Town of Round lake Meeting of local Officials (Hosted by Round Lake) January 14, 2025.

Meeting convened at 6:00 p.m. with the following present: Town of Round Lake Board Supervisors; Verbeck, Wilson, Strandlund, Palmer and Chair Hanson. Round Lake Fire Dept. Ron Kvamme, Mike Felder, Jim Onarheim, and Chief Mike Schmidt. Sawyer County Ambulance director John Froemel, County Board Supervisor Ron Buckholtz, and Sawyer County administrator Andy Albarado. Round Lake Clerk – McCoy.

- 1.) Clerk McCoy certified that meeting had been posted as required on January 9-2025.
- 2.) Mike Feldner gave background information related to ambulance housed in Fire Dept. garage station two along with living quarter's addition back in 2008. Two stand-alone ambulances are still in Sawyer County Round Lake and Stone Lake volunteer based. EMT's in Round Lake are currently working for Sawyer County or have aged out. Mike Felder and Ron Kvamme provided distance / time sheet for three (3) locations in Sawyer County Hayward, Ojibwa, and Round Lake. Ambulance located in Round Lake would benefit / serve Round, Spider, Hunter and Hayward Towns. Discussion on times and what this means for individuals experiencing an emergency medical problem.

Albarado reviewed average response time for Round Lake calls based on ambulance runs as tracked by County - rural response time is good. County shortage of EMT's and paramedics was also disused along with the need for ambulance service to be classified by state as essential service to open up more funding at state and federal levels – need for lobbing efforts from local governments/ public on this issue.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Kathy McCoy

Clerk - Round Lake

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