

# **TOWN OF BRULE**

## **BRULE, WISCONSIN**

**54820**

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### **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

June 9, 2009 (Unapproved)

Chairman Dennis Smet opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Also present were Kevin Mackie & Myron Olson, Supervisors, and Roger Luthens, Treasurer. Guests were Keith Kesler, Doug Copp, and Joe Cuhel. The agenda and minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted. Treasurer's report was handed out: \$4,915.33 in checking, \$44,854.21 in money market, \$41,408.26 in equipment fund, \$1,004.30 in real estate tax account, and \$33,710.01 in personal property tax account. Roger noted all delinquent personal property taxes have been paid. Bills were presented and paid.

Joe Cuhel asked for help from the town on drainage problems from Chloe Manz' property. Water has been flooding his home when it rains. The maintenance crew will clean out the culvert and ditch along the alley on Chloe's side of the property.

Janet Follis and Hope Larson came in to request the town remove trees in the Lions Club Park that are dead or dying so they may continue the memorial garden project that was started last year. Also requested was excavation so that clean dirt can be put down for plants, shrubs and trees. Myron suggested they mark the trees to be taken out and where work needs to be done. Kevin noted Brule has a low water table and fill should be hauled in to raise the area. Hope explained that Peterson Greenhouse and Wentworth Greenhouse are willing to sell at cost to anyone willing to purchase perennial plants, trees or shrubs for the garden. She showed a drawing of future plans with a list of suggested plantings and described fencing that could be put up to protect the area from snowmobilers. A plant swap will be held on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> of perennials or other plants that anyone would like to bring to the park. Hope also asked if a page could be added to the town's website about the garden with a link to the greenhouses. Others could then donate plants or trees as well. This can be added if information is given to the Clerk.

Keith Kesler reported on emergency calls, and noted Virgil Johnson is doing fire inspections. The Fire Dept. will host a County Fire Association meeting, and they are applying for a DNR grant. The question of heating propane was tabled until the next meeting.

Doug reported on maintenance work. The garage door motor was repaired. They are graveling roads and working on some small ditching problems. He noted more information on a new steamer is needed before a decision can be made.

The Comprehensive Plan Commission is waiting for the final plan from Northwest Planning Commission to be updated so a public hearing can be held to present it to the townspeople.

The Town Hall Remodel Committee has met and decided on a final plan. Dennis has contacted County Zoning. The building has to be 20 feet from the property line, so a variance must be requested. A County surveyor may help find the property line since Larry Luostari had his property surveyed and the markers can be easily found.

Bid openings were held for the Carlson Road with three bidders: Trusty Trucking, Olson Bros. Contractors and Udeen Trucking. Because of Myron's business interest in Olson Bros. Contractors, he abstained from the discussion. Dennis reported that trees and roots to be cleared can no longer be dumped on Harold Swanson's property as he has changed his mind. The bidders are not aware that they will have a longer haul into Brule to dispose of them, so they may change their mind about the job. The bids were as follows: Trusty Trucking - \$14,105.00, Olson Bros. Contractors - \$11,428.38 and Udeen Trucking - \$22,766. Dennis moved to award the contract to Olson Bros. Contractors, seconded by Kevin, motion carried with an

abstention by Myron. He will notify Keith Olson about the extra hauling. Added to the contract was a statement about compaction with a roller.

There have been some complaints about dogs barking during the day. The Board requests townspeople try to keep their dogs quiet.

Dennis reported that the post office might see future changes, but that it still in question. Some of the smaller post offices are being closed or changed so only the area to pick up mail in rental boxes is open. A count is being taken by the current postmaster to see how many people use the post office.

The Tire, Appliance & Clean-up Day will be expanded this year to include electronics such as computers, TVs, etc. A grant for \$1,000 from the County Recycling Dept. will be applied for, but this will not be enough to cover the cost of dumpsters and labor. A discussion was held on fees to be charged to residents and county residents, what things will not be taken and hours to be open. Residents can bring in one appliance and 4 rimless car tires free per family. A rate will be set for all electronics; furniture can be brought in by pick-up or trailer for \$20, and there will be a cost proration for smaller loads. Hours will be 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Flyers will be posted and published.

Dennis read a report from Kay Johnson, County Supervisor, who was at a State Highway Convention. Applications for designated ATV routes must be sent to Dan Corbin. These will be taken to the County highway committee once a year and then to the County Board. The state has set guidelines to be sure county highway maintenance funds are well spent, so the county is cutting back on everything to meet their budget. Mowing is to be reduced to once a season, road surveillance limited to one a week on some routes and twice a month on others, and seasonal wayside openings were delayed until May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Kevin moved to accept the renewal of alcohol beverage license applications and bartender license applications for Kro Bar, Riverhouse Restaurant, Dee's Twin Gables, Round-up North, Midland Services convenience store and Hungry Trout Inn, seconded by Myron, motion carried.

Electricity for the ball fields was again tabled until the next meeting, as Troy Lupa did not attend.

Thank you letters from Senator Jauch and Representative Nick Milroy were read regarding the town's interest and opposition to the changes to the prevailing wage law.

A letter from County Recycling was read. Aluminum cans that come to the town's recycling site belong to the County because the county pays to collect, haul and process the recyclables. Therefore, cans cannot be given to the attendant and fundraisers using the cans are not allowed on the recycling site.

Correspondence included: School Dist. Of Maple officer list for school board, WI Towns Assoc. newsletter, telephone cooperative patronage capital statement, county housing improvement information for deferred loans, WITC board appointment information, County Zoning permits for year-round dwelling for Laura Moore and Keith Follis, Security State Bank/Midland Services for commercial truck parking, and DNR for filling and grading; and building inspection report by Inspector Rob Agency.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Caven, Clerk