

Minutes of the Town of Round Lake Regular Board Meeting April 8, 2021

Present: Chairman Rolfe Hanson. Supervisors: Kay Wilson, Virginia Chabek, and Sharon Haak. Also Present: Clerk -Kathy McCoy, Treasurer - Vickie Palya, Fire Chief – Mike Schmidt, and 16 audience members in person, and an additional 9 plus audience members by WebEx. Meeting was held in Town Garage to allow for increased space (social distancing).

Absent: Supervisor Sandra Schara.

1.) 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 April 1, 2021.

B.) Approval of Minutes; Regular Board Meeting March 11, 2021.

Motion by Haak to approve the minutes as printed: Second by Chabek. Motion Carried

2.) Items for Action, Discussion, Information:

A.) Audience Recognition – Comments Only. Audrey Robotka Complaint that paper ballots were not available April 6th Election. Clerk McCoy explained that paper ballots have not been used since COVID pandemic due to CDC and state health guidelines. Goal is to keep everyone safe.

Martin Hanson – Positive feedback on providing information related to agenda items online (Website) with agenda.

B.) Monthly Recycling Card Drawing.

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

C.) Opening and possible awarding of Bids: Gravel Hauling, Pulverizing, Paving.

Gravel Hauling – Two (2) Bids: Select Excavating Inc. Loader Provided by Town \$7.75/Yard x 5,000 yards = \$38,750.00. Loader not provided by Town \$8.25/yard x 5,000 yards = \$41,250.00.

Monarch Paving: Town Provide Loader \$7.17/ Yard x 5,000 yards = \$35,850.00. Motion by Hanson to accept the Monarch Bid at \$7.17 / yard estimate 5,000 yards = \$35,850.00: Second by Chabek. Motion carried.

Wolf Island Road: One Bid Monarch Pulverizing and Knockdown Existing Asphalt –\$8,234.00: Hot Mix Asphalt paving 2.5” (avg compacted depth) – \$136,567.01: Shouldering 2-foot gravel \$14,893.38.

Total one (1) bid Monarch \$159,694.39 Motion by Wilson to accept the Monarch bid for Wolf Island Road Pulverizing, paving and shouldering Total \$159,694.39: Second by Haak. Motion carried.

Chippewa River Road: one (1) Bid Monarch: Pulverizing and Knockdown Existing Asphalt –\$6,417.00:

Hot Mix Asphalt paving 2.5” (avg compacted depth) – \$106,122.24: Shouldering 2-foot gravel

\$12,162.66. Total \$124,701.90. Motion by Haak to accept Monarch Bid for Chippewa River Road Pulverizing, paving and shouldering Total \$124,701.90: Second by Wilson. Motion carried.

D.) Land Use Application for the Construction of a Year-round or Seasonal Dwelling in the Forestry One (F-1) Zone District: Bryan and Kathleen Koeser.

Motion by Wilson to approve the Land Use Application for Bryan and Kathleen Koeser: Second by Chabek. Motion carried.

E.) Plan Commission Report: Berlage. Recommendation on Conditional Use Permit #21-007 was to deny. As per Sawyer County Zoning Committee Checklist Finding of Fact: It would be damaging to the

rights of others and property values. It would be detrimental to ecology, wildlife, wetlands or shorelands. It would create an air quality, water supply or pollution problems. It could create topographical problems such as runoff, drainage, erosion, flooding, or vegetative cover removal. It would create traffic or highway access problems.

Sawyer County Ordinance Amendments Section 6-6 Trailer Camps and Campgrounds – Recommendation to approve with addition of language limiting the number of permanent campsites available. Future Land Use Map – Commission recommends no changes to current map. Commission continues to work on the following issues: COVID-19 Impact to area. Signage for bicycles. Broadband Improvement. CAFO Ordinance Development.

F.) Conditional use application #21-007 Groeschl Trust: Agent: Select Materials LLC – Darryl Mast. Property Description: The SE 1/3 of the NW ¼; S12, T41N, R08; Parcel #024-841-12-2405; 5 Total acres of a 40Acre parcel: Zoned Forestry One (F-1). Non-Metallic Mining Extraction Operation. Mr. Groeschl and his wife Sue along with agent Darryl Mast were present at meeting to explain request and answer question related to proposed gravel pit. Access from property onto Hwy 77 already exists. Effort to control time of year crushing is done (Early Spring or Late Fall (limit to 4-6 weeks per year). Hours could be reduced to 7a.m. – 7 p.m. Monday – Saturday. Pit size – permit application is for only 5 acres.

Numerous audience members spoke in opposition to the proposed pit. Concerns with decrease in property values, noise, groundwater contamination, hours of operation, distance to residential neighborhoods (Bethel Road), and future expansion beyond current proposed 5 acres.

Motion by Wilson to follow the recommendation of Plan Committee and deny approval of Conditional Use Application #21-0007 Groeschl: Second by Chabek. Findings of fact 1.) It would be damaging to the rights of others and property values. (Several studies were identified by Wilson on the effect/ decrease in property values as a result of gravel pit operations). 2.) It would create an air quality, water supply, or pollution problem. Motion Carried.

G.) Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Section 6.6 Trailer Camps and Campgrounds. Motion by Wilson to approve with comments as to the importance of having/ or maintaining a number of transient camp sites in the County: Second by Chabek. Motion carried.

H.) Bike Signage Presentation: Land Use Plan Commission (Draft for Discussion).

Plan Commission member Jen Welzin gave a power point presentation to the board on “Rural Roadway Countermeasures” Bicycle and pedestrian safety proposal Town of Round Lake. Board reviewed and discussed. No action taken.

I.) Acceptance of Driveway Permit: Brandon Chandler – Sun n’ Sno Road.

Motion by Wilson to accept the Driveway permit for Bradon Chandler Lot 2 Sun n Sno Road: Second by Haak. Motion carried.

J.) Fire Department Report: Schmidt – 1.) Written Monthly Report. 2.) Fire Inspections – Update. Written report provided to Board by Schmidt: Summary of Runs for March 2021 (1) Fire and (0) EMS runs. Working on recruiting for Fire Inspections.

K.) Clerk’s Report: McCoy 1.) To date budget reports. 2.) Account balances. 3.) Election Update. 4.) Annual Meeting reminder (April 20, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.).

(Written report provided to Board). All accounts are balanced with Treasurer. Election went well – thank you to dedicated election inspectors.

L.) Treasurer’s Report: 1.) Monthly Receipts, Vouchers, and Account Balances.

(Written report provided to Board). All accounts are balanced with Clerk.

M.) Approval of Checks/ Vouchers as listed.

Motion by Wilson to approve checks/ vouchers 33809- 33867: Second by Chabek. Motion carried.

N.) Upgrade to Road Crew Radio Equipment.

Hanson reported additional equipment upgrade is needed- estimated cost is \$750.00. Will move forward with upgrade – no action required.

O.) American Rescue Plan Local (Town) Grant funding – Discussion.

Estimated amount Round Lake will receive \$96,774.66. Use of funds is very limited in scope. More information / details will be communicated to the Town.

P.) Correspondence, reports from conferences, seminars, meetings, other matters for discussion only. None

Q.) Future agenda items. None Discussed

R.) Adjourn- meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McCoy
Clerk – Round Lake