

Minutes of the Town of Round Lake Regular Board Meeting October 10, 2020

Present: Chairman Rolfe Hanson. Supervisors: Marilyn Karns, Sharon Haak, Kay Wilson, and Sandra Schara. Also Present: Clerk -Kathy McCoy, Treasurer Vickie Palya, Fire Chief Michael Schmidt and 6 audience members.

1.) Chairman Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

A) Certification of Meeting Posting.

Clerk McCoy certified that meeting agenda had been posted as required on October 4, 2020.

B.) Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting September 10, 2020.

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

2.) Items for Action, Discussion, Information:

A.) Audience Recognition- Comments Only

Fred Haak introduced himself as the new Moose Lake Improvement Association representative.

Supervisor Marilyn Karns was recognized for her service to the community and the Town.

Doug Laier (Town Road Crew) thanked the Fire Department for the assistance they often provide to the Road Crew.

B.) Recycling Center punch card drawing. Dan & Dina Byrnes name was drawn. They are awarded a free recycling punch card for use at the town recycling center.

C.) .Land Use Plan Commission Report: Berlage

Berlage gave a brief report on October 7, 2020 meeting. Recommendations by the LUPC were presented under each agenda item.

D.) Variance Application: James & Barbara Betz Mullen. Property- Part of Government Lot 5; S30, T41N, R05W; Parcel #024-541-30-5516.; 1.54 Total Acres; Zoned Residential/Recreational One (RR-1). Application is for the construction of a 10'x 22' attached bathroom and screen porch addition onto an existing principal structure 26' at the closest point to the OHWM of Moose Lake.

James & Barbara Betz Mullen were present and outlined the reason for variance request. LUPC recommended approval with modification of addition size to 10'x20' (200sq. ft.). The LUPC looked at three factors in review of application: 1.) Unique property limitations – distance from shoreland limitations. 2.) Public interest – neighbors are in favor of this variance passing. 3.) No unnecessary hardship – not having indoor plumbing with running water is identified as a hardship.

Motion by Schara to approved variance as recommended by the Plan Commission (10'x 20' foot addition 200 sq. feet) : Second by Karns. Motion carried.

E.) Proposed Changes to Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance Section 2.0 Definitions; 4.26 Accessory Uses and Structures; 9.2 Land Use Permits. LUPC expressed concerns about lack of enforcement ability (Sawyer County Zoning) and how post 1971 nonconforming structures would be handled. Supervisor Wilson explained the various changes related to Ordinance, citing that one of driving forces behind Ordinance was safety. Motion by Karns to approve proposed ordinance changes with the following additional comments: 1.) Local UDC inspection be maintained. 2.) Smoke and Carbon Monoxide alarms must be present in stand-alone bunkhouse and temporary quest quarters: Second by Wilson. Motion carried.

F.) Acceptance of Driveway Permits: 1.) Jeff & Peggy Gerney – Bethel Road. 2.) Donald Anderson. Motion by Schara to accept the driveway permits as listed: Second by Haak. Motion carried.

G.) Approval of Operators Licenses: 1.) Cynthia Edwards 2.) Emily Conner. Motion by Schara to approve the Operators Licenses for period ending June 30, 2021 (Cynthia Edwards & Emily Conner): Second by Haak. Motion carried.

H.) Approval of Proposed Budget 2021 for publication. Motion by Karns to approve the proposed budget as printed for publication: Second by Schara. Motion carried.

I.) Discussion of liaison from Town Board to Plan Commission CAFO ordinance project. The LUPC is moving forward with project and will keep the Town Board informed on progress. All Town Board members are liaisons (connections) to the Commission and meetings are open to all to attend.

J.) Update Road Projects – Wolf Island and Chippewa River Roads. Work has been completed on both Wolf Island and Chippewa River Road. They will remain as is over the winter. Roads will be pulverized / graveled / and paved in 2021.

K.) Loader Purchase – Hanson provided board with quotes on two different model loaders. Road Crew will look at models and get quotes from at least one other vender. Item will be placed November agenda.

L.) Discussion – Income generating ideas for Town in 2021. Board reviewed a list of income generating ideas provided by Supervisor Haak at budget meeting: Increase levy (property taxes), user fees recycling center, room tax, charge for use of Town Hall etc. How much more revenue is needed to not fall behind with road repairs and other things like equipment replacement, review of allocated reserve fund balances , and income generating ideas will be discussed again at November Board meeting.

M.) Moose Lake Boat Landings Repairs. Motion by Wilson that the Town pays for angular rock needed to maintain Moose Lake Boat ramps: Second by Haak. Motion carried.

N.) Review Draft Policy- Procedures / request for opening up Town controlled roads to be used as ATV/UTV (All-Terrain Vehicle/ Utility Terrain Vehicle) routes. No action taken – board members will review and bring suggestions and/ or changes desired to November 12th Meeting. LUPC will review draft at their November 11th meeting.

O.) Fire Department Report: Schmidt – Written Monthly Report. Schmidt provided written report to Board. – There were 10 runs in September.

P.) Clerk's Report: McCoy 1.) To date budget reports. 2.) Account balances. 3.) Set date Budget Hearing and Special Meeting of Electors. (Written report on file in town office): All accounts are balanced with Treasurer. Absentee ballots are encouraged. In person voting is allowed in the Clerk's office starting October 20th. The Polls will be open Election Day from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Procedures will be followed as per previous elections related to sanitization, mask and social distancing. Budget Hearing and Special Meeting of the Electors Date set for November 12th, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. – Regular Town Board Monthly meeting will follow.

Q.) Treasurer's Report: 1.) Monthly Receipts, Vouchers, and Account Balances.
Written report provided to Board – all accounts are in balance with Clerk.

R.) Approval of Checks/ Vouchers as listed.
Motion by Karns to approve checks/ vouchers 33446-33496: Second by Schara. Motion carried.

S.) Correspondence, reports from conferences, seminars, meetings, other matters for discussion only.
Appointment of Town Board Supervisor to fill Karns position: notice will be ran in Sawyer County record and be placed on Town website seeking individuals interested in applying for position to respond with a letter of interest prior to October 30th.

T.) Future agenda items. None

U.) Adjourn – meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McCoy, Clerk