

June 13, 2013

The monthly meeting of the town board for the Town of Wolf River, as posted at Mike's Service, Bob's Northern Lights and the town hall and notice having been published in the Antigo Daily Journal, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Casper Buettner. Also present were Supervisors Jim Tilkens and Susan Hawley, Mary Lee Heise, clerk and Linda Frank, treasurer. Steve Wilder from CoVantage Credit Union was also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all those present.

The agenda was approved upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried.

The minutes from the May meeting were approved upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read by Linda Frank. Motion to approve the report was made by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried.

Non-Board Member Business: Steve Wilder, representing CoVantage Credit Union, came before the board with CoVantage's petition for a zoning change of the property where Strong's gas station is located on Highway 64. The property is zoned AFR, which is agricultural, forestry and residential. It was thought that the property was zoned commercial, but the zoning did not become an issue until potential buyers were applying for a car dealership license for the property. CoVantage has applied for the zoning change and requests the town board's approval for same. After discussion, Supervisor Hawley made the motion to approve the zoning change from AFR to Commercial. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried.

Silver Birch Ranch contacted Chairman Buettner to be on the June agenda. The camp would like to hold a race on Sawyer Lake Road during a 2 hour period. They would put up barricades, but the road would not be blocked off. They are aware that the road cannot be closed to traffic. No representative from Silver Birch is in attendance at this meeting; therefore, the matter is tabled.

Liquor, Cigarette and Operator Licenses for 2013-2014: The list of licensees was read to the board. The Clerk stated that applications are complete and requests that they be approved for the 2013-2014 season. Supervisor Tilkens made the motion to approve the applications as read. The motion was seconded by Chairman Buettner, motion carried.

Municipal Clerk Conference: Clerk Mary Lee Heise asked that she be allowed to attend the Municipal Clerk's conference to be held in Milwaukee in August. The agenda for the conference was reviewed with the board. The clerk mentioned that she would be riding with the clerk from the Village of White Lake. Supervisor Hawley made the motion to allow the clerk to attend the Municipal Clerk's conference. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried.

Hollister Road Stream Crossing: At weight limit sign is to be posted near the culvert on East Hollister Road upon motion by Supervisor Tilkens and seconded by Supervisor Hawley, motion carried. Supervisor Tilkens met with Jon Simonson from the DNR and Tim Rusch from the Langlade County Highway Department. The meeting took place on East Hollister Road culvert crossing under Hollister Road. At the meeting, discussion was held on how to fix the culvert and the stream crossing, in general. An engineer will need to be hired to draw up plans for the improvements. Tim Rusch is to supply names of engineering firms. Measurements were taken. The culvert has to be large enough to handle water flow. Extra measurements were taken up and down the stream. Data from the DNR is needed. The permit process must be done first. Money for this project will not be needed until next year. Hopefully, the repair will be done in 2014. Supervisor Tilkens and Mr. Simonsen traveled to the bridge on VanAlstine Road. Rip rap is needed along both sides of the bridge. The bridge on Stamper road also requires attention the same way. The bridge on Old Highway 64 also requires bridge markers. The bridge on East White Lake Drive needs bridge markers also. As long as the town is working on the bridges and stream crossing in the township, the county is satisfied.

The Department of Transportation held a meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss the roadwork planned for Highway 55, both north and South of Highway 64. The actual work is not scheduled until 2014 or 2015. The purpose of the meeting was to show map of the area to be repaired and answer questions. There will be no changes to the roadbed locations. The work will consist of repaving, guard rails and replacing or filling culverts.

The request from Carol and Jeff Blawat for board approval of a license they require for a car dealership in the property owned by Bob Strong is on hold. The property is not zoned commercial, which is why Steve Wilder was here.

The June Wisconsin Town's Association report was reviewed.

General Building and Plant – nothing new to report.

Highway – Bridge issues are being taken care of. Tony Letter will be here on the 14<sup>th</sup> to review roadwork to be done on Sawyer Lake Road. Heise Road graveling and ditching will be done soon. On May 26<sup>th</sup> Supervisor Tilkens received a call concerning the disrepair of the Sawyer Lake boat landing. Supervisor investigated the issue and discussed the matter with town highwayman Alex Emerich. Alex informed him what was going to be done. The work has been done. Paving block has been installed. A compactor was rented to make the surface more level and help compact the sand that was placed in between the blocks. Alex even installed reflectors down by the lake to aid people when putting in and taking the boats out of the lake. The project is complete.

Fire Department – July 14<sup>th</sup> is the date set for the "Ice Cream Social" for the fire department. The department is also working on their yearly raffle.

Rescue Squad – 7 runs in June and 47 runs to date. Last year at this time they had 50 runs. A reminder that the quarterly payment is due to the rescue squad.

Recycling Center – No problems. Supervisor Tilkens stated that the area is being kept very clean.

Cemetery – The caretaker (Rick Walters) not gets \$9.50 per hour. A suggestion was made to increase his wage to \$10.00 per hour. The budget was reviewed to make sure that there are sufficient funds to cover this increase. Motion was thereafter made by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilkens to approve the raise, motion carried. The willow trees on the east side of the cemetery are causing problems for the caretaker. This issue has been discussed previously. Bids will be requested for removal and must be to the clerk by the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Bills for June were approved for payment upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Supervisor Tilkens, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned upon motion by Supervisor Tilkens and seconded by Supervisor Hawley, motion carried.