

# TOWN OF BRULE

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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

Chairman Dennis Smet opened the meeting at 6:37 p.m. The Clerk, Treasurer Roger Luthens, and Supervisor Kevin Mackie were present. Myron Olson arrived shortly after the meeting was opened. Guests were Keith Kesler, Doug Copp and Kay & Marvin Johnson. The agenda and minutes were approved as submitted. The minutes of the Annual Meeting were accepted. Treasurer's report was submitted: \$4,250.76 in checking, \$71,802.36 in money market, \$21,164.62 in equipment fund, \$26,676.08 in personal property tax account, and \$6,972.39 in real estate tax account. Two delinquent personal property tax bills are still unpaid. Both Dennis and the assessor contacted one owner. Myron moved to turn the situation over to the town attorney for a collection letter, Kevin seconded, motion carried unanimously. Roger asked if funds in the equipment account should be placed into a 6-month or one year CD. Further information is needed for a decision. Bills were presented and paid.

Keith reported on Fire Dept. calls and emergencies. He stated Krech Ojard & Assoc. has contacted him several times by regarding road layouts in the proposed development on the Baillie family property. The company needs information about roadway width and turning radii that the town board may find acceptable in order to eventually take over the roads for gas taxes. Two options were submitted from the company. Dennis will contact them to set up a meeting about the situation. The "Be Somebody" campaign will again be held on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. Representatives from Madison and Senator Bob Jauch will attend. After 6 p.m. the Fire Dept. invites the community for a get-together with free food.

Dennis noted he spoke with the Denstons about the Marten private bridge that needs a load rating. The Martens are having a private company look at the problem.

Doug reported the maintenance crew has been blading, hauling gravel and checking roads. Both the loader and dump truck need rust repair. The board okayed getting an estimate for the work. A discussion on a new or used boom mower was tabled until later.

Kay Johnson, County Supervisor, submitted brochures from Health & Human Services about a free health screening for children 4 mos. through 18 years. She noted the county is discussing putting monies from American Transmission Co. into a pension fund, zoning has requested an increase in permit fees, health permit fees will also be increased in June, Federal money is coming for County F road work to begin in 2009, and bids will go out again for the highway garage bathrooms. The Lake Nebagamon library will hopefully open July 1<sup>st</sup>. She brought copies of Brule's letter about the condition of Hwy. H & FF to the highway committee. The committee will be taking a school bus over county roads on June 4<sup>th</sup>, and invited the town board to come along to explain the need for a full reconstruction of Hwy H.

The liquor license for Dee's Twin Gables was looked over, and a letter was submitted from Deanna Daubenspeck for a revision to the application to include a deck and a drive-thru window. Myron moved to accept the application as revised, Kevin seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Kevin noted Al Pettingill looked at the Town Hall and is willing to draw up plans to double the size of the board room/bathroom area. These plans can then be given to a contractor for cost estimates.

Dennis reported the Comprehensive Planning Committee met on Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> and discussed drafts from Douglas County's plan. A public participation plan was checked over to be included into the town's plan. The committee will again meet on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 4 p.m. and June 4<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. Myron moved to approve the public participation plan, Kevin seconded, motion carried unanimously.

The county bridge & culvert aid for Clevedon Road north of FF was discussed. A culvert replacement on Casey Creek has already been approved, but a permit from the DNR will be needed. Dennis & Myron will contact the DNR for a meeting at the two sites.

A discussion was held on the two TRIP road projects. It was decided to advertise for bids on the blacktopping work on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. & Brule Valley Road, with bids to be opened at the June meeting.

Troy Lupa came in to notify the board that new bases and a field marker for the fields have been purchased, and submitted a bill for reimbursement. There are four adult teams and five youth teams, schedules are in place, and two portable toilets are at the field. He noted costs for the outfield fence went up 40%, so they will again use the snow fencing. He will get estimates for electrical costs so teams can host tournaments. A well will cost about \$4,000-5,000, but Troy felt the electricity is the most important item. He will attend a Lions Club meeting to request a donation for this. Dennis noted the town should have received some funding from the Lions Club last year to defray the cost of fencing.

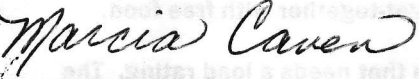
A County Recycling grant of \$2,500 is again available. The board will apply for a tire, appliance, and clean-up day to be scheduled in June if accepted. Perhaps playground equipment made from recycled materials could be purchased with a donation from the Lions Club.

A suggestion from Lance Caven for the upgraded website was discussed. For those businesses without a website of their own, the town could offer to place an advertisement page on the town website for a set-up fee and an annual fee. The Board requested the Clerk contact him for fee estimates, if a maintenance fee should also be included, and if a linking fee could be requested.

Correspondence included: notice of school board members elected, County Zoning permit for Kimberly Lydon for year-round dwelling and Ron Weber for alteration to seasonal dwelling, copy of clerk's bond, notice of annual meeting of Chequamegon Communications, unemployment notices for Rick Larsen, WI Towns Assoc. newsletter, election procedure information and future training notification from County Clerk, request from County Unit of WI Towns Assoc. for snowplowing fee information, Dept. of Revenue notice of property assessment law changes, and notice of Municipal Clerks Wee as May 4-May 10.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marcia Caven, Clerk