nd by Meyer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Members of the Board received copies of a proposed change to the County zoning ordinance regarding dredging within 300 feet of shore and the proposed cell tower ordinance. The Plan & Review Comm. will make recommendations to the Town Board regarding these matters at the April meeting.

Hucker advised that since all Town Board members were in attendance during the Plan & Review Commission meeting held earlier in the evening, he would dispense with a summary of proceedings at that meeting.

McGuinness reported the road crew is pleased with the new sander & chains which has saved time & money. Summer projects were discussed. The repaving of Clear Lake Rd., one mile of Rock Lake Rd., and striping of approximately seven miles of Upper A. The roads will be inspected to see if any repair work is needed after the winter season. Hucker advised a section of Ross Rd. is also budgeted for consideration this year.

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Regarding the Snowmobile Ordinance, trail signs were placed on town roads not designated as snowmobile routes. The DNR removed the signs. After discussion, the Road Committee recommended that the Town Board not amend the Snowmobile Ordinance because there is a well defined & developed trail that intersects with Town roads.

At the Road Committee Meeting, Warden Miller presented a proposed ATV trail route that would minimize the use of town roads but could connect Clam Lake with existing trails west of the Town. The use of town roads would reduce the prospects of receiving grants to create a sustainable trail. Warden Miller suggested an alternate route using existing logging roads and minimal town road use. After discussion at the Road Committee meeting, the Road Committee voted to defer any action on amending the ATV Ordinance as it relates to Forest Roads 203, 328 and 204 to allow time to explore alternative plans. Action was also deferred on the technical amendments relating to Lake Helene or Fire Tower Rd as no information was received. Hucker advised the technical amendments would be dealt with when the ATV Ordinance is up for renewal. No Public Hearing would be required.

Motion was made by McGuinness & 2nd by Promersberger to accept the recommendation of the Road Committee to not open up a portion of FR 203, 328 and 204 to ATV use at this time. Meyer stated construction may still be five years away. Warden Miller expressed the view that it could possibly be done within two to three years. A committee is being formed, including Hucker, Meyer, Forest Service, DNR, ATV users, County and other interested parties. All in favor. Motion carried.

At 12:01 a.m. this morning, the road load limits went into effect.

Promersberger reported Fire Dept. assets of \$15,523.72. There were no fire calls & one 1st responder call on Ghost Lake. On 3-6-2010, the Sheriff's Dept. did not contact Spider Lake regarding a call. Shannon Nelson, from the Fire Dept., & the Sheriff's Dept. are trying to iron this out. Overman reported that a new intergovernmental assistance agreement was tabled. The old agreement remains in effect.

Pat Retzlaff, from the Sheriff's Dept., advised he is the new Recreation Officer for boat patrol, ATV's & snowmobiles. He asked whether the town attorney will prosecute ordinance violators. The Town Board indicated a letter will be requested from the Town's attorney confirming that violators will be prosecuted by the Town. Retzlaff can be contacted through the Sheriff's office.

Warden Miller reported on a new regulation which requires a 200' slow no wake zone along the shoreline for all boats. Towns can opt out. She does not know at this time if towns can opt out lake by lake. She will send the new regulation to the Town. Discussion was held and it was decided that public input on this question should be sought. Hucker suggested that the Town Board include this on its agenda next month for discussion and suggested that the Town seek input from resort owners, land owners, Spider Chain of Lakes Assoc. and Quiet Lakes Assoc. The Town Board may consider setting a public hearing to get input.

Meyer reported the Town's insurance agent advised not to increase UIM/UM coverage as it would be a waste of money. Hucker advised the Town is covered for up to \$1,000,000.00 per claim. Motion was made by Meyer & 2nd by McGuinness not to opt for added UIM/UM coverage. All in favor. Motion carried.

Brandt advised the 2009 recycling report is due April 30, 2010. Summer hours begin May 15, 2010 & the Town should continue the white goods clean-up.

Motion to appoint Christine Ferda as secretary to the Board of Appeals was made by McGuinness & 2nd by Promersberger. All in favor. Motion carried. Hucker advised that compensation will be \$25.00 per meeting & \$10.00 per hour for clerical work.

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Hucker advised that due to family considerations, the Clerk's office needs some clerical assistance. He proposes to amend the budget to allow for up to a \$2,000.00 allocation for clerical assistance from what was allocated for election expenses. Compensation would be \$25.00 per meeting & \$10.00 per hour for clerical work. McGuinness moved to approve the allocation & to have Christine Ferda provide the clerical assistance. 2nd by Brandt. All in favor. Motion carried.

It was decided there will be no charge for tax exempt forms as long as information is provided in a timely manner.

An application for a Pamida commercial charge account was signed by Clerk Guyer, Promersberger & Fire Chief D. Brandt.

The Boersma rezone will be on the County Agenda 3-19-2010.

A letter has been received from the Department of Justice requesting the Town's poll books for spring elections from 1996 through 2005. They want a list of registered voters and who voted in each election. The clerk believes that data is being collected for assessing civil/voting rights violations on a national basis. Hucker suggested several ideas. He will discuss with the Clerk how best to respond.

There are vacancies in the WITC District Board if anyone is interested in serving.

Clerk Guyer received a statistics report from the county on 2009 taxes & prior years delinquent tax summary. Delinquent taxes are as follows: 2008 – 48, 2007 – 13, 2006 – 3

Reminder that elections are April 6, 2010 for County Board, School Board, Town & Supervisors. Meyer & Brandt are on the ballot.

McGuinness will attend a meeting on March 17, 2010 at the Flat Creek Eatery Inn & Suites. Topics will be estimating bidding, surface treatment overlays, implementing new invasive plant species rules on local roads.

Hucker advised he successfully completed the Board of Review training on-line.

Overman advised the Fire Department will attend the emergency government conference training at Telemark on March 13-14, 2010.

Fire Department officers should be paid in March. Clerk Guyer can issue the checks & the Board will ratify next month.

Motion to adjourn was made by McGuinness and 2nd by Meyer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Christine Ferda, Acting Secretary