



**TOWN OF SPIDER LAKE, SAWYER CO., WI
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING
JULY 13, 2011**

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 approve the agenda was made by McGuiness and 2nd by Meyer. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to approve the Town Board minutes of 6-8-11 and the Plan & Review Commission minutes of 6-1-11 was made by Meyer and 2nd by Cerman. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by Overman. June 2011 receipts were \$15,176.27 and expenditures were \$32,449.58 leaving a balance of \$318,010.71. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Brandt and 2nd by Cerman. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

The quarterly budget report was presented. Due to unbudgeted expenses (new stove & furnace for town hall), a motion to amend the budget to allocate \$4,000.00 from the contingency fund line item to the Town Hall budget line item was made by McGuiness and 2nd by Brandt. All in favor. Motion carried.

Hucker outlined the legislative update regarding the state's budget bill and Act 10 amendments. The prevailing wage threshold for all towns with a population under 2,500 has been changed from \$25,000.00 to \$234,000.00. The per mile general transportation aids will remain at \$2,117.00 per mile in 2012 & 2013. The Town Road Improvement Program-Discretionary (TRIP-D), which is for projects over \$100,000.00 in estimated total costs and up to 50% state funding will be increased. As Brandt Road, Town Hall Road and a portion of Murphy Blvd. need repaving, the town will attempt to obtain a grant for the 50% state funding to cover at least a portion of these projects over the next few years. Municipal aid (shared revenue) cuts will be capped at no more than 25% of the 2011 payments which will result in a \$472.00 decrease for the town. Levy limits will be the greater of zero percent increase or percent of net new construction for 2011 and 2012 and then be permanently set at the greater of 1.5% or percent of net new construction for future years. There is a provision for up to a 0.5% adjustment for those towns that did not use the maximum allowable levy limit in the past year. The town did not use the maximum allowable levy limit last year. It is unclear whether the special meeting of electors will allow for more flexibility on setting the levy limit. This will be assessed in the next few months. Recycling grants will be continued but at a reduced amount. The payment in lieu of taxes (PILT) program for future state land purchases will be figured using a new formula resulting in lower payments. Act 10 includes a requirement that by October 1, 2011 all public employers must have a written grievance procedure. A Voter ID Bill has been enacted requiring photo ID, new residency requirements, requiring all electors to sign the poll book and changes in in-person registration.

Hucker announced he has received notice that Fire Forest Road 174 has been designated as a Rustic Road by the Wisconsin Rustic Road Designative Committee. The town joined in the Town of Round Lake's request for this designation.

Barb Huot, a resident and member of the Spider Lake Church, is requesting use of the town hall on Sunday mornings from approximately 8:00 am to noon for six to eight weeks (Sept 1 – Nov 1) while their church is being remodeled. Hucker stated

that he checked with the WTA's attorney and was advised that as long as there is no discrimination among any religious organizations, the board can allow the use of the town hall. After discussion, the board decided the cost would be \$25.00 per day and the town hall must be returned to its original configuration (tables, chairs, etc). Hucker and Ferda will work out the details with Huot. Ferda will check with the fire inspector for the building capacity and will check the calendar for any scheduling conflicts. A certificate of insurance has been submitted by the church.

Motion to approve an operator's license for Nancy Secore was made by Meyer and 2nd by Brandt. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ferda reported on the status of the new operator's and liquor licenses. Tail Chasers check was returned for non-sufficient funds and the owner paid cash to cover the check. The operator's license for Phil Myers will not be issued until he completes the server's course.

No action was taken on the request for the use of town roads for a mountain bike race to be held 7-16-11 as the course was modified and would no longer travel into Spider Lake.

Plan & Review Commission Report

The Commission did not consider the two CSM's that were on the agenda.

Hucker reported that 20 to 25 people attended the meeting regarding the proposed cell tower approved last month by the town board. The Board members were provided with a number of emails from persons and Hucker's response on behalf of the Plan & Review Commission. Several people either spoke or had written in either opposed to or in favor of the tower. Jack Wellauer circulated a map of his estimate of areas where sighting of the proposed tower, if constructed at 300 feet, would exist on Teal Lake and Lost Land Lake. Hucker emphasized that all conditions, especially the fall zone and engineering data, must be met before a building permit would be issued for the tower. Interested persons also were encouraged to contact the Town Clerk if they wished to be added to a distribution list for future agendas – even though the agendas are posted in the Town and available on its website. The Zoning Administrator will be sending a follow up letter to Cheqtel requesting the engineering data and fall zone data which is one of the conditions placed upon the CUP.

The Commission continued to work on the Subdivision Control Ordinance. A full review of the entire document will be held at the next meeting.

Committee Reports

Roads

McGuiness reported that a road committee meeting would be held to discuss summer road projects now that the prevailing wage has been returned to \$234,000.00. Projects could include crack filling, the purchase of gravel and finishing Rock Lake Road.

The town has entered into an agreement with the County to install two new culverts on Landing Camp Rd. and Brandt Rd. (Ole Lake). The County has taken care of a culvert that collapsed on FR176 causing a portion of the road to cave in.

The plow for the new truck should be manufactured this month. There is concern that the original quote will not be honored due to the increase in the price of steel. An alternative would be to purchase the plow locally.

WISLER training will be held on-line on 7-27-11 and 8-10-11 at a cost of \$45.00.

Health & Safety

Cerman reported on propane prices for the 2011-2012 winter season. Motion to authorize Cerman to negotiate the best price for propane at \$1.89 or less and also authorize the Town Chair to sign an agreement was made by McGuiness and 2nd by Meyer. All in favor. Motion carried.

A kitchen light needs to be repaired.

Hucker advised that Ayres Consulting has set 7-27-11 as a tentative date to inspect the Ghost Lake Dam.

Fire Chief Brandt reported that 290 dinners were served at the Fire Dept. picnic on 7-10-11. No figures are available at this time. A park dedication was held in memory of Ruth Guyer.

Fire Chief Brandt advised that the engine at Station #2 cannot be certified this year. Therefore, it is out of service. The overhaul would cost at least \$10,000.00 and there is no guarantee that replacement parts can be found. She will be looking into a used replacement truck. It is recommended that it should pump 1000 gallons per minute.

Solid Waste

Brandt reported the recycling grant was received in the amount of \$2,648.03, a reduction of \$1,449.00 from 2010.

Clerk's Report

A thank-you card was received from the Gawlik's regarding their use of the town hall for a graduation party.

A letter was received from the Department of Workforce Development regarding a special assessment for interest on outstanding federal loans. The state borrowed from the federal government to continue to pay unemployment benefits. According to the formula, the town's assessment will be approximately \$115.00 payable in September.

An e-mail was received from Daniel Kolner regarding a sign from the Lost Land Lake Landing Camp boat launch that washed up on his shore. The Clerk will ask Mr. Kolner to bring in the sign and either the town or the Quiet Lakes Association will reinstall the sign. Complaints have been received regarding the jagged rocks at the boat launch. Hucker will contact Dave Kafura from the DNR regarding this matter.

The 2011 Local Budget and Finance Workshops will be held 9-22-11 in Cable. Ferda and Overman will plan to attend.

During the open comment session, several persons spoke regarding the proposed cell tower off SR 77 and Ross Road. One person noted that while the Town had provided all the notice that was legally required, more effort to get the word out should have been made. Those who spoke in opposition also cited the comprehensive land use plan, the height of the tower, the location of the tower, the visual effects of the tower, potential environmental impact (birds) and potential health factors of living close to the tower. A resident spoke in favor citing the safety factors the tower would provide. Fire Chief Brandt reported that space would be made available on the tower for a repeater system which would enhance communications for the ambulance, first responders and Fire Department. Hucker addressed these issues as follows: There are no known alternative available sites to choose from and, to the Town's knowledge Ross' were the only landowners that Cheqtel contacted about selling land for the tower because of the location. In this particular instance, persons wishing to comment had an extra month in which to do so because consideration of the proposal was tabled at the Plan and Review Commission meeting in May. The Comprehensive Land Use Plan does contain a draft cell tower ordinance but it was never adopted. The Comprehensive Land Use Plan was considered. The Plan & Review Commission decided not to address the cell tower usage with an ordinance and chose to handle it under the conditional use permit process. There are no known health factor issues even being considered for anyone living 500 feet or more away from the tower and it is estimated that there are few if any residences within 2,500 feet of the proposed site. The old Brandt Road dump site was suggested as a possible site but not considered because it is a "brown field". The proposed tower CUP has 15 conditions that must be met before a building permit will be issued. He reiterated that Cheqtel will have to provide engineering data and a fall zone analysis to support representations made at the hearings before the Plan & Review Commission. There will be further dialogue with Cheqtel representatives at future Plan & Review Commission meetings and everyone is welcome to attend.

Mr. Perritt asked when the logs on the shoulders of the roads from the latest storm would be removed. McGuinness stated that the road crew is aware of the problem and it will be taken care of.

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

Christine Ferda
Clerk