

# *Town of Plum Lake*

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## **Town Board Meeting**

Tuesday, April 23, 2024, beginning at 9:00 am

### **1. Open Meeting Verification:**

The meeting was held at the Town Hall in Sayner and was called to order at 9:00 am by Chair Postuchow. The meeting was duly called with the notice posted at the Town Hall in Sayner, the US Sayner Post Office, and notice was given to the *Vilas County News-Review*, *The Lakeland Times*, WRJO, WERL, as well as posted on the Town of Plum Lake website.

### **2. Roll Call:**

Chair Postuchow, Supervisor Eliason, Supervisor Rasmussen, Clerk Lechner, Treasurer Klager, Brian Jopek, *The Lakeland Times*, and 11 other people were present.

### **3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

### **4. Approve Agenda to be Discussed in any Order:**

Chair Postuchow made a motion to discuss the agenda in any order. Supervisor Eliason seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

### **5. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s):**

Supervisor Eliason made a motion to accept the Special Town Board meeting minutes dated Monday, April 15, 2024, beginning at 8:30 am. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

### **6. Citizen Comments:**

Joyce Helz stated that the Town should be proud that our Fire Department, along with others, were able to contain a recent wild fire in Star Lake. She stated that our township is being heavily logged from Fallison Lake toward town, and from Razorback to the other side of Musky. She was concerned about the about of debris and slash left behind. She asked if the Town had ever asked the State to bring in the McNaughton crew to clean up. Joyce Helz also questioned if the town had an emergency siren. Supervisor Rasmussen stated no, but that people could sign up for an app through Vilas County that would give push notifications.

### **7. Discussion and Action on the following:**

#### **A. Sayner-Star Lake Chamber of Commerce**

##### **1. Event Permit for the Street Fair, August 4, 2024**

Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to accept the permit for the Sayner-Star Lake Chamber Street Fair, August 4, 2024. Supervisor Eliason seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

##### **2. Construction on Hwy 155 and County Rd N:**

No discussion held.

#### **B. Public Pickleball Courts – Woody Ahlborn:**

A drawing and bid were distributed. Woody Ahlborn and Brian Krueger are proposing new pickleball courts adjacent to the tennis courts. This area is currently a tennis practice area. The basketball courts would not need to be moved. This project would be funded 100% and would not cost the town any money. There would be minimal maintenance by the town (i.e.

taking nets down, blowing debris, etc.). When asked about future maintenance, Woody stated that he would guarantee he could raise the money, and that the users would step up, if it needed to be maintained. Woody Ahlborn and Brian Krueger will provide all of the signage regarding rules/etiquette/no dogs, etc. This court will be for pickleball only. Woody Ahlborn recommended that this court be first-come, first-serve. Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to accept the donation of pickleball courts by Woody Ahlborn and Brian Krueger. Chair Postuchow seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.** Supervisor Eliason will act as the contact person for Woody and Brian.

C. Operator's License Application

1. Jane Rosewicz

Supervisor Eliason made a motion to accept the Operator's License Application for Jane Rosewicz. Supervisor Eliason seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

D. ARPA Designation Options:

The Board was discussing possible options for the ARPA money if there are funds remaining after Broadband expenses. Chair Postuchow stated that these funds are usually for items that would be tax-based and cost the taxpayers money. She also stated that we have lots of roads that need to be fixed, such as Hanson Road. Supervisor Rasmussen suggested upgrades to the Town Hall including updating the electrical service, to make our town meetings Zoom capable, updating the entry/security of all of our town buildings, security cameras, and until the Town can build a new community building and a bathroom prepare the recreation building so that it would have open access to the bathroom, such as a door that would limit access and secure the other parts of the building so that the lock could be timed. Gary from the Sayer-Star Lake Lions Club also stated that if additional funds were available, the Lions Club would like to receive some funding for the Star Lake Playground Project. Supervisor Rasmussen stated that the Lions have already received half of the ARPA funds and asked for a specific amount that the Lions were asking for. Gary responded that whatever the town is willing to give. Gary stated that the Lions Club is waiting for the Star Lakers to make their commitment. Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to table item "D" ARPA Designation Options. Supervisor Eliason seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.** This topic will be revisited before October 1, 2024.

E. Razorback Ridges Building Reservations:

After some discussion Chair Postuchow made a motion that any reservations for the Razorback Ridges would go through the Lions Club and they would turn it into the town to make them aware. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

F. Town Building Locking Systems:

Chair Postuchow stated that this is a budgeted item. Supervisor Rasmussen did some research on GOKEYLESS. There is some upkeep such as battery replacement on a yearly basis, but this system does not require Wi-Fi to work. It can have up to 2,000 users, the users can be scheduled, and it has an audit trail. Supervisor Rasmussen recommended that no decision be made at this meeting, but that it be placed on a future agenda to include the cameras. Supervisor Rasmussen will contact GOKEYLESS to see if the town could receive a discount if the town came up with numbers. Chair Postuchow made a motion to table the building locking system until the May 28, 2024, Town Board meeting. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

G. Community/Recreation Center Access:

Chair Postuchow stated that our current rules state that the building cannot be opened for less than five (5) people, but we are continually opening it for less than five (5) people. Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion that we follow the rules that we have in place. Supervisor Eliason seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

- H. Make Changes and/or Adopt Ordinance 2024-001, Continuation of Business Ordinance: Chair Postuchow stated that this was initially discussed at the March 12, 2024, Town Board meeting, but there were a few questions, which included Section III, Definitions, subsection B, Open. Another question involved Section IV, subsection A. Businesses could be asked to provide proof of being open to the public, such as receipts, payroll records, etc., which would be considered during the liquor license application/renewal period. This ordinance would be taken into consideration for the June 30, 2025, through June 30, 2026, licensing period. Chair Postuchow made a motion for Section III, Definitions, subsection B, to read, “Open – conducting business publicly at least 1,248 hours per license year.” Supervisor Eliason seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.** Chair Postuchow made a motion for Section IV, Standard, subsection A, to read, “The licensed premises have not been open for business and conducting business on the premises for activities for which the license was granted for at least 1,248 hours per license year.” Supervisor Eliason seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.** Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to accept Ordinance 2024-001, Continuation of Business, as presented with changes. Supervisor Eliason seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- I. Make Changes and/or Adopt Ordinance 2024-002, Logging Industry Road Destruction Ordinance:  
This was initially discussed at the March 12, 2024, Town Board meeting. Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to accept Ordinance 2024-002, Logging Industry Road Destruction as presented. Chair Postuchow seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**
8. Approval of Monthly Vouchers:  
Chair Postuchow made a motion to approve payment for vouchers in the amount designated as \$26,302.78, for vouchers 21789-21809 from the NOW account in the amount of \$11,423.19, and from the Payroll Account vouchers 1289-1289 in the amount of \$14,879.59 including Direct Deposit and EFT payments. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**
9. Adjourn:  
Chair Postuchow made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 9:56 am.

These minutes were taken at the Town Board Meeting of the Town of Plum Lake held on the 23rd day of April, 2024, and were entered in this Record Book by: K. Lechner, Clerk