TOWN OF BRULE

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 10, 2012 (Unapproved)

Chairman Dennis Smet opened the meeting at 6:30 pm. Also present were Myron Olson & Kevin Mackie, Supervisors, Donna Olson, Treasurer, and Keith Kesler, Fire Chief. Guests were Dean Pederson and Jim Meysman. The agenda was approved as submitted. The minutes of the previous regular meeting were changed to note the Board supported the purchase of street decorations, and fiber optics will be connected and be on line in the Waino area in February. Minutes were then approved as submitted. Minutes of the Special December 19th meeting were approved as submitted. Donna gave the financial report: $62,175.74 in money market, $4,850.32 in checking, $12,297.56 in personal property tax account, and $192,174.93 in real estate tax account. The first quarter transportation aid has been received. Bills were presented and paid.

Dennis reported Willow Animal Clinic will hold a vaccination clinic at the Town Hall on Saturday, February 11th from 2 PM – 5PM. Donna will attend to sell dog licenses. Posters and rates will be posted around town.

Keith reported on Fire Dept. emergency runs. All former first responders have either taken the course or have agreed to take the course. He is now on the board of the State Fire Chiefs Assoc., which will hold a meeting/ listening session at Barnes Town Hall on March 3rd. He invited board members to attend and speak about mandated costs. Dave Sletten from County Emergency Management office will attend the County Towns Assoc. meeting in Wascott on January 17th with municipal emergency operations guides and other information. Keith also noted the Fire Dept. will again hold a sledding party on Sunday, February 12th if there is enough snow. There are 16 members eligible for Length of Service Awards. Myron asked that Keith be able to use the town truck to plow the Fire Dept. area rather than use his own vehicle. He also requested the maintenance men keep a log of miles, fuel input, etc. in each vehicle in order to have accurate information on them.

Doug was not available for a maintenance report. Dennis noted they are brushing and hand limbing trees, have put a new antenna on the one ton truck, and are sanding icy patches.

Dean Peterson asked who to contact about ATV and snowmobile usage on county roads and was given County Highway Commissioner's contact information.

A discussion was held about the possible closing of a snowmobile trail near Orienta. Myron spoke with the Town of Orienta Chairman, who stated the issue will be brought up at their next meeting. Orienta did not close the trail, but it crosses private property and the owner will not allow anyone on their property. Myron also spoke with the Superintendent of Bayfield County Forestry Dept. and Dennis contacted Russell Bailey from the Town of Port Wing. The Waino Riders Snowmobile club and land owners should come with a proposal to Port Wing. Dean is willing to also speak with private property owners and attend the Port Wing meeting. The Brule Board supports having snowmobile trails because riders bring business to the town.

The issue of having associate fire fighters was tabled until the February meeting because Keith would like to have it discussed at the Fire Chiefs Association meeting.

Donna submitted cost and information about a new photocopier/fax/printer to replace both the photocopier and the fax/printer. Myron moved to purchase the machine for $1595 with both trade-ins, seconded by Kevin, motion carried. She will also ask for a second toner to be included.

Myron noted Olson Bros. employees will attend MSHA training on March 22 at the Iron River Community Center, and are willing to register the town maintenance crew. Board okayed this training.

It was noted there will be Board of Review training at the WI Towns Assoc. District meeting in Cable on March 10th.

Other correspondence included: WI Towns Assoc. newsletter and 2012 calendar, notice from County Clerk of no primary election, copy of Census Bureau boundary & annexation survey, notice of credit card limit change to $5,000, 2011 final statement of taxes, unemployment information for Rick Larsen, request for statewide recall election cost estimate for Government Accountability Board, certification of candidacy for school board position, copy of DNR paperwork submitted for road aids projects, notice of clearing and brushing of Enbridge pipeline right of way, newspaper legal notices rate change information, letter from DNR of land enrolled in forest tax law program, notice of County Planning & Zoning public hearing & meeting, County Zoning permits for Todd Zinmer - maintenance/ repair of existing tower with replacement of existing antennas and addition of one antenna, County Zoning permit for Tom Champaigne - addition to garage; note from auditor of documentation needed by February 6th, email from Chairman of County Towns Assoc regarding visual triangle clearance ordinance, notice of closure of Quickprint Inc., and DOT transportation aids final calculation for 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Caven, Clerk