

Regular Town Board Meeting of January 12, 2021

Meeting was held at the Town Hall in Sayner. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman Maines. The Chairman noted that this Regular Meeting of the Town of Plum Lake Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, January 12th, 2021. The meeting was duly called with notice posted at the Town Hall in Sayner, the US Sayner Post Office, US Star Lake Post Office, and notice given to the Vilas County News-Review, The Lakeland Times, WRJO and WERL, as well as posted on the Town Website. Supervisor Schmidt, Kevin Rasmussen, Clerk Brooker and 19 other people were present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Approve Agenda to be Discussed in any Order:

Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to approve discussing the agenda in any order, Supervisor Schmidt seconded; motion carried.

Approve Minutes from Past Meeting(s):

After all Board members said they had read the minutes, Supervisor Rasmussen made a motion to approve the Regular 12/8, Special Electors 12/17 and Special 12/29 meetings. Supervisor Schmidt seconded; motion carried. Supervisor Schmidt mentioned that he thought there was a meeting missing between 12/8 and 12/17/2020 that they had to pay the vouchers. Clerk Brooker said she would check into it.

Citizens Comments & Correspondence:

Chairman Maines asked everyone to be short and concise with their comments.

Sheehan Donoghue questioned what a broom system was and what was it used for and if they had a broom now. Chairman Maines explained that the broom system was for sweeping the streets and that they currently used a broom on the Brusher. Sheehan Donoghue also questioned why they needed a new plow and bucket and Supervisor Schmidt explained that the loader plow and bucket had been transferred from the previous old loader to the new one. Sheehan Donoghue also questioned what item 11 of the agenda was all about and Chairman Maines said he would address it when they got to that item.

Joan Kazda said that she was disappointed in the decision not to move forward with the new Rec Building. She then asked what the plan was for moving forward with upkeep and repairs for the building. She then made the following suggestions that she feels needs to be addressed: Key entry system, fix the floor, striping of floor, replace hoops, volleyball and pickle ball equipment, exterior and interior doors, security, upgrade heating system, access to bathrooms, well, septic, kitchen, storage. She wants to utilize the available grants. Supervisor Rasmussen said most people didn't realize that a new Rec Building wouldn't be started for 2 to 2 ½ years and that he wasn't against building a new Rec Building but wants to re-evaluate the funding for it. Joan stated she does not think the Town Hall and Library should be locked to the public and thinks the decision to close them should be reconsidered.

Lauri Gerlach said she thought the new Rec Building had been tabled and if so, she wanted to do some upgrades to have keyless entry that everyone can use, security cameras and outside access to a bathroom. She also read a comment from Bill Brewer who was not present at the meeting covering some of his thoughts.

Karen Reed said she questions putting money into the existing Rec Building and feels it would be a waste of money.

Helen Bryner said she felt privileged to pay taxes in order to have a Community Building and added that she felt it was a collaboration of people, playing, sharing, and communicating with neighbors. Having fund raising, meetings, weddings and funerals and added that she was on board to pay more in taxes to have such a Building.

Shane Zaruba commented on revisiting some of the variables involved with the Rec Building and questioned if it could be put on a referendum for people to vote on. He also suggested looking into if the Community itself could come together to build it saying that the Town had a lot of skilled and talented people.

Chairman Maines said that the door is not closed on the subject of the Rec Building and said that they could possibly have a referendum in the future, but for now it was put on hold.

Opening Proposals for New Truck and Equipment:

Chairman Maines said they had received 5 bids. Bids were opened and read.

1. Frame Only- Truck Country-2022 Freightliner. \$123,600.
2. Frame Only- Western Star 2022 Model 4700. \$128,600.
3. Mid-State -Marshfield 2022 International-Chassis Only & Equipment. \$253,628 (with service contract, \$276,980).
4. Monroe-Equipment, \$115,156.
5. Casper-Equipment, \$114,472.

Setting Meeting Date to Select Winning Truck and Equipment Proposals:

The Chairman set the meeting date for Tuesday, January 19th at 1 pm. Supervisor Schmidt said he wanted Jeremy and Jimmy also present at the meeting.

LAMBO (Lakeland Area Mountain Bike Organization) Request for Event in Sayner:

A representative of LAMBO, Mike Oikowski, said they would like to use Sayner as the base for holding their biking event which is scheduled for June 12th, 2021. He said the race would start and end in Town and that the only thing they would need was access to rest rooms. He said they were in the process of getting a permit from the DNR. It would be limited to 50 participants due to COVID-19. He said if it didn't offend anybody, they wanted to name the event, "The InSayner" with a logo of mosquitos following a bike. They would not need any road closures. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to support LAMBO and to allow the use of town land and facilities and asked that they keep the Board updated monthly so they know where they are at. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Updating Room Tax Ordinances:

Chairman Maines noted that Bob Klager, Deputy C/T, was working on updating the room tax ordinance and felt before the Board could approve and vote on it, the Town attorney should look at. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to send the proposed amended ordinance to the Town attorney for review. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

New Plow for Loader:

The Town Crew said the plow was still functional but worn out and continued use will cause more damage if it is not replaced. Supervisor Schmidt made note that it had already been talked about 2 years ago and that it was in the budget. The Crew members noted that the Monroe bid was missing hooks they would also need in the amount of \$1200 plus freight costs. After further discussion, Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to get a new plow for the Loader in the amount of \$10,093, along with hooks for the amount of \$1200 plus freight costs. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Purchasing a Broom System for the Loader:

The Town Crew said the broom they had now needed replacing and suggested getting a broom system which would work with the Loader, saying it would be faster using the Loader on the roads. It was mentioned that the tractor that has the broom on it now is very old and its repairs over the past 4 years totaled \$32,000. Chairman Maines asked the Crew to look into the cost of possibly leasing something that they could use for both brushing and sweeping. The Chairman gave them one lead and the Crew said they would check into finding others who may lease. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to table the item and to put it back on February's meeting agenda. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; carried.

Contract for Salt/Sand Shed Construction:

Chairman Maines will be taking a copy of the contract to the Towns Attorney for review. The Chairman tabled the agenda until the attorney has a chance to look at the contract.

Future of Existing Rec Building Regarding Repairs/Updates:

Supervisor Schmidt said that since nothing was happening with moving forward with a new Rec Building that he would like to look into making improvements of the current building, suggested painting and striping the floor, new nets and hoops, and storage carts for tables and chairs. He felt that money needed to be put into the building until building a new Rec Building in the future. Chairman Maines felt that the building is functional and usable and stated it is empty 90 % of the time and listed some of the events that use the building. He then listed the major expenses that Town has incurred recently as one of the reasons why he decided to delay moving forward with the Rec Building. The Chairman said he would be okay with using the \$10,000 in prior grant donations for making minor improvements to get by while waiting for a new Rec Building. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to see what could be done with the \$10,000 that they have to work with. Chairman Maines seconded. Supervisor Schmidt aye, Chairman Maines aye, Supervisor Rasmussen nay; motion carried, 2 to 1.

Purchasing Road Signs:

After discussion, it was decided that the Town Crew was to give Clerk Brooker a list of the Fire Numbers and Road signs that were in the worst condition. Clerk Brooker will then order the signs along with the posts.

Storage Building at the Ambulance Barn:

Supervisor Schmidt wanted to know what the storage building was doing there. Supervisor Rasmussen explained it was being used for storage for items from inside the Ambulance Barn and in spring will be moved behind the building.

Vilas County Beaver Removal Program & Deer Removal Program:

Chairman Maines said he felt the town didn't need the deer removal program but may need the beaver removal program because Mike Sealander is unable to use explosives. Jimmy Mortag stated there was someone in Rhineland who can use explosives and that you may not have to sign a contract with them. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to table the Beaver Control Program till next month's meeting and to not do the Deer Program. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried. Clerk Brooker will call the USDA in Rhineland to see if they might be someone the Town can use.

Approve Vouchers:

Supervisor Schmidt had questions about the bill from the contractor for the ambulance barn. Supervisor Schmidt made a motion to approve paying the vouchers for December in the amount of \$180,891.49 and for January in the amount of \$279,515.02. Supervisor Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

A voice recording of this meeting is available in the Clerk's office.

These minutes were taken at the Regular Town Board Meeting of the Town of Plum Lake held on the 12th day of January 2021 and were entered in this Record Book by: