

**TOWN OF SPIDER LAKE, SAWYER CO., WI**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 13, 2019**

The Town of Spider Lake Board of Supervisors monthly meeting was called to order by Town Chair Hucker at 7:00 PM. Present were Hucker, Brandt, McGuiness, Huot, Treasurer Overman and Fire Chief Nelson. Supervisor Cerman & Clerk Ferda were absent.

Motion was made by McGuiness and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Huot to approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Huot and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brandt to approve the Town Board minutes of 1-9-19 and the Plan & Review Commission minutes of 1-2-19. All in favor. Motion carried.

Overman presented the Treasurer's report. January 2019 receipts were \$1,378,810.52 and expenditures were \$381,477.94 leaving a balance of \$1,928,699.82.

The vouchers were presented for payment. Motion to approve checks numbered #023350 through #023379 (including EFT checks) in the amount of \$33,093.72 was made by McGuiness and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Huot. All in favor. Motion carried.

Kristi Maki, representing the Birkebeiner Ski Foundation, requested that Boedecker Rd. be closed west of Seeley Fire Tower Rd. and east of Janet Rd. for safety reasons and to reduce traffic during the annual ski race. Discussion was held regarding this matter and also regarding the possibility of posting no parking signs on Pederson Rd. Motion was made by Huot and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brandt to authorize the closure of Boedecker Rd. on February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ned Zuelsdorff, representing the Seeley Lions Club, requested that Telemark Rd., Boedecker Rd., Seeley Fire Tower Rd. and Janet Rd. be closed during its annual bike race. Motion was made by McGuiness and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Huot to authorize the closure and the use of town roads for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Seeley Lions Pre-Fat Mountain Bike Race on August 17, 2019. All in favor. Motion carried. Hucker noted that the certificate of liability insurance has been submitted.

Overman reported on the WTA county meeting. Representatives from the local Snowmobile and ATV Alliance are working toward more uniformity regarding on road speed limits throughout the state. Sawyer County has the most off road miles (200) in the state. Capitol Days will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> in Madison.

Hucker submitted the Census BAS Boundary Survey for 2019. He noted that there were difficulties in completing the form due to the government shutdown.

**Plan & Review Commission**

Zoning Administrator Report – Hucker reported that ZA Olson sent a cease & desist letter on a matter related to the county building on OO that is being used by the Birkie Foundation to sell coffee. This is not allowed under the county or town's current zoning ordinances. Olson indicated that he was not hired to pick and choose what rules he would enforce. Options are available through the county to allow for this. The county can rezone its own property or the Birkie Foundation could ask for a variance. The town has no solution as its zoning ordinance must be at least as restrictive as the county ordinance. If the county amends its ordinance to allow for this use, the town would then be in the position to amend its ordinance. There is no conditional use that even remotely applies to this in an area that is zoned forestry. Discussion was held. Hucker noted that a Ben Popp email he saw suggested that the Birkie Foundation may apply for a variance.

Olson indicated that there may be a rezone to consider at the March meeting. He presented a year-end report that was prepared by assistant ZA Boss. Anticipated 2019 revenues were discussed. Olson handed

out a packet that the Commission will review regarding a course he took offered by the Wisconsin Educations programs on zoning.

### **Committee Reports**

Roads – Equipment Status – McGuiness reported that all equipment is up and running. He stated that the road crew is doing a fantastic job plowing to keep the roads open.

Health & Safety – Fire Department Report – Fire Chief Nelson reported that there are currently no issues within the fire department.

Hucker reported meeting with the fire department and the Round Lake fire chief to work on the LEPC risk assessment update for Sawyer County. Both natural and unnatural hazards were discussed and graded as to risk probability and impact. Hucker submitted the information to Northwest Regional Planning.

Hucker reported meeting with Round Lake's chair to prepare an outline of concepts that would address issues that should be included in an agreement between the two towns regarding using the Moose Lake Tower to expand communications between the two towns. Round Lake's attorney has reviewed the concepts and they have been sent to Spider Lake's attorney for review.

Nelson reported that the new heating equipment was installed at the garage.

Hucker reported that he & Nelson attended the CWPP meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup>. It appears that Round Lake will be participating in the plan. Hucker reported that the road crew would like to purchase a chipper but there is no grant money available at this time.

Solid Waste – Discussion was held regarding the Republic Services contract and recent bills. Sara Mack of Republic Services presented the new contracts (approved at the 11-14-18 town board meeting) at the November 9, 2018 solid waste committee meeting. (Cerman arrived). The minutes state that pickup would be every other week for both recycling and trash beginning November 1, 2018 and once a month beginning in January 2019 if possible. It has been determined that once a month pickup is not feasible and that pickup would remain at every other week. The bills do not reflect the adjustment to every other week. Republic has been billing for every week pickup. The February bill has not been paid and Brandt will contact Mack to request a revised bill backdated to November 1, 2018.

Insurance & Finance – Huot will attend the WTA district meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Clerk's Report**

Other Correspondence – The annual reminder was received from Sawyer County Animal Control regarding dog and cat vaccination clinics. Clinics will be held in Winter & Exeland on March 1<sup>st</sup> and the City of Hayward on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. For more info, contact Sawyer County Animal Control at 715-634-5139.

The WITC board is requesting persons to consider serving on its board. Contact the clerk if interested.

A letter was received from the USDA (forest service) regarding a series of meetings that will provide an opportunity for towns to meet with representatives from the engineering and timber departments. Town representatives will try to attend the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting in Clam Lake.

A letter was received from the Town Advocacy Council (a subset of the WTA) requesting that the town participate in its program. The cost is .25 cents per person of population for an annual cost of \$89.25. Overman advised that the program has been expanded from urban issues to cover town issues such as lobbying in Madison. This item will be placed on the March agenda and Overman will give a presentation.

Sawyer County updated its Animal Control Ordinance on 10-18-18. A Peace & Good Order Ordinance was adopted on 12-20-18 which is a scheduled provision that cross references numerous statutes dealing with such things as throwing refuse in water, reckless use of weapons, shooting caged or staked animals, etc. The ordinance provides for penalties and allows Sawyer County to enforce state laws. Both ordinances can be viewed on Sawyer County's website or a copy can be obtained from the clerk.

Hucker noted that the revised land use ordinance which now includes the metallic mining section should be going before the Sawyer County board for approval. Copies should be distributed to the Plan Commission next month and a copy will be available in the clerk's office.

**Questions from Audience and Other Matters for Discussion Purposes Only** – Hucker reported walking through Round Lake's roads and fire facilities. In terms of quality, it puts Spider Lake's facilities to shame. At the time of construction, their main building cost \$250,000.00 and the addition cost \$100,000.00. As said at previous meetings, Spider Lake's facilities need to be expanded and upgraded.

Motion was made by Huot and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brandt to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried.

Christine Ferda  
Town Clerk