

Minutes of the Town of Round Lake Regular Board Meeting April 11, 2024

Present: Chairman Rolfe Hanson and Supervisors, Don Stover, Dan Palmer, Kay Wilson, and Jim Strandlund.. Also present in person: Fire Chief Schmidt, Treasurer Vickie Palya, 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.

2.) Certification of Meeting Posting.

Clerk McCoy certified that meeting agenda had been posted as required on April 8, 2024.

3.) Approval of Minutes: Town Board Regular Meeting March 14, 2024

Motion by Wilson/Strandlund to approve the minutes as printed: Motion carried.

4) Audience Recognition – Comments Only. None.

5.) 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.

6.) Milestone Materials/ Monarch Paving: Review of 2024 plans for crushing and paving – Mrotek Pit. Company representatives Tom Gangon and Scott Cloes were present at meeting – crushing will start this week and continue for approximately one month. Hwy 77 will be the Major paving project this year for asphalt operation.

7.) Land Use Plan Commission Report: Ann Berlage:

- Commission recommends approval of Conditional Use Permit #24-009 A1 Plumbing & Excavating.
- Berlage clarified that The Preserve at MBF, LLC Jeremy Hill was for a Special Use Land Use Permit and not a conditional use permit. Berlage confirmed with Sawyer County Zoning administrator Jay Kozlowski that a Special Use Permit can have conditions placed on it. Commission tabled Permit application (3-2 vote) to allow for time to gather further information from experts (Dave Kafura), and WDNR Mosquito Brook Dam and Conservancy Letter.
- Ground and surface water baseline testing will begin again in May.
- Commission requested feedback from Town Board related to continuation of work on Town of Round Lake Neighbor Handbook – website hosting – mailing – distribution etc.

8.) Appointment of New Land Commission Chairperson: Ginny Chabek. Chairman Hanson confirmed appointment of Ginny Chabek as Plan Commission Chairperson effective May 1, 2024 replacing current Chairperson Ann Berlage whose term will expire April 30th. Ms. Berlage was thanked for her service, work and dedication to the community the past six years.

9.) Conditional Use Application #24-009: A1 Plumbing & Excavating: Property Description: Part of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ S12, T41N, R08W; Parcel #024-841-12-2301, Tax ID#26595. And the SE ¼ of the NE ¼; S11, T41, R08W; Parcel #024-841-11-1401; Tax ID #26546. Both zoned Forestry One (F-1). 60 total acres. Known as Joan's Pit. Permit is desired for the 5 year renewal of conditional use permit #13-0005 for the location of a non-metallic mineral extraction operation, including rock crusher. The CUP was originally approved at public hearing on June 21, 2003 and most recently on April 16, 2019.

Bart Vitcenda present - reviewed the pit operation. Indicated if weather was warm like this year it might be advantageous to crush during winter – fewer people around and outdoors (related to noise

level). Motion by Palmer/ Strandlund to Approve conditional use permit for A1 plumbing / excavating with the following conditions:

- Maintain compliance with NR 135 (reclamation Plan)
- Maintain compliance with Plan of Operation including current hours of operation from 8AM to 5PM, Monday – Friday. With crushing 7AM to 7PM, Monday – Friday. Crushing Operations: four or five days per year. If weather permits, additional single crushing cycle allowed - January – December.
- Maintain compliance with Dept. of Natural Resources Chapter 30
- Motion carried.

Findings of fact: 1.) Recognize the needs of agriculture, forestry, industry, and business in future growth. 2.) Encourage uses of land and other natural resources which are in accordance with their character and adaptability

10.) Land Use Application for the Construction of a Year Round or Seasonal Dwelling in the Forestry One (F-1) Zone District: The Preserve at MBF, LLC – In connection with proposal to change conservancy status of mosquito brook flowage) Jeremy Hill. Tabled from March 14, 2024 Meeting. Mr. Hill and his wife Kristina spoke to their presence in the community and history of environmental building practices. Requesting permit for one home on current 940 acre parcel. Wants conservancy on area delineated by original ordinary high water mark.

Motion by Wilson/ Stover to approve Special Use Application with conditions: – Obtain DNR Wetland Permit. Change in conservancy to OHWM. Motion W/D by Wilson and Stover.

Further Board discussion / clarification of intent.

Motion by Wilson/ Stover to approve special use building permit for The Preserve at MBF, LLC – Jeremy Hill with the conditions of obtaining a DNR Wetland Permit if necessary and the conservancy of the flowage be changed to the original high water mark: Motion carried.

11.) Approval of Sawyer County Highway Service Agreement.

Motion by Palmer/ Wilson to approve Sawyer County Highway Agreement: Motion carried.

12.) Request Approval Chequamegon 100 mountain bike race road use June 22, 2024. Gerald Wright explained request. – No roads will be closed – limited number of riders. Motion by Wilson/ Stover to approve request: Motion carried.

13.) Acceptance of Driveway Permit: Jerald Guint - 11066 W County Hwy B, Hayward WI.

Motion by Strandlund/ Wilson acceptance of driveway permit Jerald Guint – 11066 W County Hwy B: Motion carried.

14.) Approval of Mutual Fire Protection Assistance Contract.

Motion by Strandlund/ Palmer to approve Mutual Fire Protection Assistance Contract: Motion carried.

15.) Discussion / possible approval of Fire Department Auxiliary Gun Raffle Fund Raiser. David Wells Auxiliary President reviewed changes that needed to be made related to fundraising - can no longer mail sweepstake tickets (Not licensed to do this as property owners mailing was to multiple states). Fire Department Auxiliary will have new event Fire Fest vs. former Moose Lake Fest. (Event will be fire dept. auxiliary only not with the Chequamegon lions). Will do cash raffle and would also like to do Gun raffle (Hunting guns only – donated)

Motion by Strandlund / Palmer to support Fire Department Gun Raffle Fund Raiser with the use of a licensed FFL dealer: Motion carried.

16. Helipad Fire Station One: Strandlund Cost to relocate power lines underground estimated at 7K – continuing to look at options and discuss with power company possible relocation at no cost. No Action Taken.

17. Fire Department Fee charge – Discussion/ possible action. Sample Ordinances from other municipalities provided to board members by Strandlund. Focus on false alarms. Chief will check with that other towns are doing and make a recommendation to the board at a future date.

18.) Approval Operators License: John Altermatt for the period April 12th – June 30th, 2024. Motion by Wilson/ Stover to approve Operators License for John Altermatt for period stated: Motion carried.

19. Road Bids- discussion and possible approval action to advertise bids:

- Line Striping (6 miles Twin Lake Road) and (approximately .9 mile Pine Point Road).
- Crack Sealing – estimated cost 100K
- Paving approximately .9 miles Pine Point Road.
- Dig out Pine Point Road – Doug Laier is looking at areas needed and estimated cost.

Motion by Strandlund/Palmer to approve advertising for bids crack sealing with opening at May 9th Board Meeting: Motion carried.

20.) Discussion / possible approval to hire counsel to assist in developing Town Subdivision Ordinance. Motion by Strandlund/ Wilson that Chair Hanson research attorney options and cost to develop a town subdivision ordinance aligned with Sawyer County subdivision ordinance and town objectives: Motion carried.

21.) Review and final approval of Revised Employee Handbook. No action – May agenda.

22.) Approval of funding for Recreational Plan – Northwest Regional Plan Commission – up to \$5,000.00. Plan Commission member Ginny Chabek spoke to the need for Plan and usefulness related to obtaining grant money. Letter of request for funding will be sent to HLVCB. No Board action taken.

23.) Discussion / possible approval letter to Sawyer County Zoning requesting amend section 6.23 of zoning ordinance expanding the current distance setback from mines/ crushing operations to residences from current 1,000 feet to 3,000 feet. Discussion on distance vs. other factors – wind/ topography/ buffers/ and decibel level vs. distance. No action taken.

24.) Discussion/ approval/ disapproval of Sawyer County Board action to override local control of ATV/ UTV use on County Roads located within local jurisdictions. Motion by Wilson/ Stover to send a letter to Sawyer County Board disapproving of action overriding town's jurisdiction on issues: Roll call vote request by Supervisor Palmer: Stover – Yes, Strandlund – No, Wilson – Yes, Hanson – Yes, Palmer – No. Motion carried. Hanson will draft letter and send to Sawyer County Board of Supervisors.

25.) Clarification / Review of Non-Metallica Mineral Licensing Ordinance – Written comments following public hearing and required Town Board Memorandum. No action needed – Clerk will handle.

26.) Fire Department Report – Schmidt- 1.) Written Monthly report. 2.) Fire Inspections. Written report provided by Schmidt: three (3) EMS – medical assist calls, two (2) Fire call

Three (other) and one dispatched and cancelled.

27.) Clerk's Report: McCoy 1.) To date budget reports. . Annual Meeting date April 17th, 6:30 p.m. Board of Review (meeting/ adjournment) May 9th @ 6:00 p.m.

Written report provided to board – all accounts are in balance with treasurer. Reminder of Meeting dates listed and for Board member certification Board of Review training.

28.) Treasurer's Report: 1.) Monthly Receipts, Vouchers, and Account Balances.

Written report provided to Board – all accounts in balance with Clerk.

29.) Approval of Checks/ Vouchers as listed.

Motion by Wilson/ Strandlund to approve checks/ vouchers 35955- 36019: Motion carried.

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

31.) Future agenda items -None

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Kathy McCoy


Clerk – Round Lake