

September 12, 2012

The regular monthly town board meeting, as posted at Mike's Service, the town hall and Bob's Northern Lights, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Casper Buettner. Also present were Supervisor Susan Hawley, Linda Frank, treasurer and Mary Lee Heise, clerk. Supervisor William Majest-absent. Also present were townspeople Mike and Sharon Steckbauer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all those present.

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

Minutes of the August meeting were approved upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Chairman Buettner, motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read by Linda Frank. The report included the tax settlement amount. The report was thereafter approved by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Chairman Buettner, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Mike Klimoski came before the board concerning the library in Antigo. The county may be taking over the library. The original estimate was that the county portion of our taxes would double. Actually, the increase will be slightly over 6%. More information will come later. The library was originally a City of Antigo project only and they did not want the county involved. There have been issues with the building from the start. No basement, frozen pipes, pipes and carpet replacement. Currently the county and city pay \$612,000 per year for the running of the library. A capital improvement program is now needed. The roof needs to be replaced. Mike presented a sheet showing the increases for all municipalities. The city does the bookwork for the library. If the county takes over the library, it will not take effect until 2013. Mike will keep the board up to date on this matter. Also discussed was the fact that the county wants to abolish the dog ordinance.

Marie Graupner came before the board to continue the discussion on the town joining the Timberland Invasive Partnership. A Memorandum of Understanding will have to be signed. Supervisor Hawley made the motion to join the T.I.P. The motion was seconded by Chairman Buettner, motion carried. We will be sent the official Memorandum of Understanding after the meeting of the Timberland Invasive Partnership at the end of October at which time they will also appoint a fiscal agent. Poison Ivy was also discussed along with the town holding a day in the spring for electronic recycling.

Focus on Energy – This program is run by Wisconsin Public Service. The town received a letter at the August meeting and the Clerk called and scheduled an audit. The result of the audit was discussed along with the actual cost to the town versus how much the town will save. The cost will be \$1,139 less changes made after the audit. A motion to accept the proposal of Wisconsin Public Service/Energy Savings program was made by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Chairman Buettner, motion carried.

New Business: Status of the new White Lake Clinic. We had heard that the hospital was purchasing the old historical society building. Then we heard that the matter was on hold as it would cost less to build a new building than to remodel the old building. Hopefully we will have more information to report in October.

The old cheese factory building: The clerk talked to the DNR regarding the rubble left by the old cheese factory. The owner of the property told the DNR that he had no money for the reclamation of the asbestos. The rubble pile was burned on the 8<sup>th</sup>. The board does not know if the owner had DNR permission to burn the pile or not. The clerk will call the DNR.

IPad for the town – The clerk led a discussion on the usefulness of iPads and how they might benefit the town board and if the cost could be justified. A benefit would be that the board would have ready access to all minutes and agendas. The board does not feel they would use them. All minutes and agenda are emailed now. The clerk may be able to use them for voter registration. This matter will be put on hold. Right now the cost of the iPads for all board members is prohibitive.

General Building and Plant – Window bid from Jeff Wickersheim for 6 windows to be replaced was reviewed. The cost will be \$3864 plus \$100 to get rid of the old windows. The Town has \$6000 in the General Building and Plant budget. Supervisor Hawley made a motion to have Jeff Wickersheim replace 6 windows per his quote. The motion was seconded by Chairman Buettner, motion carried. The money in the General Building and Plant budget will also cover the cost of the Focus on Energy program. A cigarette butt receptacle has been ordered to be placed by the office door.

Highway – T.R.I.P. program project on Sawyer Lake Road is done and shouldered. The Forest Service was called to put extensions on the culvert by the creek along the road along with rock. Curves along the road were cut back before the paving started. Mike Steckbauer was thanked for his help in the project.

Fire Department – Nothing new to report

Rescue Squad – Runs made this year to date were 99. 2011 runs totaled 88.

Recycling Center – The recycling grant is due October 1<sup>st</sup>. The clerk will submit this report on the DNR's website. Things at the recycling center are going well. B&B Containers is doing a great job for us.

Cemetery – Rick Walters continues to go a great job mowing and trimming. He is almost done for the season. Discussion followed on flags that were stolen from the cemetery.

Correspondence: Letter received from the Government Property Insurance fund with the amount due because of cancellation after renewal. Information from A. Rifkin Company for a sealed ballot bag for Absentee Ballots was presented to the board. Clerk stated that she felt this was a more secure way of protecting absentee ballots. A motion was made by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Chairman Buettner to purchase the sealed ballot bag, motion carried. Letter was received from the Department of Revenue stating that the November Shared Revenue payment will be \$17,524. A letter was received from the Department of Census stating that the town's population is 737. Letter was received from

Langlade County Zoning regarding a minor subdivision being developed by Charles Koch. The town received a letter from the county with a map showing sites where cement monuments will be built that will be used for "horizon control points". The town received information on lands involved in the private woodlands zoning, a road certification packet for 2013, statement on the equalized values for the town, a letter from the county clerk concerning property owned by Lowell June. Information reviewed concerning what can be used to provide proof of residence for voter registration.

Bills for September were submitted for payment and approved upon motion by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Chairman Buettner, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Hawley and seconded by Chairman Buettner, motion carried.