

TOWN OF BRULE

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

Chairman Dennis Smet opened the meeting at 6:36 p.m. The Clerk, Treasurer Roger Luthens, Supervisors Kevin Mackie and Myron Olson were present. Guests were Keith Kesler and Joe Slaby. The agenda and minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted. Treasurer's report: \$2,639.34 in checking, \$64,068.24 in money market, and \$22,125.53 in equipment fund, \$25,184.31 in personal property tax account, and approximately \$364,3669.90 in real estate tax account. Roger noted there are some delinquent personal property tax bills. He will ask the county about the next step in collection and whether the town can charge interest. Tax settlement checks will be sent out by February 20th. Roger also stated he will be absent from the March meeting. Bills were presented and paid.

Keith reported on the Fire Dept. runs, they have received a \$1,000 donation from a private party that will be used towards a grant, hazardous material training is finished, and he has been repairing and servicing equipment. On Saturday the dept. will hold its annual Fire Dept. Sliding Party for the community with food provided for all who attend. A discussion was held on the property tax rebate benefits for volunteer fire and EMS personnel, which is part of federal legislation recently passed. Further information will be needed if Wisconsin law will allow it.

Joe reported the maintenance crew has been clearing drifted snow on roads and driveways, sanding icy roads, and cutting down dead trees in the right of way. The county is now hauling sand from Troy Pit. The grader windshield was replaced twice due to rust under the weather stripping. The rust has been removed. A discussion was held on the high cost of heating the garage. This will be discussed again in the spring with further information about more efficient furnaces and cost estimates for different types of fuel.

A written report was read from Kay Johnson, County Supervisor, who is out of town. Hwy F reconstruction should begin in 2009 if federal money is not lost, salt is in short supply, and bid opening for three break-room additions for the County Hwy Dept. will be held on February 28th. A list of County Hwy activities from August 1998 to present was looked over. Myron moved to send a letter to the County noting no work has been done on County H since 1998, and asking that both County H and FF be put on the list for improvements, seconded by Kevin, motion carried unanimously.

The town hall remodel committee met January 9th. Kevin has contacted Al Pettingill, who is willing to look over the area and develop plans for a possible addition.

On Wednesday, February 13th, the Comprehensive Planning Committee will meet at 4 p.m. at the town hall.

A discussion was held on snow plowing all town roads. The Board is reluctant to do this now because snowmobilers have been using some of the roads as trails. Some roads are dead ends with no residents, and the board only opens roads as requested by loggers or residents who need access. A possible loss of gas tax on these roads makes it necessary to discuss this next year and keep the local snowmobile club informed.

No answer has been received from Randy Martin about the condition and load limit of his private bridge. The attorney sent a letter stating periodic letters should be sent to the landowner. Myron moved that the fire dept. should not cross the Marten bridge except with the brush truck until the weight limit is confirmed by the owner, seconded by Kevin, motion carried unanimously. A letter has been sent to the Winneboujou Club stating the fire dept. can safely cross their bridge with the medical van and the pick-up truck only.

Dennis noted he spoke with Troy Lupa who is willing to coordinate ball schedules for the Little League and adult bar leagues. Further discussion on ball field usage fees will be at the March meeting.

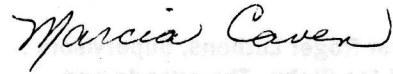
Bartender license applications were looked over from River House Restaurant. Kevin moved to accept the applications, seconded by Myron, motion carried.

A two-year renewal contract with Inspector Rob Agency was discussed. Myron moved to renew the two-year contract for building inspection, seconded by Kevin, motion carried.

Correspondence included: County Zoning Informational packet, Inspector Rob Agency building inspection report, timber sale notice, notice to cut timber on land owned by Robert Johnson, unemployment notices for Rick Larsen, WI Towns Assoc. newsletter, invitation to Midland Services Cenex grand opening on Friday, February 15th, information about making polling places fully accessible, WITC letter of openings for board committees, and request for County ATV trail map corrections.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marcia Caven, Clerk