

TOWN OF BRULE

BRULE, WISCONSIN

54820

www.brule-wi.org

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Chairman Dennis Smet opened the meeting at 6:40 p.m. The Clerk, Supervisors Kevin Mackie and Myron Olson were present. Absent: Roger Luthens, Treasurer. Guests were Keith Kesler, Kay & Marvin Johnson and Doug Copp. The agenda was approved as submitted. The minutes were approved as corrected to change the day of the fire dept. sliding party from Saturday to Sunday. Treasurer's report was submitted: \$70,1139.86 in checking, \$38,273.05 in money market, and \$21,138.12 in equipment fund, \$26,022.14 in personal property tax account, and approximately \$6,970.18 in real estate tax account. Dennis noted he spoke with the WI Towns attorney about the delinquent property tax bills. He was advised to have the town's attorney take them to small claims court. Because Roger was absent this was tabled until the next meeting. Bills were presented and paid.

Keith reported on the Fire Dept. runs. They will have extraction training on the 29th with Maple and Cloverland. He requested the board's support of a matching grant to replace the brush truck and purchase safety items. Myron moved to have Keith apply for the grant, seconded by Kevin, motion carried unanimously. He also requested approval to replace the old weather stripping around the fire hall overhead doors. He submitted a proposal from Tim Follis of \$560.82 that included material and labor. Myron moved to have the repairs made, Kevin seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Doug reported the maintenance crew has been steaming culverts and pushing back snow on the roads. The steamer coils have been cleaned. Dennis noted calls have been received about loggers on Clevedon Rd. North and Wallin Rd. Some logs are being left in ditches that need to be picked up. Weight limits will be placed on county roads on Monday. Doug will order a dozen new signs to replace old weight limit signs. He noted the Tri-County Corridor groomer has been leaving large amounts of snow on roads, making it dangerous for vehicles. A letter will be sent to Bruce Bergstein about the problem, citing the State Statute number.

Kay Johnson, County Supervisor, reported a new audio system will be placed in the courtrooms, a study of storm water utility bills showed the majority of cost is from the fairgrounds, and Governor Doyle was in Superior discussing the Lake Superior Compact. She has been attending forestry committee meetings and was interested to know that about \$300,000 from timber sales was put into the general fund which goes towards roads. The county will purchase a couple of trucks and a grader. The cost of salt has risen steeply and the county had to give back 1,000 ton to the state to help out in the southern part of the state.

Kevin noted he hasn't met with Al Pettingill to look at the Town Hall and develop plans for a possible addition.

Dennis reported the Comprehensive Planning Committee met and developed objectives. Minutes of the meeting were sent to NW Regional Planning Commission, and the next meeting date has not been set.

A discussion was again held on snow plowing all town roads next year. The WI Towns Assoc. attorney stated municipalities could lose gas tax on any roads that are not made passable year round.

Again no answer has been received from Randy Martin about the condition and load limit of his private bridge.

The garage furnace issue was tabled until summer.

Ball field usage fees were discussed. Dennis will contact Troy Lupa about suggested fees.

Dennis stated the fire dept. sliding party was a great success, well organized and well attended. Keith noted the department had an election of officers in January. Keith is Fire Chief, Virgil Johnson, Deputy Chief and Jim Ostazeski Secretary/Treasurer. Captains appointed were Myron Olson, Tim Follis and Borg Isaksen. Dennis moved to accept the fire dept. officers as elected, appointed and presented to the board, Kevin seconded, motion carried.

TOWN OF BRULE

It was moved, seconded and carried to publish the weight limit ordinance with the same roads as 2007, effective March 17th.

Dates for the Board of Review will be decided later. Because it is a revaluation year, the Board of Review will meet and then adjourn to a later date in the summer to give the assessor time to finish his work.

It was noted a Spring Election will be held on April 1st for county board supervisor, school board members, Supreme Court justice and a referendum question for an amendment to the constitution.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8th at 8 p.m. following the regular board meeting.

Correspondence included: Length of service annuity statements, state trust fund loan information, DNR payment in lieu of tax statement, County Zoning permit application from Olson Bros. Contractors for quarry renewal, brochure and information on United Way 211 services, DNR forest tax law printout, notice to cut timber on land owned by Brothers, Inc., unemployment notices for Rick Larsen, WI Towns Assoc. newsletter, and insurance company packet.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Caven

Marcia Caven, Clerk