



**TOWN OF SPIDER LAKE, SAWYER CO, WI
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING 07/14/2010**

The Town of Spider Lake monthly board meeting was called to order by Town Chair Hucker. Present were Hucker, Brandt, McGuiness, Meyer, Promersberger, Treasurer Overman and Clerk Ferda. Fire Chief Brandt was absent due to a fire. She arrived later in the evening.

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

A moment of silence was held in remembrance of Ruth and Bob Guyer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to approve the Town Board minutes of 6-16-10 and the Plan & Review Commission minutes of 6-2-10 was made by Promersberger and 2nd by Meyer. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by Overman. June 2010 receipts were \$16,025.86 and expenditures were \$33,556.59 leaving a balance of \$301,127.45. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Promersberger and 2nd by McGuiness. All in favor. Motion carried.

The vouchers were presented for payment. Meyer questioned a \$15.00 reimbursement to Titus Enterprises for a background check. Ferda explained O'Brien had previously been employed by Titus and a background check was done at that time. It was decided that if employment was terminated for a period exceeding one year, a new background check would be necessary to obtain an operator's license. Hucker advised that the Clear Lake Road and Ross Road projects were under the bid estimates and were right in line with what was budgeted. Hucker asked whether the new fire department dump tank (\$1,031.00) would be reimbursed by the Forest Service. Overman advised that part of the proceeds received from the Forest Service for assistance at the FR 204 fire would pay for the tank. Hucker advised that the chart of accounts (used to develop budget line items) will be reviewed before budget time. Accounts not being used will be deactivated and those that are open will be streamlined to be able to better track what is being spent. Also, the 2010 budget will be downloaded into the computer which will allow for budget reports to be generated. Hucker reported that the town may be assessed a penalty in road aids for 2011 because the 2009 state report was not filed on time by the clerk in May. The report was accepted late. Ferda, Overman and two other town clerks are working to balance it. Since the receipts and deposits balance, it appears to be bookkeeping entry errors that are causing the imbalance. Motion to approve was made by Promersberger and 2nd by Meyer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Hucker signed the Fabco contract (authorized at 6-16-10 meeting) for the new road equipment with a few changes. Fabco agreed that the risk of loss for the used equipment will pass when it is delivered at the town's site and not Fabco's site. Fabco is flexible on when payment is made as the loader will take some time to be delivered. At last month's meeting, the Board authorized seeking a loan through the State Trust Fund. The loan application papers were received and were discussed. The five year loan in the amount of \$155,000.00 will have a 3.5% interest rate. McGuiness read the resolution and moved to adopt the preamble and the resolution. 2nd by Promersberger. All in favor. Motion carried. The document was signed by all of the supervisors. The loan application, a copy of the minutes and the status of the project will be sent to the State.

The town received a proposed Master Road Agreement from the Forest Service. Hucker advised that FR 173 was included for the first time. Last year the town learned that the Forest Service was under the impression that the town receives road aids for 173, but the town does not and has never maintained FR 173. The agreement also states that maintenance shall include structures and related facilities... It appears that the town has never had the responsibility to maintain any structures as they relate to the roads. A significant adoption process would be required if the

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town were to take responsibility for 173. Hucker advised he has not succeeded in contacting Dwayne Reppert of the Forest Service. After discussion, a motion was made by McGuiness and 2nd by Promersberger to strike FR 173 and the word "structures..." from the contract, initial it, sign it and send it back with a cover letter advising the Forest Service that the town is willing to explore the possibility of taking responsibility for FR 173 if conditions can be met. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATV Cooperative Group Meeting Report

Hucker reported on the meeting he attended in June and showed the Board a map outlined with potential sustainable routes. Alternative routes which are less intrusive are being pursued as the original route covers an area closer to elk calving. Jim Hong from the Forest Service, Sue Miller from the DNR and Greg Olson were to drive and/or walk the proposed route and report back at the next meeting on July 20th. Discussion was held at the meeting regarding the possibility of getting access for ATVs to the Happy Hooker. Mrotek advised he is working on possibly using private access since ATV use on Upper A would not be a good idea.

Plan & Review Commission Report

Compliance Issues – Complaints were received regarding a property that was expanded for attic space only and not habitable space. Zoning Administrator Boss has inspected the site and will monitor the situation.

Updating Driveway Ordinance – A final draft amending the ordinance is complete and will be ready for public hearing soon.

Alternative Energy Conditional Use Permit – At the next meeting, Jack Cerman will propose a conceptual draft for consideration of the Plan & Review Commission.

Committee Reports

Roads – McGuiness reported that the Clear Lake Road project is complete and the Rock Lake Road project is currently under construction. The Upper A Road striping project is scheduled for the first week in August.

McGuiness advised receiving a quote from Mackenzie Supply regarding reconditioning of the truck boxes. It will cost approximately \$2,500.00 per truck and \$70 each to cut and patch holes. The hydraulic hoses will cost \$2.50 per foot (approximately 300 feet) plus fittings. A motion was made by Brandt and 2nd by Promersberger to approve the truck repairs. All in favor. Motion carried.

Health & Safety – Promersberger reported that Lakes Gas has the propane contract for the 2010-2011 season at \$1.49 a gallon if paid within ten days. The Fire Department picnic was a success but no figures are available at this time. Promersberger advised that Judy DeTray wants \$80.00 to mow the grass. This will be put on next month's agenda. Hucker advised he contacted a serviceman to repair the generator and Diem will contact Jump River Electric to change the bulb in the light by the dump.

Insurance & Finance – Meyer reported that it will cost approximately \$650.00 to \$700.00 to insure the new road equipment.

Solid Waste - Brandt reported an extra dumpster for recycling has been delivered and an extra pick-up for solid waste and recycling was obtained. Regarding commercial recycling, the town cannot allow it to be mixed with general recycling due to grant regulations, but Brandt will explore if there are other options for commercial recycling. Brandt will try to have representatives come to the next meeting or get something in writing from the waste haulers as to what options are available.

Clerk's Report

Ferda advised she will be attending an election training course in Barron on August 5, 2010. There is no charge for the program and she was approved for mileage to attend the course. This course will fulfill three hours of the six hours required.

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Lost Land Lake Lodge has changed agents. A background check was done and a new license issued.

A bill from the DNR dating back to November 10, 2005 in the amount of \$4,072.57 is owed by the town. This special charge (withdrawal tax assessed on land withdrawn from the Managed Forest Law) was paid to the town by the county in 2006 and the town should have then paid the DNR. The bill will be paid from the town's general funds.

A letter was received by the DNR regarding their purchase of land from Helania LTD. The DNR paid taxes in the amount of \$1,078.25 for ten parcels for the period of 11-12-09 through 12-31-09. Hucker was advised by the DNR that the property no longer qualifies for managed forest status and the DNR suggested to him last year that the appraised value is a determining factor for the payment in lieu of taxes the town should receive every year. It was decided to check with the assessor to make sure the town will receive what it is due and for Treasurer Overman to review the statute and rules referenced in the letter from the DNR and report back.

Ferda advised the software company has hopefully straightened out the glitches in the MARGE program used by the town clerk to maintain records. She will have to reenter data from the end of April through the first part of July. We will also test inputting the budget as the program is supposed to be able to produce interim reports. Hucker advised possibly getting new office computers this year or next if the funds are available as the computers are old, outdated and need added capacity to add needed programs.

McGuiness asked if the clerk was receiving the mail. The mail is slow but hopefully it will back to normal within a month. Hucker asked the Board to give some thought to a mail slot or lock box at the town hall.

Hucker received an e-mail from the Quiet Lakes Assn. asking whether or not a projection screen could be installed at the town hall for their meetings at their expense. He advised them it was too late for the agenda but asked the Board to give is some thought before the next meeting.

Brandt asked whether or not Ole Lake Rd. and Duncan Point Rd. were graveled. McGuiness advised no.

Overman announced the WTA meeting will be held in Edgewater on July 26th. The meetings are held quarterly and it was decided the meeting dates should be posted at the town hall.

McGuiness moved to adjourn. 2nd by Promersberger. All in favor. Motion carried.

Christine Ferda
Clerk