

TOWN OF BRULE

BRULE, WISCONSIN

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, August 12, 2008

Chairman Dennis Smet opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m. The Clerk, Treasurer Roger Luthens, and Supervisors Kevin Mackie & Myron Olson were present. Guests were Keith Kesler, Doug Copp and Kay Johnson, County Supervisor. The agenda was approved as submitted. Minutes of the previous regular meeting were approved with a change to clarify as follows: Volunteers are covered for liability, but not their own medical expenses. Treasurer's report was submitted: \$2,559.67 in checking, \$47,165.77 in money market, \$21,204.65 in equipment fund, \$29,163.57 in personal property tax account, and \$6,977.49 in real estate tax account. One delinquent personal property tax bill remains from January. Roger has contacted the title company, but received no response yet. Four parcels were allowed to pay personal property taxes in installments. One remains delinquent. Transportation aids and state shared revenue payments have been received. Bills were presented and paid.

Keith reported on Fire Dept. calls and emergencies. There have been no equipment problems. A radio audit will be done for a radio grant. He reported on a meeting he had on August 3rd with a representative from Winneboujou Club regarding emergency access to their new driveway. There are problems with turnouts. If the parking lot is full, it will be hard to navigate through. All the driveways to various homes in Winneboujou do not provide adequate access for emergency vehicles. He noted he explained what the issues are, but it is their decision to change things or not. He will follow up on this issue.

Doug reported they have ditched and put rock in the turn around on Brule Valley Ave. Myron stated he would meet the Northwoods Paving before work is begun in September. They have been cutting roadsides, doing minimal blading and replacing stolen road signs. Gravel has been placed on roads leading to fishermen parking lots. Repair work has been done on the grader, brusher, and loader. A decision about rust repair on the loader and truck will be on September's agenda. The DNR permit has been received for Clevedon Road culvert work on Casey Creek with an extension until October 1st, the bid notice has been put in the newspaper, and bid opening will be held at a Special Meeting Tuesday, August 26th at 5:00 p.m.

There were no committee reports from Town Hall Remodeling and Comprehensive Planning committees. The Comprehensive Planning committee will hold its next meeting in October.

Kay Johnson, County Supervisor, submitted a pamphlet on budget workshops, and reported the county is concerned about the Daily Telegram changing to only two newspapers per week. This will be a hardship for public officials to give notice of meetings, bids, elections, etc. She noted Keith Kesler's department is expanding, and his new title is Emergency Management, Communications & General Services Director. The County gave a grant to a company on Connors Point that will give more employment opportunities. The parking lot controversy is on going. Senator Jauch looked into the problem of permits for road work or building in the flood plain, and he stated it is not the DNR that is making the problem, but the zoning department. The state will have to look at this issue again.

Mark LeSage came to the meeting to report on the town garage furnace problem. He stated it is only at 30% efficiency based on its age and output. He suggested replacing it with two sealed combustion LP furnaces and doing a repair to the floor because it is potholed, retains moisture, and needs insulation. Each furnace would be about \$3,000 with 80% efficiency and can be vented out the wall. This was tabled until September's meeting.

A contract was looked over for heating fuel from Polar Gas for the Fire Hall. Myron moved to accept the 30-day payment at \$2.249 per gallon, Kevin seconded, motion carried. Keith also noted he would like to change the water heater eventually in the Fire Hall to an on-demand type.

The Clerk requested the September board meeting be changed from September 9th because of the Primary Election. The meeting was changed to Monday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m. following the Sanitary District meeting.

Budget information for the year to date was looked over. The Clerk also noted that Open Book would be held on Wednesday, September 10th from 6 – 8 p.m. The Board of Review will be held on Thursday, September 25th from 6-8 p.m.

Correspondence included: DNR information of land enrolled in the County Forest Law, WI Towns Assoc. workshop information, County Board Resolution accepting a change from commercial to residential zoning for Mike Gronquist, Dept. of Revenue notice of exempt computer state aid of \$28, notice of state aid payment, copies of County Zoning letters to Warner Wellman regarding structural modification in the flood plain, County Zoning permit for Jeffrey Karna for a garage, statement of fire dues payment, notice of preliminary population of 638, information from WI Towns Assoc. on health insurance, Inspector Rob Agency building inspection report, thank you card from Mary Tripp for the opportunity to introduce herself at July's meeting, and notice from Plunkett's Pest control of treatment plan for town hall and fire hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Caven, Clerk