

Town Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 12, 2019

Present: Chairman Iverson, Supervisors Bonk and Oravis, Clerk Gunderson, Treasurer Mottram, Road Foreman Mark Tody and 20 townspeople. Meeting was held at the Pioneer Fire Station.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Iverson at 7:00 p.m. Minutes of May 8, 2019 read. Motion B/O to approve. Carried. Financial Report – motion B/O to approve. Carried

OLD BUSINESS: None

REPORTS: No one here from beautification committee but Susan was working on flowers at the hall.

HIGHWAY:

Working on shaping up roads, replacing culverts on S. Sweden and Dybedal roads and working on soft spots. Will begin work on Funny's Lane soon.

FEMA 2018 Project – Mark found some errors in the paperwork that was received from the State (the tonnage/yardage didn't add up with what was bid). . There will be a meeting next week to iron out any issues. Jack talked to WI Emergency Management and was told we have \$280,000 coming and they will work with how to adapt it. Should not have to worry about these small adjustments!

Summer Projects – Road side mowing will start next week. Funny's Lane – will clean up and then the 1st 1500 ft. from Pioneer Rd will be built up this fall and paved next summer. Will chip seal on Echo Point Rd and N. Diamond Lake Rd. N. Diamond Lake Rd from Homer's Corner to Chapinwood needs work and then repaved next year. Per Mark we wait to pave so that road can settle and it also helps in coordinating pricing.

Road Inspection report has been filled out by Mike Oravis and Dane Bonk will be updating.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ron Pillar asked if the hump was going to be taken out at the Funny's Bay Boat Landing. He says that it needs to be sloped. The ramp is one piece of concrete so it is hard to work with. Per Dane it is better this year after the work that was done last summer. The ramp did not appear to move this year! It would be its own project – maybe we can try for a grant but we don't have the space to do a whole lot with this.

Dianne Klump asked about a timeline on N. Diamond Lake. It has not been bid yet so don't really have a timeline! Chip sealing will probably begin in August.

Triangle Rd – chip seal was put down and it is in bad shape already. Need to grind off humps as we can't use grader to scrape them down. This is also a separate project and we may look at it for LRIP funding.

Calcium Chloride – Dick Wysocki asked about this – He would like to know if we are going to do this or not! Will discuss under new business.

Several people were asking about opening up Hwy D to ATV/UTV – this will be discussed under new business also.

Several people asked about Old 63 questioning when it will be opened (closed since 2016 flood). The guard rails were not put up last winter. They should be going in tomorrow but the bridge needs to be inspected before we can open it. Hope to have this all completed soon!

Several people questioned when the rest of the roads would be taken care of (damaged in 2016/2018 floods). Forestry is working on both sides of Camp 8 Rd now. They are working on south end of Snake Trail and have looked at Wisco Rd but no activity yet! Large culvert on Otto Olson Rd will be replaced soon and also doing ditch work along with the west end of Deer Lick Lake Rd. The majority of the material is coming from Ashland County so hopefully will not have a lot of damage and dust on our roads.

Forestry Pit – is flooded right now and they are working on draining it. Our crew has to drive through water to get to our gravel in this pit.

NEW BUSINESS: Dust Abatement Policy – we were applying calcium chloride for a few years until the flooding in 2016 and beyond. It costs about \$5,000.00 per load which covers about 3 miles of road and we were doing 4 to 5 loads (very expensive). Some towns do spot lay this. It can't be done while it is raining but roads need to be wet – small window to get applied correctly! Mike suggests we talk to other towns to see what they do. Jack stated that some towns use rock salt and some use calcium flakes. It was brought up that when the calcium chloride is used grading of roads can be decreased but where is the breakeven point? It would be hard to

do this year as we are already so far into the season. Ashland Ag does carry the calcium flakes. Could the town cut a deal with Ashland Ag? – No action!

ATV/UTV – Opening up portions on Hwy D. Request to open up from Hwy 63 to Otto Olson Rd and from Triangle Rd to Pioneer Rd. This was brought up in the past. The administration has changed since then and the new Highway Administrator and the Sheriff have both stated they would be willing to look at this possibility. The Bayfield County Recreational Officer would suggest we look at opening up Hwy D from the Hwy 63 corner to Camp 8 Rd and not just to Otto Olson Rd. Opening it up to the ballpark and dump would be a real plus. Motion B/O to request Hwy D be open from Hwy 63 to Camp 8 Rd and from Triangle Rd to Pioneer Rd. Carried. It will now be forwarded to the County for approval. It will first go to the Highway Committee and then to the Sheriffs Committee. If passed the County will sign roads but there may be a cost to the Town.

Namakagon Walleye Project – There will be a fundraiser for this project on June 22nd at Lakewoods. They are trying to raise the funds to release 30,000 walleye for the next 3 years. They are requesting a donation. The importance to the tourism industry was discussed. Motion O/B to donate \$500 with the money coming from our room tax collections. Carried.

Diamond Lake Landing Camera – the town donated to have a camera put it last year. This was not an automated system and they are now finding out just how hard it is to maintain. There are a lot of false positives and they must be reviewed manually. It would cost \$1,890.00 to upgrade to an automated system. They have about 50 members in the Diamond Lake Association and do not have a lot of funds. They are requesting help from the Town. The Recreational Officer was asked about citations, etc. To date there has only been one citation issued. He feels the cameras do work as a deterrent but from the law side there are some issues. Most calls to go to the DNR but it can be extremely time consuming for the Sheriff's department to handle. It was brought up that there are grants out there for this type of use. The County does not receive any funding from the State for AIS. Dane mentioned that we do give Namakagon Lakes Association \$1,800/year so maybe we should look at a donation to Diamond Lake Association as well. Motion B/O to donate \$750.00 annually to the Diamond Lake Association for help with invasive species. Carried.

UDC – we are under County Ordinance now. When we terminated our building inspector we passed a new ordinance. Comprehensive Planning Committee met with Mike Furtak as a consultant to look over ordinance and Building Inspector contract. He will look over both and make sure it covers what is needed. The Committee will meet again in two weeks and update everything. We will have to amend the ordinance at our next meeting.

Grants – we received a couple of grant notices. We will receive \$5,000 to upgrade the tennis courts and updating to accommodate pickle ball. This is a cost matching grant. We also received a recycling grant for \$3,100.

Liquor License applications presented for Class B Combination for Pioneer Bar, Choppers, Long Branch Saloon and Class A combination for Grand View General Store. Motion B/O to approve Carried.

Motion B/O to go into closed session at 8:30 per 19.85(1)(c) to consider Employee Handbook amendments. Carried. Reconvened to open session at 8:45. No action.

Will schedule a work session to go over road projects in next week or so.

Motion B/O to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Carried. Next regular board meeting Wednesday July 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Grand View Town Hall.

Teresa A Gunderson, Clerk