



**TOWN OF SPIDER LAKE, SAWYER CO., WI
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING 5-12-11**

The Town of Spider Lake monthly meeting was called to order by Town Chair Hucker. Present were Hucker, Brandt, McGuiness, Meyer, Cerman, Treasurer Overman, Clerk Ferda and Fire Chief D. Brandt.

Motion to amend the agenda by deleting #12 – Resolution opposing DOR proposal for County assessment was made by Meyer and 2nd by McGuiness. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Meyer and 2nd by Cerman. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to approve the Town Board minutes of 4-13-11 and the Plan & Review Commission minutes of 4-6-11 was made by Meyer and 2nd by Brandt. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion to approve the Road Committee minutes of 4-26-11 with an amendment to correct band to read bans and Gephart to read Gedhart was made by Meyer and 2nd by Brandt. All in favor. Motion carried.

Hucker reported that he received a letter from the County Treasurer regarding 2006 property tax foreclosures. The last date of redemption set by the court on full payment of the taxes is 7-6-11. One Spider Lake property owner, Robert E. Blix, is on the list.

The Treasurer's report was given by Overman. April 2011 receipts were \$56,582.30 and expenditures were \$59,309.29 leaving a balance of \$361,400.49. She reported that all 2010 personal property taxes have been paid. After a discussion with the town attorney, she advised that interest and penalty can now be added to Ross' delinquent personal property taxes from 2002 and 2003 which are no longer protected by bankruptcy laws.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by McGuiness and 2nd by Meyer. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Hucker recommended to the board to reappoint Chris McGrath as an alternate to the Board of Review for a three year term (5-13-11/5-12-14) and to reappoint Scott Chapin as an alternate to the Board of Appeals for a three year term (5-13-11/5-12-14). Motion to approve the appointments was made by McGuiness and 2nd by Meyer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Regarding the Combination Class B alcohol license application for Tail Chasers, (formally Bucksnot Resort, Deanna Manning, owner) Ferda gave a summary of the background check and other relevant information. The background check revealed a failure to pay a fine issued by the town for failure to acquire a building permit. It also revealed a one year probation by judgment (1-7-08/1-6-09) for a retailer purchasing unlicensed liquor. Comments regarding this sentence stated: No violations of criminal laws, no violations of alcohol or fermented malt beverage laws of the State of Wisconsin. Other information included traffic violations, being sued for unpaid bills and the City of Kiel, Wisconsin denying Manning an operator's license. Ms. Manning stated she is the sole owner and she has no intentions of using the premises as an adult entertainment club. She also acknowledged that a change in use needed to be consistent with local zoning and changes could require a conditional use permit. Motion to approve the Combination Class B alcohol license for Tail Chasers was made by Meyer and 2nd by Brandt. All in favor. Motion carried.

Based upon action taken at the April 12, 2011 annual meeting, a motion to donate \$250.00 to the Spider Lake Cemetery Association and \$250.00 to the Weiss Community Library for the purchase of large print books was made by McGuiness and 2nd by Meyer. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Motion to approve the web-site contract renewal (5-16-11/5-15-12) for Phrazer Graphic Design (Kyle Froese) in the amount of \$800.00 was made by McGuinness and 2nd by Brandt. All in favor. Motion carried. The \$150.00 increase is the only increase since 2002 when the web-site was established. Froese plans to update the architecture of the web-site and to make it more user friendly.

Motion to approve sending a letter to the Wisconsin Historical Society for their approval of the destruction of obsolete town records per Town Ordinance 95-1 was made by Meyer and 2nd by Cerman. All in favor. Motion carried. Hucker advised keeping any contracts and paid State Trust Loan papers for ten years.

Plan & Review Commission Report

Regarding the public hearing for the proposed cell tower, Hucker reported three or four people attended but the tower owner representative failed to appear and supply the information requested by Zoning Administrator Boss. The matter was tabled to the next PR&C meeting.

Hucker reported the County's proposed cell tower ordinance appears to be on the back burner at this time. This should not affect the Town outside the Shoreland district as any cell tower applications would require a conditional use permit from the town.

There will be a public hearing in July for the county's shoreland ordinance. Discussion has focused on what constitutes ordinary repair/maintenance and what constitutes structural changes.

Regarding the subdivision control ordinance, the Commission discussed the challenges of coordinating the town's ordinance structure with the changes the county is making in their ordinance. The county is moving in the direction of separate ordinances for zoning, subdivision control and shoreline. Presently, all these matters are included in the town's zoning ordinance. There are questions whether the town has to follow the county subdivision control ordinance because the town has their own local zoning.

Committee Reports

Roads – McGuinness reported the road bans will be lifted 5-9-11.

ATV Signs – Meyer reported the ATV Clubs will deliver the signs to Diem. McGuinness reported the town's informational signs will cost \$30-\$35 per sign and will be 18" by 24". Hucker wants to see the sign layout before they are made.

The road crew has been grading roads and cleaning up downed trees. They will work on leaning trees when time permits.

An appointment to have the new utility truck lettered will be made 5-13-11.

McGuinness reported that Diem is almost finished with the road sign inventory. It should be done by the next meeting.

The County looked at the town's two culvert projects (Landing Camp Rd. & Ole Lake across Brandt Rd.) and will send the town a cost estimate which will include the DNR permits and riprapping. McGuinness advised the culvert problem on FR 208 is the Forest Service's responsibility.

Diem has not yet contacted State Wide Paving regarding experimenting with AC Cement to seal the separations on portions of Balsam Road.

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Hucker asked for a performance report of operating costs for the new utility truck to compare the fuel efficiency to the dump trucks.

Due to the price of diesel, Brandt suggested having specific criteria for snowplowing. Hucker advised that would be difficult to do as weather conditions were very different on the east side of town than on the west side of town last winter.

The road budget was discussed. Due to fuel increases and the amount of salt/sand that needed to be purchased, the budget may need to be amended using monies from the Capital Reserve & Contingency Fund.

There will be a road committee meeting on 6-7-11 at 4:00 PM.

Health & Safety

Hucker reported that Ayres Associates has accepted the town's revisions in the proposal for the Ghost Lake Dam project.

Cerman reported he attended the WTA meeting in Meteor with McGuiness. He also attended the May Fire Dept. meeting.

The thermostat on the new town hall furnace can never be set lower than 60 degrees or it could jeopardize the warranty.

Cerman visited the Ghost Lake Dam and reported a small amount of brush was washed up against the dam and it appears to be a solid structure.

Don King, a resident living on the north end of Ghost Lake, advised the board of a bog which sometimes appears in the lake and blocks their access to the lake. Hucker advised King that this is under the jurisdiction of the DNR and to contact Dave Kafura. King asked why the liquor license for Tail Chasers was approved by the board. Hucker advised him that the board must be objective and use the information that is on record. The board cannot decide issues on rumor, speculation or interpersonal relationships. King was advised to attend the June meeting if he has any concerns regarding Tail Chasers.

Cerman advised that motion sensor lights should be installed at the town hall for safety reasons. This will be brought up at the next health & safety committee meeting.

Concern was expressed over the generator not automatically coming on during a power outage. A service man from Rasmussen's checked the generator and will send Cerman an operating manual.

Fire Chief Brandt advised she is applying for a DNR grant for the department. She also advised she is gathering records from a 2005 fire which is going to court.

Hucker reported the county is now responsible for entering into agreements to allow for the use of holding tanks in lieu of septic systems. Under Wisconsin statutes, any pre-existing holding tank agreement remains in effect until such time as the holding tank is abandoned or until a new agreement is entered into with the County. In the past, the town has collected a \$100 deposit from the homeowner; however, the county will not be collecting deposits. The town will keep the deposits on hand at this time. A copy of any new agreement will be sent to the town so that a record can be kept.

Solid Waste

Brandt reported filing the final report for the 2010 recycling grant.

Clerk's Report

A budget report will be presented every quarter.

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There will be a Trail Development Group meeting on May 25, 2011 at the USFS office in Hayward at 7:00 PM. Meyer will attend.

Information from the recent WTA meeting regarding the 2011 legislative update was given to the board members.

Hucker received a letter from the Northwest Regional Planning Commission requesting an update on the town's Community Economic Development Strategy. There are no update revisions at this time. Currently listed for Spider Lake is a feasibility study in 2012 to expand the fire dept./garage facilities and to build an addition to expand the fire dept./garage facilities in 2012 – 2014 if money/grants are available.

Ferda attended a county redistricting meeting on 4-19-11. New county board districts will be established using the 2010 population census. The number of districts will remain at fifteen. A map of the proposed new districts was given to the board members. Spider Lake's district will include a portion of Round Lake. A public hearing will be held 5-19-11 in the large courtroom of the Sawyer County Courthouse at 6:30 PM.

The Board of Review will be held June 7, 2011 with Open Book from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM and Board of Review from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

WTA is offering online training at a cost of \$100.00 per year. As board members attend training sessions throughout the year, it was decided the online training is not necessary at this time.

There will be three WITC board member vacancies as of 7-1-11. Information will be posted at the town hall. Applications must be received by 5-17-11.

A copy of the county private sewage system ordinance adopted 4-19-11 was received.

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

Christine Ferda
Clerk