

Minutes of the Town of Round Lake Board Meeting January 8, 2015.

Present: Chairman Dave Sanders, Supervisors: Kay Wilson, Rolfe Hanson, Marilyn Karns, and Sandy Schara. Also Present: Clerk Kathy McCoy, Treasurer Vicki Palya, Fire Chief Mike Schmidt, and 36 audience members.

1.) Chairman Sanders called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

A.) Approval of Agenda.

Motion by Schara to approve agenda as printed: Second by Wilson. Motion carried.

B.) Certification of Meeting Posting

Clerk McCoy certified that meeting agenda had been posted as required on January 1, 2015.

C.) Approval of Minutes: Regular town board meeting December 11, 2014.

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

2.) Items for Action, Discussion, Information:

A.) Audience Recognition – Comments Only. None

B.) Monthly Recycling Card Drawing.

Sue Moe's name was drawn. She is awarded a free recycling punch card for use at the town recycling center.

C. Conditional Use Applications – Treeland Cottages Inc. c/o Cheryl or Harold Treland. The NW ¼ SW 1/4, and part of the SW ¼ SW ¼, all in Section 36, T 41N, R 7W; Parcels 10.14 and 11.1. Doc # 350837. Property has 64.5 acres and is zoned Residential / Recreational Two. Application is desired for the removal of all restrictive covenants placed on Conditional Use Permit #12-0007.

Harold Treland provided booklet to board outlining request for removal of deed restrictions – Treland Farm RV Resort. Primary concerns were restriction #14 No Park Models. (Turned away 8-10 requests in 2014 for Park Models.) Restriction #12 No ATV'S or similar vehicles allowed. (Park is large with distance from sites to Pool and shower building; guest want to use ATV's to travel within park). Restriction #8 Site can be operated only from the 1st of May until Oct. 15th, a year round caretaker is allowed to live on the premises. (Season can vary /dependent on weather). Treland indicated that these restrictions were creating a financial hardship for the business. Treland also presented board with information on definition of "Park Model" - Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance –HUD- Registration Fee Trust Licensing- Recreational Vehicle Industry Association.

9 audience members including Dan Tyrolt (representing LCO tribe) spoke in opposition to removal of covenants expressing concerns related to: short period of time business has operated (approval of original permit) and subsequent request asking for removal of conditions, Park Models and permanency that was not intended - original conditions, ATV noise and policing problem, site density and impact on Chippewa Flowage, access to Moss Creek and potential for environmental degradation.

3 audience members spoke in support of removal of covenants citing Ireland's commitment to running a quality business, and the economic impact of tourism to area.

Other audience members supporting or opposing removal of covenants chose not to address the board.

Motion by Karns to modify restriction #8 Hours of operation from current (1st of May until Oct. 15th), change to March 1st until November 30th no camper, trailers, or recreational vehicles shall be present on property during period of non-operation (December 1st – March 31st): Second by Hanson. Motion carried.

Motion by Wilson that all other conditions / covenants remain unchanged: Second by Hanson. Motion carried.

Motion by Wilson to deny request for removal of restrictive covenants with the exception of modification to #8 to read that site can be operated (March 1st – November 30th each year) during non-operation (December 1st , - April 30th) all campers, trailers, or recreational vehicles must be removed from property. Second by Karns. Motion carried.

D.) ATV Clubs request Town road access.

Town resident Dean Broberg presented board with citizen petition (approximately 150 signatures) requesting that the following designated town roadways: Mosse Lake Road to County S to County A; Moose Lake Road County S to FR 174; Chippewa River Road; Forest Circle Road; Pine Point Road; River Road; Fin & Feather Road; McGovern Road; Whaley Road; Everett Road; Sanctuary Road; and Plank Road be open for ATV traffic. Broberg addressed board on why town residents were requesting the opening of these roads for ATV travel; indicating that this is a resident, not ATV clubs request. Residents want access to ATV trail heads from their properties, problem with trailering vehicles, and lack of trailer parking at trail heads.

Many audience members (approximately 10) spoke in favor of request: convenience of not having to trailer ATV's to trail head, problem with lack of parking at trail heads, new machines –low noise levels, safe for road travel, ability to limit drivers under age 16 on roads, speed limit 20-25 mph, signage provided by residents or clubs – no cost to town, positive economic impact, on par with snowmobiles in ability to access trail heads without having to transport machine.

Several audience members opposing opening of roads expressed concern over: safety, noise, roads becoming permeant ATV routes (all ATV riders could use them not just residents for trail access), young riders (under age 16) operating ATV's on roads, whole town issue effecting every resident not just Moose Lake.

As a whole discussed was ATV route ordinance vs. snowmobile access ordinance as per state law.

Motion by Wilson to deny request to open up roads as listed in petition: second by Hanson. Motion failed.

Motion by Karns to table till further information is obtained: second by Hanson. Motion carried.

E.) Discussion land offering parcel adjacent to town owned property.

Motion by Karns to table to next month's meeting: Second by Schara. Motion carried.

F.) Purchase of new plow truck.

Board determined more information was needed: current miles on old truck, price and type of new truck (spec sheet), box cost, and estimated trade in value of old truck. Sanders will provide information at next board meeting.

G.) U.S. Forest Service Grant.

Sanders presented information on Grant. Sander is exploring whether grant could provide funding for gravel 319 and 320. It is due January 30, 2015.

Motion by Hanson that Sanders prepare and submit grant by due date if applicable: Second by Schara. Motion carried.

H.) Fire Department Report: Schmidt

Monthly written report provided to board members; Three fire runs during the month of December, all equipment was checked and ran at various times during the month.

Schmidt reviewed proposed Sawyer County Radio Security Policy with Board. Ownership of radios questioned. Concern that policy needs to address chain of command relative to radio use if a violation should occur. Schmidt will distribute policy to Fire Department members for review/ comments.

Schmidt updated board on eDispatch program, explaining how it aids Department.

I.) Clerk's Report: McCoy. 1.) To date budget reports. 2.) Account balances. 3.) Legislative representatives letter (cell tower providers).

McCoy provided board with written budget reports. Using new accounting system effective January 1st, 2015. All accounts are in balance with treasurer. Board approved and signed letters to legislative representatives (cell tower providers).

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

Treasurer's Report: Monthly Receipts, Vouchers, and Account Balances. December 1, 2014 \$863,315.54. Receipts: Money Market Interest –High Yield \$245.35. Money Market Interest Reserve \$11.32. General Receipts \$12,775.57. Recycling Site \$424.00. State of WI – DOR Shared Revenue \$18,052.08. State of WI. –Storm Damage Grant \$21,313.49. Property Tax Payments \$632,332.59. Total Receipts \$\$685,154.10. Disbursements: General Disbursements \$50,805.81. Sawyer County Highway \$3,327.25. Jefferson Fire and Safety \$5,125.00. Total Disbursements \$59,258.06. Balance as of December 31, 2014 \$1,489,211.88. Checking Account \$48,539.11. Money Market High Yield \$1,401,307.86. Money Market Reserve \$39,364.91. Total \$1,489,211.88. Reserves: Performance Bonds \$400.00. Dog Licenses \$192.00. Total Reserves \$520.00.

K.) Land Use Plan Commission Members – recruitment/appointment.

Kay Wilson and Pat Feldner's terms will expire April 2015 – two new members will be needed. Board directed clerk to advertise for positions.

L.) Approval of Checks/ Vouchers as listed.

Motion by Karns to approve checks/vouchers 29363 – 29413: second by Schara. Motion carried.

M.) Correspondence: Action if required.

None

N.) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:33 p.m. by Hanson: Second by Schara. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McCoy, Clerk