

August 10, 2022

Regular Board Meeting

Chairman Bukovic called the August 10th 2022 meeting to order at 6pm.

Roll Call:

Present: Bukovic, Ferris, Bruno, c/t Micolichек, D-c/t McCarthy

Absent: None

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made by Ferris to approve the agenda as read; motion seconded by Bruno. Motion carried.

Reading and approval of August minutes:

The minutes from the July Regular board Meeting were read by Micolichек and motion to approve the minutes as read was made by Bruno; motion seconded by Ferris. Motion Carried.

Financial Report:

The July Financial report was presented. Motion to approve the Financial Report as read was made by Ferris; motion seconded by Bruno. Motion carried.

Discussion of Old Business:

- Speed Limits on Pine Lake Rd: Per Ferris, Pine Lake Rd meets the statutory requirement; no DOT approval is needed to reduce speed limit.
- Speed Limits on Atkins Road: Per Ferris, Atkins Road doesn't meet the statutory requirement to reduce that speed limit. Signs can be put up to reduce speed on two bold yellow DOT signs that need to be placed on the town's right of way. Examples of signs encouraging reduced speeds were given.

Motion was made by Bruno to put signs on Atkins Road and Fire Tower Road to slow traffic at \$90 per each 2 x 2. Motion seconded by Ferris. Motion carried.

- Log refinishing on Town Hall: Per Bukovic, to refinish what's on the Town Hall would cost three times more than replacing the current siding with vinyl siding. A bid will be put out for the vinyl siding.
- Generator: Repair man came for the generator. It has 10 hours of run time, but it doesn't produce any power. Because it's a commercial unit, a commercial repairman will need to look at it. Adams Generator in Minocqua will be reached out to.

Officer and Committee Reports

Ferris: The Forest County Chamber of Commerce, the Forest County Tourism Committee and the Forest County Economic Development Group have restructured the Chamber of Commerce Director's position and a new director has been hired. He started the beginning of August. They hired Mary Belland who had previously been the former Director of the Laona School District Daycare as the associate director. They would like to meet with the Hiles Town Board. Ferris also discussed the fence where the new mural will be hung. Per Bruno, the fence still should be power washed to rid the fence of dirt and oils.

Bukovic: the bathroom in the park has been completed and is now usable. Also noted that the sliding entrance for the Town Hall has been fixed. Ground rod for the antenna still needs to be hooked up. Micolichек will call Digger's Hotline to mark where powerlines are.

Micolichек: Quote was given by Waste Management. Even with projecting new charges and possible fuel/delivery charges, it's almost half of the current contract with Green. Will look at Waste Management beginning October 1st and possibly having them do the up-north transfer station as well.

Fire Chief Report:

Fire Chief Wilson spoke that there should be one licensure between Fire Station North and Fire Station South as there has been in the past. Bukovic not disagreeing that there are issues; would like to see everyone sit down face to face and discuss the issues within the next two weeks. As Bukovic hasn't heard from the state yet on this, no directives will be given at this point.

Citizen Input:

Julie Brink: asked if there was any Covid funds that could cover a sanitizing station by the new bathroom in the park. As it's not expensive Micolichek will order for that area as well. A garbage receptacle is also needed in the park. Hole in park fencing was also brought up that it needs patching. Thanked Billy Bochte as he helped to trim up the crab apple and to place new mulch around the sled pavilion. For the handicap swing brought up who has the key if someone wants to use it? Because of liability it's kept locked. Currently, sign is by swing of people who have key. McCarthy brought up could a keypad be used instead-that will be investigated.

Bill Beimborn: In the past there were grants that could be used to blacktop roads that hadn't been before. With more recreation vehicles on Atkins and in front of the town hall, there is more damage to vehicles and brought up possibility of fencing especially in front of Town Hall. Recreational vehicles could then run the town road instead of along Highway 32.

Question asked if town could approve heavier loads on the Pine Lake Dam while Pine Creek is being repaired-no, town doesn't have that authority.

Approval to Pay Monthly Bills:

Motion made by Ferris to approve the payment of monthly bills and payroll as presented by clerk; motion seconded by Bruno. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Bukovic to adjourn; motion seconded by Bruno. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm.