



TOWN OF SPIDER LAKE LAW ENFORCEMENT MEETING 4/14/02

Gene Krause called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. Attending were Gene Krause, Marion Promersberger, Lois Dempsey, Donald Sheehan, Sue Miller, Charles Leitschuh, Paul Ostrum and Richard Hogue.

Many problems were discussed and which organization held jurisdiction over the different offenses.

DNR controls the water and all water craft for all State laws which includes Slow No Wake areas but not speed limits. There are two officers in Sawyer County.

Sheriff's Dept. enforces all laws and ordinances. They cover 1400 sq. miles in Sawyer County with 4 officers per 8 hr. shift, 24 hours a day. In cases where Town ordinances are violated and where citations are issued, the Town attorney must defend the Town at the Town's expense.

The Forest Service controls State, County and Town laws within the boundaries of the Chequamegon Forest only. There is one officer except on weekends, then one or two more are brought in. The area that is covered is 850,000 acres.

All law officials present at our meeting highly recommended, that a normal citizen should not try to stop or deter offenders, but call the various departments for help. The main reasons for this was the use of alcohol and drugs by the offenders and also the private citizens are not trained as are law enforcement officers. It was recommended that the Town hire a deputy and pay him for the duties that the Town wants done.

If the Township makes up a list of trouble spots for each Dept, DNR, Sheriff's Dept. and Forest service they will do their best to help patrol those areas.

Sue Miller offered to help the Town in writing any new Ordinances or amend the ones we have if necessary.

Motion was made by adjourn by Lois Dempsey, seconded by Marion Promersberger, all in favor, motion carried at 5:30 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Marion Promersberger.