

TOWN OF BRULE

BRULE, WISCONSIN

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

December 8, 2009

Chairman Dennis Smet opened the board meeting at 6:32 p.m. Also present were Kevin Mackie & Myron Olson, Supervisors, and Roger Luthens, Treasurer. Guests were Joe Slaby and Keith Kesler. The agenda was approved as submitted. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with a correction that Mark Liebaert is Chairman of the Forestry Committee of the County Board. The Treasurer's report was submitted: \$482.87 in checking, \$90,164.19 in money market, \$61,504.01 in equipment fund, \$1,017.83 in real estate tax account, and \$76.31 in personal property tax account. Roger noted 96 snowplowing checks have been received, and the real estate tax account has been moved from National Bank of Commerce to Security State Bank with no minimum balance and service fees waived. Bills were presented and paid.

Joe reported on maintenance work. He thanked the County for renting their hot mix trailer to the town so they were able to patch potholes on Clevedon Rd North, Lake St., County Line Rd, Congdon Rd, and part of Hatchery Rd. More sand/salt mixture will be purchased from Iron River Sand & Gravel, as it will be needed shortly. New tires have been put on the dump truck, and the grader also needs front tires. They are ready for the pending snowstorm. They are keeping an eye on two logging companies on Clevedon Rd.

Keith Kesler reported on emergency calls the fire dept has responded to since the last meeting. A complete service was done on Engine One, and the snowmobile is ready to go after repairs. He also noted there will be a pipeline safety meeting at the fire hall on Tuesday, December 15th at 7 p.m.

Dennis reported that Kay Johnson, County Supervisor, called to notify him that she would be absent, but wanted it known that the county is looking for earmarked money for Hwy. H, and she thinks they will be able to get some funding. Also she is again circulating petitions of nomination for supervisor.

The Board discussed the proposed legislation from the Dept. of Revenue to change to countywide assessment. This is very controversial, and the board needs to send letters if legislation is drafted.

Dennis reported the Town Hall Remodel/Addition Committee has not met, but he submitted an aerial view of the town hall showing the alley is 16 feet wide. This was received from the County Surveyor. A variance can be applied for and the alley vacated in order to have enough area for the addition. The Board requested Dennis go to County Zoning to apply for a variance as soon as possible, and discuss the steps to take to vacate the alley with Steve Rannenbergh.

A discussion was held on wages to be paid for emergency drivers. The Board decided to increase the wages to \$12.00 per hour in the future.

The agenda item of Carla Thomas for rezoning of property was tabled until the next meeting since no information has been received.

It was noted the Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan was held on November 23rd. An ordinance to adopt the plan submitted by Northwest Planning Commission was looked over. Myron moved to enact the ordinance to adopt Brule's Comprehensive Plan, seconded by Kevin, motion carried unanimously. The ordinance will be posted at the Town Hall, Security State Bank and Brule Post Office.

The Chairman nominated a list of election inspectors, Sheila Mackie, Gloria Lahti, Wendy Lane, with Betty Lehto and Sue Behning as alternates, for the next two years. Myron moved to appoint the election officials as nominated, seconded by Dennis, motion passed unanimously.

The annual Joint Powers Agreement between Brule and the County Communications Center was read over. Myron moved to accept the agreement, Kevin seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Dennis submitted a letter from Senator Herb Kohl who had contacted the Northland District of the U.S. Postal Service. A copy of the letter he received from the postal service was enclosed, stating they are

examining the possibility of relocating one rural carrier route to a neighboring Post Office. This may result in a slight change in hours of operation, but they have no plans to close the Brule Post Office.

New town hall chairs were discussed because the church has donated \$350 towards their purchase. Dennis stated he priced folding chairs, and then checked with Dunbars. The salesman told him they no longer sell them because they are unstable and children pinch fingers in the hinges. Keith noted this is a big liability, and stackable chairs are much better and take up less room. They use stackable chairs in the Fire Hall. The Board decided they should change the style from foldable to stackable over time.

Correspondence included: WI Towns Assoc. newsletter, Inspector Rob building permit list, information about Superior Days, County Zoning letter regarding approval of Joseph Follis' application for temporary mobile home, County Planning & Zoning information of goals and objectives of the County Comprehensive Plan, certificate of liability insurance from Northwoods Paving for 2010, Dept. of Commerce letter accepting the town's ordinance to adopt the Uniform Dwelling Code, final statement of state shared revenue, request for list of all licensed retail outlets selling tobacco products from Dept. of Health with copy of list submitted, unemployment information for Rick Larsen and Wendy Lane, County Highway Dept. letter about follow up of federally mandated interim bridge inspections, and training information for mining/ gravel pit hazards.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Caven, Clerk