

Minutes of the Town of Round Lake Board Meeting September 8, 2016

Present: Chairman Dave Sanders, Supervisors: Marilyn Karns, Rolfe Hanson, Kay Wilson, and Sandra Schara. Also Present: Clerk Kathy McCoy, Fire Chief Mike Schmidt, Treasurer Vickie Palya and 22 audience members.

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

A.) Approval of Agenda.

Motion by Karns to approve agenda with change - item M to follow item F: Second by Hanson. Motion carried.

B.) Certification of Meeting Posting.

Clerk McCoy certified that meeting agenda had been posted as required on September 2, 2016 and re-posted on September 4, 2016 with addition of Tiger Cat Boat Landing Update and Busse Boat Landing Update.

C.) Approval of Minutes; Regular Meeting August 11, 2016.

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

Items for Action, Discussion, Information:

A.) Audience Recognition – Comments Only. None

B.) Monthly Recycling Card Drawing.

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

C.) Land Use Plan Commission Report: Recommendation Conditional Use Application (Terry Brueggeman) Knock Down Tree Service.

Committee Chairman Hanson reported that Commission recommended approval with the following conditions: 1.) No burning will be allowed without a proper permit from the DNR. 2.) The hours of operation will be from 7:30am until 6pm with the exception of times of large storms with lots of tree damage. 3.) The wood burner will be used only to heat the home and the garage and cutting of wood for the burner is to be for home/garage use only. Brush is not to be brought to the property for cutting. 4.) Repair of equipment and the noise that goes along with it should be performed in the garage when possible. When repairs must be done outside care should be taken to keep noise to a minimum.

D.) Conditional Use Application – Terry P. Brueggeman. Part of the SE ¼ SW ¼ and Part SE ¼ SW ¼, S12, T41N, R08W: Parcel #024-841-12-3403 and -3408; 2.76 and 1.76 for a Total acreage of 4.52 Acres; Zoned Residential/ Recreational One (RR-1); Doc #222614 and 318225. Permit is desired for the ongoing operation of Tree Service.

Mr. Brueggeman was in attendance and explained that he has been operating business at current location for 31 years. In 1992 William Christman, former Sawyer County Zoning Administrator, told him that his business would be 'grandfathered in' without a Conditional Use Application. Mr. Brueggeman also stated that zone district of property had change from when he first purchased property. He was unsure of when property was changed to RR1 zone district. Business is not operated year round. Felt he had good relationship with neighbors.

One letter of opposition had been received by the board. Board discussed various conditions under which business should be allowed to operate along with hours of operation.

Motion by Karns to approve Conditional Use permit with two (2) conditions: 1.) Property can be used for business purposes only Monday – Saturday 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. (No business activity is to take place outside of these hours). 2.) No commercial burning is allowed on the property at any time: Second by Schara. Motion carried.

E.) Tiger Cat Boat Landing/ Dam update: Jim Jabrosky

Mr. Jabrosky thanked the town board for their support in dealing with problems at Landing/ Dam. Sherriff Kelsey along with Supervisor Wilson attended Tiger Cat Property Association meeting to follow up on, and further discuss problems occurring at site. The Sheriffs Department will increase parole of area. An ordinance however is needed to actually enforce hours and allowed usage of area. It appears this would need to be done at County level (property owner of site). Pat Brown (Sawyer County Zoning & Conversation Department has indicated a gate will be placed at Dam (people will no longer be able to drive up to dam itself). Additional boulders will be placed around structure to provide reinforcement. Clerk McCoy reported that the town is working on safety buoy placement with D.N.R. Additional actions discussed: Gate at entrance to area which could be locked after posted hours of use, surveillance cameras, and how to get an Ordinance passed which would allow for actual enforcement/ citations for misuse of area. Association members will request County Ordinance. Clerk McCoy will find out if landing can be closed during certain hours (if posted).

F.) Busse Road (Round Lake Boat Landing) Update: Martin Hanson.

Mr. Martin was present to express / follow up about his concerns related to boat landing and possible improvements and /or expansion of the landing. Mr. Martin provided the board with letter listing reasons not to improve landing or place an ADA dock at site along with petition of support from area property owners. Reasons sited: ADA dock would require widening of shoreline opening – result in loss of trees etc. – shoreline erosion, north shore exposer – large waves potential to damage ramp/dock, lake profile – to shallow for boat launching, north shore winter ice ridges, inability to widen Busse Rd for additional parking, soft soils in area –users of ramp have trailer wheels sinking into sand, small mouth bass spawning area, and the existence of other suitable boat landing on the lake. Adjacent property owner Barbara Chiszar spoke of discrepancies that appear to exist between her property survey and the town property survey; indicating additional survey work would need to be done to determine correct boundaries. No action taken by board.

M.) Fire Department Presentation: Addition to Station One.

Department gave a brief presentation on proposed expansion to Station One. Expansion would be a 2 stall addition 31' x 36'. Along with expansion current building problems would be fixed. Station was built in 1980. Problems which would be solved with expansion: Floor problems – cracking / movement/ inability to close doors, lack of space – area to get into turn out gear/ equipment storage, and inability to wash vehicles due to inadequate drains. Extra space would allow for movement of current equipment

between stations; allowing for placement in most advantage location depending on time of year and fire conditions. Also would allow for storage of rescue vehicle currently housed in recycling center building due to lack of space at either station, along with ability to maintain equipment properly - wash (road salt) off as needed. Estimated cost of improvements is \$93,000.00.

Motion by Wilson to approve the next step of process by security plans for the addition: Second by Karns. Motion carried.

G.) Sawyer County Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes: 1.) Short Term Rentals (Tourist Rooming House) regulations. 2.) Modification of Agricultural One zone district – modification will allow property owners to be eligible for new Farmland Preservation tax credit of \$7.50/ acre.

1.) Board discussed and heard from audience members about problems associated with short term rentals in residential zoned areas, including the concept of excluding short term rentals from R1, RR-1, and F1 vs. allowing this through tourist rooming house addition to current ordinance, along with the need for provision to allow for home usage/ rental (limited basis) during events such as the Brike and Fat Tire. Also discussed was lack of time and information provided by Sawyer County Zoning to the Town on this issue.

Motion by Hanson to deny proposed short term rental (tourist rooming) house regulations: Second by Karns. Motion carried. Finding of fact allowance of short term rentals in residential areas: 1.) Would be damaging to the rights of others and property values. 2.) It would not be compatible with surrounding uses and the area.

2.) Motion by Wilson to deny modifications of Agricultural One zone district due to lack of information and specificity as to changes: Second by Karns. Motion carried.

H.) 2016 Budget Meeting and Public Hearing Dates.

Special Meeting Dates set for October 3rd and October 6th, 2016 @ 6:30 to work on 2017 budget. Budget Hearing will be held on November 10, 2016, followed by Special Meeting of Town Electors and Regular Town Board Meeting.

I.) Annual employee review: 2016 procedure and time line.

Chairman Sanders will complete employee annual review/ evaluations prior to October 3, 2016 Special Board Meeting.

J.) Recycling Center Update: Hanson

- Change to fall/ winter hours: Saturdays only 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (noon)
- Attendant James Hagen fell and broke his hip at center. Substitute attendant Jim Akins has agreed to fill in for as long as needed. Town will advertise for additional substitute attendants.
- Safety vest have been purchased for attendants to wear at center.
- The public is reminded that bag size allowed for garbage is 33 gallons (not larger contractor bags). Also that the center only accepts **CLEAN** recyclables. A list of items allowed to be recycled is posted at the center and also on the town website. **NO OTHER ITEMS ARE ACCEPTED.**

K.) Review of Energy Audit Report- Action/ Implementation

Motion by Schara to table to October 13, 2016 Board Meeting: Second by Hanson. Motion carried. Consulate Kevin Meyers will be asked to attend meeting.

L.) Approval of Volunteer Release Form.

Motion by Karns to approve Town Volunteer Release Form: Second by Wilson. Motion carried.

N.) Fire Department Report: Schmidt 1.) Written Monthly Report. 2.) Fire Inspections Update.

There were two fire runs during the month of August. All equipment was checked ran at various times during the month. To date 61 fire inspections have been done. Concor Tool & Machine gave a Donation of \$500.00 to Town in support of Department.

O.) Clerk's Report: McCoy. 1.) To date budget reports. 2.) Account balances. 3.) Election November 8, 2016.

McCoy provided board with written budget reports. All accounts are in balance with treasurer. Received final tax settlement from County; balanced to town levy correctly. New state wide voter system is working well. Gearing up for November 8th Presidential Election, absentee voting will begin on September 22, 2016.

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

Balance August 1, 2016 \$884,436.06. Receipts: Money Market Interest –High Yield \$28.40. General Receipts \$18,300.68. Recycling Site \$2,486.00. Sawyer County Bridge Aid \$17,600.00. General Transportation Aids \$51,427.71. August Tax Settlement \$119,148.51. Total Receipts \$209,081.30. Disbursements: General Disbursements \$23,659.63. Sawyer County Highway Department \$4,561.84. Superior Sealers LLC \$44,574.75. Total Disbursements \$72,796.22. Balance as of August 31, 2016 \$1,020,721.14 . Checking Account \$25,343.43. Money Market High Yield \$732,377.71. Paving Reserve CD Bank Mutual \$150,000. Equipment Reserve CD Bank Mutual \$113,000.00. Total \$1,020,721.14. Reserves: Performance Bonds \$400.00. Dog Licenses – None. Total Reserves \$400.00.

Q.) Approval of Checks/ Vouchers as listed.

Motion by Schara to approve checks/ vouchers 30533 – 30580: Second by Karns. Motion carried.

R.) Correspondence: Action if required.

Clerk – Reminder of upcoming 2016 Fall Town and Village Workshop (Hanson and Schara will attend).

S.) **Closed session**, pursuant to section 1985(1) (g), Wisconsin Statutes, to discuss litigation and/or potential litigation involving Round Lake.

No closed session

Motion by Wilson to adjourn at 9:06 p.m.: Second by Karns. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy McCoy, Clerk

