

Minutes of the Town of Round Lake Regular Board Meeting July 13, 2023

Present: Chairman Rolfe Hanson and Supervisors, Don Stover, Dan Palmer, Kay Wilson, and Jim Strandlund. Also present in person: Fire Chief Schmidt, Clerk -Kathy McCoy, and 14 in person audience members.

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 July 10, 2023

B.) Approval of Minutes: Town Board Regular Meeting June 8, 2023 and Special Board Meeting June 14, 2023. Motion by Wilson/ Stover to approve minutes of both meetings: Motion carried.

C.) Audience Recognition – Comments Only. NONE

Item I was moved to follow item D at the request of Supervisor Wilson.

D.) Monthly Recycling Card Drawing. . Steve Balthazor’s name was drawn. He is awarded a free recycling punch card for use at the town recycling center.

I.) Moose Lake Landing Dock Placement Agreement: Discussion and possible action. Chairman Hanson explained that Town Legal counsel would not have agreement finished until later next week- apologies to Jim Murphy and Moose Lake Club members for the delay. Parking in connection with dock placement and use discussed: Club members -Parking area expansion has made launching boats easier for all users of the landing – can park nose in so more space for vehicles. No trailers from Club members are left at the landing (they have a separate private area for trailer parking). Club members try to limit parking to one vehicle for family groups and for older club members. Dock is being fixed with anticipation that it will last several more years before total replacement is needed. Club has liability insurance on docks and will continue with said insurance. Docks will be treated as usable for all (Club members and the general public). Liability associated with possible damage to vehicles from falling trees adjacent property discussed – Supervisor Strandlund will check on this. No action taken.

E.) Land Use Plan Commission Report: Ann Berlage: Committee reviewed – legal standards of Variance prior to making recommendation to deny Variance #23-003 John & Jeanne Skul both Option A and B. Citing that no hardship exist and that it would be contrary to the public interest as per #10,11,12 of Sawyer County Zoning Committee finding of facts for denial. Water testing program – mailing was done to property owners to encourage testing in areas for base line mapping. Committee continues to work on possible Town recreational development, dark sky intuitive (updated information has been placed at Town Hall), and updating of element 6 Town Comprehensive Plan, along with ATV/UTV topic – how viewed at state level, possible better survey.

F.) Land Use Application: Michael & Lori Bateman: Construction of a Year-round Seasonal Dwelling in the Forestry One (F-1) Zone District. Approval is desired for the construction of the dwelling(s) indicated on the property owner’s application for a Land Use Permit. Michael present – explained requested. Motion to approve by Wilson/ Strandlund: Motion carried.

G.) Land Use Application: Whiskey River North LLC (Jack Solberg): Land Use application for a shipping container as per Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance Section 2.0 (93).Approval is desired and required for a shipping container indicated on the property owner’s Land Use Application. Mr.

Solberg appeared by WebEx and explained reason for request: Temporary structure- not permeant, not anchored- cheapest option for temporary storage, unit will be well screened. Motion to approve by Palmer/ Strandlund.

Palmer requested roll call vote: Palmer – Yes, Stover – Yes, Strandlund – Yes, Wilson – Yes, Hanson – Yes. Motion carried.

H.) Variance Application #23-003: John & Jeanne Skul: Property Description: Part of Government Lot 2; S09, T41N, R07W; Parcel #024-741-09-5203; Tax ID # 25103; 2.39 total acres; Zoned Forestry One (F-1) & Residential / Recreational One (RR-1).

Application is for construction of an attached garage & shop area with 2nd story habitable living area. Option “A” is for a 41’ x26’ including 10’ x17.5’ bump out area. Proposed expansion to be 2’ at the closest point to a non-navigable wetland. Or Option “B” for a 34’ x 28’ including 10’ x19.5’ bump out area. Proposed expansion to be 7’ at the closest point to a wetland. Setbacks measured to eaves overhangs which would include additional 2’.

Variance requested as Section 6.1 of the Sawyer County Shoreland – Wetland Protection Ordinance would require prior granting of a Variance for any structure closer the 40’ to a non-navigable wetland. Option “A” is requesting a 2’ setback from eave. Option “B” is requesting a 7’ setback from eave. Pervious garage Variance was granted in 2007 for a 9’ setback. Existing garage would be removed with approved new Variance.

Applicants present and requested Option B for consideration. Need for additional storage and living space year round residence. Current garage is 850 square feet – new structure would be 950 square feet garage with additional 950 square feet of living space above. Old existing garage would be torn down.

Motion to Deny by Wilson/ Stover: finding of fact no hardship exist for granting of variance, and could result in harm to public interest: Motion carried.

J.) Update on Act 12: Request for MEA to look at amending our Non-Metallic Licensing Ordinance if needed: Hanson. Motion by Stover/ Strandlund to contract with MCA to review Town non-metallic mining licensing ordinance to determine if any updates are needed as per passage of Act 12: Motion carried.

K.) Update – Twin Lake Road Project: Hanson: Project may be pushed back to September due to supply issue trap rock.

L.) Request Town Hall Use: Callahan / Mud Lake Association September 2nd, 2023.

Motion by Strandlund/ Wilson to approve request Town Hall Use 9/2/2023: Motion carried.

M.) Fire Department Report: Chief Schmidt provided board with written report: Five (5) EMS calls and Two (2) Fire call during the month of June, 2023. Fire inspections are being done. Estimate for Station Two roof damaged received from John Jokinen - \$17,970.00. Schmidt has checked references. Motion by Wilson / Stover to accept estimate contingent on proof of insurance: Motion carried.

O.) Clerk’s Report: McCoy 1.) To date budget reports. 2.) Account balances. (Written report on file in town office): All accounts are balanced with Treasurer. Several items noted on budget reports expenses (Equipment repairs 2016PB truck.) (Hwy Maintenance – Fuel and Salt/Sand amounts). Hwy Construction amount budgeted \$600,000.00 vs actual bid accepted amounts \$730,000.00.

P.) Treasurer’s Report: 1.) Monthly Receipts, Vouchers, and Account Balances. (Written report provided to board) – All accounts are in balance with Clerk.

Q.) Approval of Checks/ Vouchers. Motion by Wilson/ Stover to approve checks / vouchers 35416-35471: Motion carried.

R.) Correspondence, reports from conferences, seminars, meetings, other matters for discussion only. Wilson update contact with Sawyer County Hwy Commissioner Cty Road S: Cty Hwy S is on schedule to be resurfaced from Moose Lake Road to State Road 77.

McCoy – New Town officials book released will order for all board members. Palmer – 4th annual back the Blue fund raiser July 22nd, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. – close – Twin Lake Tap.

T.) Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Kathy McCoy
Clerk – Town of Round Lake