

Minutes of the Town of Round Lake Board Meeting July 12, 2018

Present: Chairman Rolfe Hanson. Supervisors: Kay Wilson, Sandra Schara, and Sharon Haak. Also Present: Fire Chief Schmidt, Clerk Kathy McCoy, and 5 audience members.

Absent: Supervisor Karns, and Treasurer Palya.

Chairman Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

A.) Certification of Meeting Posting.

Clerk McCoy certified that meeting agenda had been posted as required on July 8, 2018.

B.) Approval of Minutes; Regular Board Meeting June 14, 2018.

Motion by Schara to approve the minutes as printed: Second by Wilson. Motion carried.

2.) Items for Action, Discussion, Information:

A.) Audience Recognition – Comments Only.

Ashley Shuman introduced herself and outlined why she was running for the Sawyer County Clerk of Court Office (Fall election November 6, 2018).

B.) Monthly Recycling Card Drawing.

Dave Beyer's name was drawn. He is awarded a free recycling punch card for use at the town recycling center.

C.) Approval of Operator Licenses period ending June 30, 2019: Mike Ross, Robert Grayson, and Marylou Grayson.

Motion by Schara to approve Licenses for the period July 13, 2018 – June 30, 2019: Second by Haak. Motion carried.

D.) Land Use Plan Commission: Haak - Review of Survey results. Haak provided board members with a handout which summarized result of survey along with jump drives which contained all detail entries of survey data. 1,416 surveys were delivered and 522 were completed (a 36% response rate). Of the 522 respondents 57% were part-time residents, 64% were over the age of 61, 96% stated their quality of life in the Town of Round Lake as good or excellent, 80% felt there is enough public access to lakes and rivers, 87% felt there is enough access to public recreational facilities, 44% felt ATV/UTV use on designated town roads should stay the same, 24% said they have used local emergency service in the past 5 years. Water quality, better cell, Internet and TV service, and impact of runoff from yard fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides ranked as issues felt to be most important. Attract commercial development and attraction apartment/ condominium builders ranked as issues to be of least importance. Other key findings were: Nature, quiet, wildlife, the natural beauty of the Northwood's were the most liked reason for living in the Town of Round Lake. Taxes, poor cell phone service, high electricity bills were regularly most cited as dislikes of living in the Town of Round Lake. Convenience store/ gas station was most mentioned as needed business. Cell phone tower to provide better cell service also cited as needed. Also noted was the expectation that Town of Round Lake is responsible for all roads including county roads and private roads. (The town is only responsible for and maintains only Town Roads. Complete results of the survey are on file in the Town Office.

E.) Acceptance of Driveway Permit: Peter Kron – Temporary Logging Access East of Pit Road on Phipps Fire Lane.

Motion by Schara to accept the temporary logging access permit for Peter Kron: Second by Wilson. Motion carried.

F.) Currier Lake Boat Landing: Review of title search information/ ownership of landing.

Title company search provided to board. Result was inconclusive as to current ownership of landing. Further research is being done on ownership. Adjacent property owner Tom Reinemann is having a survey done of his property. No action taken.

G.) Approval use of town dump truck – Moose Lake Festival weekend August 3rd – 5th.

Motion by Wilson to approve use: Second by Haak. Motion carried.

H.) Recycling Building and Town Hall Roof Inspection/ Update: Schara.

Schara was able to contact Bill Shirriff (Shirriff Construction Inc.) and is working on having him do an inspection of both the town hall/ garage and recycling center roofs.

I.) Appointment of Land Use Plan Commission Member: Ann Berlage Term: 05/01/18 – 04/30/2021.

Chairman Hanson informed the board that he appointed Ann Berlage to the land Use Plan Commission. Her term will run from 05/01/2018 – 04/30/2021.

The board discussed the need to have something to give new LUPC members to aid them in understanding their rules and responsibilities as members of the commission. Item will be placed on next month's agenda.

J.) Update on radio communication project (options): Hanson

Hanson reported that study showed it might be feasible to use Norvado Tower. Norvado would charge a fee for putting the Town's radio equipment on tower. Sawyer County is currently using Forest Service Tower (equipment at 90 feet height) vs. Town's proposed use at 60 feet height and it is working well. May need to do a study to determine if 60 feet height would provide coverage needed. No action taken. Hanson will continue to work on feasibility options.

K.) Town Garage Insulation- Review of project/ overall budget and determination on feasibility of completing in 2018.

Clerk provided board with an overview of areas within the budget (revenues & expenses) that are projected to be over or under budget. Last year estimated cost to complete upgrades garage portion of building was 27,500.00. Motion by Haak that clerk pursue project - updated estimates for insulation and covered (plywood and possible metal); Second by Schara. Motion carried.

L.) Continued review of town ordinances including draft recycling ordinance combining current recycling ordinances (9403 B (37) and 9405 (26)).

Newly drafted recycling ordinance reviewed and found acceptable. Boating ordinance need to be fixed so that fines/ penalties are consistent. Wilson and Clerk McCoy will work on this.

M.) Recycling Center recyclables contamination problem and enforcement.

Clerk informed board of notice from service carrier (Republic Service) as to excess contamination of recyclables. Bagged recycling can no longer be accepted at Center. Recyclables must be brought in a container that can be dumped directly into bin. The Towns of Spider Lake, Hunter, and Hayward follow this same policy. Also discussed in association was excess contamination, was people bringing in recycling that is not properly cleaned and/ or mixed with items that are not recyclable. Board determined that bagged recycling will no longer be accepted. Until the public is aware of this any bagged recyclables will be opened and dumped prior to being placed in bin. Any contaminated recycling will be deemed

garbage. Board members will be present to assist attendants with providing information to customers starting Saturday.

N.) Fire Department Report: Schmidt. 1.) Written report on monthly activities. 2.) Fire Inspections update. 3.) Request to review / change driveway ordinance to reflect need for required width emergency / and fire vehicles access.

Written report Summary 4 fire runs and 11 EMS Assist runs for the month of June. Martin Hanson is working on Fire Inspections. Chief Schmidt explained that substandard driveways create access problems for emergency vehicles - EMS and Fire. Problem is not just with new driveways but with existing ones that are substandard. He suggested current driveway ordinance be reviewed to address this problem

O.) Clerk's Report: McCoy 1.) To date budget reports. 2.) Account balances. 3.) Election update. McCoy provided board with written budget reports: (Written report on file in town office): All accounts are balanced with Treasurer. Fall Partisan Primary Election is Tuesday August 11, 2018. Absentee ballots can be obtained by contacting the clerk's office.

P.) Treasurer's Report: 1.) Monthly Receipts, Vouchers, and Account Balances. Treasurer Palya provided board with written report (On file in town office). All accounts are in balance with Clerk.

Q.) Approval of Checks/ Vouchers as listed. Motion by Schara to approve checks/ vouchers 31856 – 31909 with the exception of check 31908 (Superior Sealers) – release of check contingent on Road Lead Doug Laier's satisfaction with work performed: Second by Haak. Motion carried.

R.) Correspondence, reports from conferences, seminars, meetings, other matters for discussion only. Hanson attended Moose Lake Property Association Annual Meeting. Clerk provided board members with handout on upcoming local government programs / workshops for elected officials.

Meeting adjourned at 8.26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kathy McCoy, Clerk