



**TOWN OF SPIDER LAKE, SAWYER CO., WI
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2012**

The Town of Spider Lake monthly meeting was called to order by Town Chair Hucker. Present were Hucker, Brandt, McGuinness, Meyer, Cerman, Treasurer Overman, Clerk Ferda and Fire Chief D. Brandt.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Meyer and 2nd by McGuinness. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, a motion was made by Brandt and 2nd by Cerman for the Town of Spider Lake Supervisors to move into executive session for a discussion and possible action with regard to the Notice of Circumstances of Claim and Claim presented by "The Friends of the Quiet Lakes" (Bob & Loretta Book, Maryann Palm, Jeff & Sharon Peterson, Jeff & Lisa Post, John & Mary Witt, George & Connie Miller) regarding Conditional Use Permit #11-01: Land owner: Timothy & Prudence Ross, Tower owner: Cheqtel Wireless located in Gov't Lot 4 SE ¼, SW ¼, Sec 34, T42N, R6W. The motion was amended to include that the Board will reconvene in open session after the closed session as the notice states to act on any items from the Executive Session if necessary and to proceed with other items on the agenda. A roll call vote was taken. 5 aye and no nay votes. Motion carried. At 7:05 PM, the Town Board, Clerk and Treasurer met in executive session. At 7:24 PM, the Town Board reconvened in open session.

Hucker advised no action would be taken today regarding the discussion with legal counsel.

Motion to approve the Town Board minutes of 12-14-11 and the Plan & Review Commission minutes of 12-7-11 was made by Brandt and 2nd by McGuinness. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by Overman. December 2011 receipts were \$347,087.85 and expenditures were \$113,100.43 leaving a balance of \$637,710.11. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by McGuinness and 2nd by Meyer. All in favor. Motion carried.

The vouchers were presented for payment. Motion to approve checks numbered #018714 through #018767 in the amount of \$49,641.88 was made by Brandt and 2nd by Cerman. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Quiet Lakes Association received an aquatic invasive species DNR grant. They have requested that the town hire and provide normal payroll functions for the boat ramp monitors. The DNR have given their approval. The town currently provides this service for the Spider Chain of Lakes Association. A motion was made by McGuinness and 2nd by Brandt to hire and provide normal payroll functions for the Quiet Lakes boat ramp monitors for 2012 & 2013 predicated on the assumption that the town will be reimbursed for all costs related to the hiring of the monitors (payroll, FICA, unemployment insurance costs, etc.) from either the grant proceeds or the Quiet Lakes Association. All in favor. Motion carried.

Hucker explained the proposed amendments to the 2012 budget. Unanticipated surplus in the amount of \$28,400.00 is being proposed to amend various budgets or to amend certain allocated surplus accounts. A new allocated surplus account is being established as Capital Improvements. These funds could be used to modernize the garage or fire department and for repairs to the town hall. After discussion, a motion was made by Brandt and 2nd by Meyer to adopt the proposed amendments as set out in the document attached to the minutes. 5 yes votes and no nay votes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by McGuinness and 2nd by Meyer to amend the 2012 budget by adding \$9,092.00 to revenues and adding \$9,092.00 to the Lake Monitoring expense line item to reflect the Quiet Lakes Association's invasive species grant. 5 yes and no nay votes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve a liquor license for the new owner (Dana O'Neill) of Lost Land Lake Lodge was made by Meyer and 2nd by McGuinness. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to approve an operator's license for Patrick Sullivan was made by McGuinness and 2nd by Cerman. All in favor. Motion carried.

Plan & Review Commission Report

The Commission approved the following CSM's for owner Richard Uihlein. Parcel A, CSM #035 Lot 2 and Outlot 1 and CSM #4154, located in Gov't Lot 6, Sec. 22, T42N, R7W. The owners are to remove certain structures by spring.

Violation – Owner: Michael & Colleen Osgar – Location: Sec 32, T42N, R6W. 12478N Morgan Rd. – Grading and placement of fill within 35' of the ordinary high water mark to create a fire pit area. Owner agreed to restore the property back to its original state and this should take place in the spring. The owner will pay for any needed inspections.

Violation – Owner: Teresa Lahti – Location: Sec 33, T42N, R7W. Exterior walls not left in place as required by 4.4(4) Replacement of Foundation and Roof Support Systems. After ZA Boss and the County inspected the site, it was determined that exterior walls had been removed and replaced which constitutes demolition of the building and rebuilding. A Notice of Violation (administrative order) to cease and desist was sent by ZA Boss in mid December. The notice had a technical error and that is being corrected. When the town's Board of Appeals granted the variance, the owner and contractor were advised that it was subject to DNR review and County approval. On December 20, 2011 the County denied the requested variance because of the violation. The Lahti's have filed an appeal to the Board of Appeals Board to review the administrative order and decide if it is correct. Hucker has conferred with the town's attorney and was advised that under the zoning ordinance the Board of Appeals has the ability to review the order.

The Commission discussed the challenges of incorporating the new County Zoning Shoreland-Wetland Protection ordinance into the town's comprehensive zoning ordinance. It will be a substantial undertaking and grant monies will be sought to help defer costs.

Committee Reports

Roads – McGuinness reported that the road crew has been sanding roads and doing maintenance on the dump trucks.

Hucker reported receiving compliments from two snowmobilers regarding the grading on Lake Helene Road.

Health & Safety – Cerman reported that he attended the fire department meeting and complimented Fire Chief Brandt on what a fine job she and the department is doing. He also reported that the county has received a \$29,000.00 grant for radios and the town can purchase 15 radios at \$100.00 each. Fire Chief Brandt advised that the radios have been purchased and that new pagers need to be purchased as all radio equipment has switched to narrow band.

Fire Chief Brandt reported that a meeting will be held on 1-16-12 with Monroe Equipment regarding the new fire truck.

A Community Wildfire Protection Plan Meeting will be held on 1-12-12. Hucker and D. Brandt are planning to attend.

Fire Chief Brandt reported that the fire department has purchased a John Deere Gator (ATV). She also reported that the grant has been paid and the town will be receiving its share from the DNR.

Fire training will be held in March 2012 in Rice Lake. A motion was made by McGuinness and 2nd by Brandt to authorize the clerk to pay any early bird registrations not to exceed \$500.00 and up to \$1,000.00 with approval by the Town Chair. All in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report

The spring election will be held on 4-3-12. Two candidates are running for town supervisor. There will be no February primary election this year.

There will be a WTA district meeting on 3-10-12 in Cable. Motion to authorize one board member to attend was made by McGuiness and 2nd by Meyer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the purchase of a digital recorder. Motion to purchase a digital recorder at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00 was made by McGuiness and 2nd by Meyer. All in favor. Motion carried.

The countywide WTA unit meeting will be held on 1-30-12 at 7 PM in Round Lake.

An Incident Command System Overview training session will be held 1-25-12 at 7 PM in Stone Lake.

George & Dolores Brandt have office furniture they wish to dispose of. They have offered to sell it to the town as it matches the treasurer's furniture. Overman will email the WTA to see if the town is allowed to purchase the furniture from employees (board member and fire chief).

Motion to adjourn was made by Meyer and 2nd by Cerman. All in favor. Motion carried.

Christine Ferda
Clerk