

Minutes of the Town of Round Lake Board Meeting September 10, 2015

Present: Chairman Dave Sanders, Supervisors: Kay Wilson, Rolfe Hanson, and Marilyn Karns. Also Present: Clerk Kathy McCoy, Treasurer Vickie Palya, Fire Chief Schmidt and 24 audience members.

Absent: Supervisor Sandra Schara.

1.) Chairman Sanders called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

A.) Approval of Agenda.

Motion by Hanson to approve the 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 September 6, 2015

C.) Approval of Minutes: Regular Town Board Meeting August 13, 2015.

Motion by Hanson to approve the minutes of Regular Board Meeting August 13, 2015: Second by Wilson. Motion carried.

2.) Items for Action, Discussion, Information:

A.) Audience Recognition – Comments Only. None

B.) Monthly Recycling Card Drawing.

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

C.) Gravel Pit operations/ regulations (Kramer Pit) Discussion.

Multiple property owners spoke about problems associated with the way current pit is operating: Excess noise, hours of operation, heavy truck traffic (safely and J Braking), type and size of equipment being used, and decrease in property values as a result of operation.

The board reviewed current status of pit as provided by Sawyer County: Grandfathered – so not subject to current zoning regulation (conditional permit requirement). Options discussed: Negotiate with Kramer to try to solve or lessen problem, look at development of Town non-metallic mining ordinance (conforming hours of operation, equipment size, noise levels etc. for all pits in town), look into grandfathering issue, do nothing.

Further discussion hinged on the need to review grandfathering clause (nonconforming use nonmetallic operations) in Sawyer County Ordinance relative to the following: non-continuous operation (12 or more months) – pit has not appeared to have been operated for many years prior to 2015, transfer of ownership, 50% expansion restriction, and uses that are nuisances.

It was determined that Supervisor Wilson assisted by Clerk McCoy will do further research on issue and report back to board.

D.) Update on Cell Tower Norvado representative David Carter.

Mr. Carter informed board that they have repeatedly tried to get Verizon and or AT&T to put equipment on tower to no avail. Norvado cannot force Verizon or any other carrier to use their tower. Carter offered to sell tower to the town for \$100, 00.00. Carter further reminded the board of a letter to Congressman Duffy regarding service to the Town of Round Lake. Letter indicated that Verizon network team had determined that they did not need to use the

Norvado tower for network expansion. Stating that another recently activated tower in area should improve service in the Round Lake area, and that testing in area by Verizon engineers reflected good coverage to customers.

Sanders had contacted Michael A. McDermott (author of letter) related to issue and continued marginal service in area. Verizon had indicated they would do further testing. No Board follow up on this has been done to date. Sanders indicated he would get back on this issue and follow up with Verizon about testing results etc. Spider Lake will also be contacted to put pressure on Verizon to improve service.

E.) Land Use Plan Commission Report – recommendation on variance application (William Rorebeck).

Supervisor Hanson reported that the Commission recommended approval of variance contingent on written approval by all condo association members.

F.) Variance Application: William Rorebeck etux. Unit #5, Moose Lake Resort Condo, S13, T 41N, R 6W; Parcel - 0500. Site address: #7687 W Pine Point Road. Doc #348801. Property has 0.568 acres and is zoned Residential / Recreational One. Application is for the construction of a 10' x8' addition onto an existing non-conforming 23'.5' x 26'5" dwelling located 29' from the ordinary high-water mark of Moose Lake. The new expansion would be 48' from the ordinary high water mark. Also for a roof replacement with common roof line which may increase overall pitch and height slightly. Variance is requested as Section 14.1, Sawyer County Zoning Shoreland-Wetland Protection Ordinance, would require the prior granting of a variance for any structure or addition located closer than 75' to the ordinary high water mark of navigable water. Also Section 15.10 would require the prior granting of a variance to increase the pitch on a structure located closer than 35' to the ordinary high water mark.

Mr. Peterson (building contractor) was present representing property owner William Rorebeck. Written approval by all Condo Association members was provided to board.

Motion by Karns to approve variance for William Rorebeck: Second by Hanson. Finding of fact: Unique property limitations exist, there would be no harm to the public interest, and unnecessary hardship is present. Motion carried.

G.) Proposed Lake Management District- Callahan /Mud Lakes: Al Zietlow.

Mr. Zietlow updated board on the use of a special charge vs. mill levy for assessment if district is formed, along with changes (Act 25) had related to Lake District board members. Mr. Zietlow informed board that 2 petitions are being circulated: Original one to create District (51% of property owners must sign) to move forward to Town. Second petition is related to formation of board by membership vs. Town board (20% of property owners must sign). At present petitions will not be turned into Town Board till early spring – if signatures are obtained. Public hearing on district must be held within 30days of petition to town board. Zietlow indicated they would want public hearing to be held in spring when property owners are in area.

H.) Property Update – Recycling Center Building / Town Hall interior painting: Schara

Motion by Karns to table to October 8, 2015 board meeting: Second by Hanson. Motion carried.

I.) ADA Dock at Twin Lake Rd. Boat Landing: Wilson

Wilson met with retailer of ADA docks and reviewed photographs of Twin Lake Boat Landing Site with board members- indicating where dock could go. Landing is small with limited parking space. Board discussed other possible landing sites owned by the Town: Round Lake, Tiger Cat Dam, Clear Lake, Moose Lake Club Rd., and Wolf Island. Wilson will continue to explore other sites along with estimated cost and funding for ADA dock.

J.) Recycling Site Operation Update: 1.) Scrap metal vender options. 2.) Garbage and Recycling Fees: Hanson.

Lack of enclosed container for scrap metal and appliances discussed - including problem with stuff on ground and safety hazard of old refrigerators on site. Also discussed was charging for recyclables. Board determined that new vender would be found for scrap metal with appropriate container. No increase to garbage fees – with recyclables

accepted at no charge (current policy). Motion was made by Karns to discontinue acceptance of all appliances and electronics effective October 1, 2015: Second by Wilson. Motion carried.

K.) Approval of Operator License: Kimberly R. Fleming.

Motion by Hanson to approve Operators License for Kimberly R. Fleming period end June 30, 2016: Second by Karns. Motion carried.

L.) Fire Department Report: Schmidt. Monthly written run report. – No report (there were no fire runs during the month).

M.) Clerk's Report: McCoy. 1.) To date budget reports. 2.) Account balances.3.) Property Tax Reconciliation 4.) Development of 2016 Budget.

McCoy provided board with written budget reports. All accounts are in balance with treasurer. Property taxes reconciled with County. Board determined that initial meeting to work on budget would October 7, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. at the town hall. Clerk will provide budget work sheets to board prior to meeting.

N.) Treasurer's Report: Monthly Receipts, Vouchers, and Account Balances. August 1, 2015, \$923,293.28. Receipts: Money Market Interest –High Yield \$163.93. Money Market Interest Reserve \$45.02. General Receipts \$465.90. Recycling Site \$910.00. Shared Revenue \$3,181.05. General Transportation Aids \$51,482.76. Total Receipts \$174,441.93. Disbursements: General Disbursements \$22,772.22. Total Disbursements \$22,772.22. Balance as of August 31, 2015 \$1,074,962.99. Checking Account \$4,978.05. Money Market High Yield \$1,030,553.49. Money Market Reserve \$39,431.45. Total \$1,074,962.99. Reserves: Performance Bonds \$400.00. Dog Licenses \$39.00. Total Reserves \$439.00.

O.) Approval of Checks/ Vouchers as listed.

Motion by Karns to approve checks/ vouchers 29845 – 29894: Second by Hanson. Motion carried.

P.) Correspondence: Action if required.

Information - work order notice CenturyTel – installation of underground lines Moose Lake Rd CTH A to CTH S and east on Moose Lake Rd. Sanders calls/ concerns on roadside mowing of milkweed (Monarch butterfly habitat).

Q.) Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn by Hanson at 8:48 p.m.: Second by Karns. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McCoy, Clerk

