

**TOWN OF SPIDER LAKE, SAWYER CO., WI
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2016**

The Town of Spider Lake Board of Supervisors monthly meeting was called to order by Town Chair Hucker at 7:00 PM. Present were Hucker, McGuinness, Cerman, Huot, Clerk Ferda and Treasurer Overman. Supervisor Brandt and Fire Chief Nelson were absent.

Motion was made by McGuinness and 2nd by Huot to amend the agenda by moving Item #9 (action on proposed rezone of approximately 2.8 acres from A-1 to RR-1, Beatty) to immediately following the Pledge of Allegiance. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Discussion was held on the proposed rezone of approximately 2.8 acres from A-1 to RR-1 for Robert and Janis Beatty. The balance of the five acre lot (approximately 2.2 acres) would be combined with a larger lot to make an approximate 15 acre lot zoned A-1. The Plan & Review Commission voted to recommend that the town board approve the rezone subject to conditions. Based on the Commission's recommendation, a motion was made by Huot and 2nd by McGuinness to approve the rezone with the conditions that the Beatty's submit two CSM's, resetting the lot line for the smaller lot and leaving the balance of the land zoned as A-1. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by McGuinness and 2nd by Huot to approve the Town Board minutes of 10-12-16 and 10-20-16 and the Plan & Review Commission minutes of 10-5-16. All in favor. Motion carried.

Overman presented the Treasurer's report. October 2016 receipts were \$58,658.79 and expenditures were \$35,354.21 leaving a balance of \$581,407.43.

The vouchers were presented for payment. Motion to approve checks numbered #021967 through #022014 (including EFT checks) in the amount of \$30,697.70 was made by Huot and 2nd by Cerman. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by McGuinness and 2nd by Huot to approve the following 2016 budget amendments:

- 1) Increasing the Other General Government line item \$200.00 from the Contingency Line item.
- 2) Increasing the Roads Capital Outlay Fund \$16,000.00 from the Road Construction & Maintenance line item.
- 3) Increasing the Wages, Benefits & Administration line item in the Roads Budget \$10,000.00 from the Road Construction & Maintenance line item.
- 4) Increasing the Solid Waste line item by \$200.00 from the Contingency Line item.
- 5) Increasing the Recycling line item by \$200.00 from the Contingency Line item.
- 6) Increasing the Debt Service line item by \$450.00 from the Contingency Line item.

All in favor. 4 yes and no nay votes. Motion carried. The contingency line item will now have a balance of \$26,950.00 and the Road Construction & Maintenance line item will now have a balance of \$64,000.00.

Hucker reported that a contract was received from Monarch Paving Company for the paving of two sections on Upper A. Repair #1 will cost \$3,335.00 and Repair #2 will cost \$5,523.00. Monarch has agreed to honor these prices in 2017. This contract will require that a notice be published in the newspaper before it is signed. Discussion was held. Motion was made by Huot and 2nd by McGuinness to authorize the town chair to sign the Monarch Paving contract on behalf of the board. All in favor. Motion carried.

Plan & Review Commission Report

Short Term Rentals, Driveway Requirements and A-1 District Discussion - Hucker reported that Commission members were asked for any additional comments regarding the proposed changes to the driveway requirements as they relate to temporary roads, in particular that roads must be put back in their original condition before logging began. Hucker suggested that the town require a bond for logging. Hucker

reported that the Commission is moving forward regarding changing to ten acre minimum for lots in A-1 instead of a five acre minimum. Boss advised the Commission that “hobby farms” are no longer used as a defined term. They are now referred to as “farm stays”. Boss also advised that the County has not defined the term, there is no reason why the County did not include bee keeping in farming activity and the County will not be making any changes. Hucker reported that the Commission will be moving in a different path from the County and will track what the state statutes say. Hucker reported that he has not yet heard from the town’s attorney regarding short term rentals. Hucker reported that there will be a public hearing on the county proposals on November 18th. Cerman commented that the town needs to see where the County is going with the A-1 classification. According to a newspaper article, the County has an enormous number of exclusions which they are saying has come from the State. Hucker stated that the decision had been made that the town will not follow what the County is doing unless it is required by state law. The County has no meaningful distinction between what is zoned as A-1 and A-2 as it relates to permitted uses. The town will only use A-1.

Hucker reported that the Wisconsin Appellate Court issued an opinion affirming the trial court’s decision in the town’s favor and in favor of the town’s Board of Appeals decision on the Cook matter. Cook has thirty days to challenge the ruling by filing a petition to the Wisconsin Supreme Court for review.

Committee Reports

Roads – Hucker reported that he signed two 90-91 reports for request for payment from FEMA for the cleanup of debris and the work related to Rock Lake Road, Pederson Road and the black top for Upper A. He has contacted the Forest Service several times with no response regarding the work done on the forest roads after the storms. He advised that he was told that the Forest Service was out of money to pay for more work at this point and hopefully money from Washington will be released shortly.

McGuinness reported that all equipment is operating properly. The road crew is currently grading roads, blowing leaves off the roads and cutting saplings that are hanging over the roads. Jump River Electric has been contacted with a list of roads where limbs are hanging over the roads and are close to electric lines. Jump River will arrange for a crew to shut the power off as needed as clearing continues. If power is shut off, the town will try to advise landowners prior to the shut off.

Health & Safety – Overman reported there was an ATV fire and responders had a hard time locating it. She said markers are needed on the trails so persons can more accurately inform fire and police of their location.

Insurance & Finance - Huot reported that Ferda submitted the annual insurance questionnaire.

Clerk’s Report

Other Correspondence – An email was received from Ben Garret from the WIDNR regarding a free webinar on November 10th about the use of prescribed fire to reduce fuels in and around communities in the Wildland Urban Interface.

The election results from the November general election were presented. Two hundred ninety-one residents voted and there were 43 new voter registrations.

A reminder that the Budget Public Hearing, the Special Elector meeting and the Special Town Board meeting will be held on November 17th at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Overman would like everyone to turn in their annual year end letter as soon as possible.

Hucker reported that he wrote a letter of support to the SCLA on their effort in seeking a DNR grant for aquatic invasive species monitoring.

The final estimate of the January 1, 2016 population is 357.

Ferda reported that a new HP copier/printer is being purchased from Loffler Company in the amount of \$929.00.

Questions from the Audience and Other Matters for Discussion Purposes Only

Patrick Delaney inquired how a new resident can register to vote.

Hucker stated that it was important that all supervisors attend the November 17th meetings.

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

Christine Ferda
Town Clerk