

Regular Town Board Meeting & Work Session

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
Wascott Town Hall

-Minutes-

Work Session – 6:30 p.m.

The work session was called to order by Chair Jenson at 6:30 p.m. to review financial claims presented for payment by Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson. Board members present – Chair Jenson, Supv Sorensen and Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson. Supv Youngquist was absent. **A Sorensen/Jenson motion to adjourn at 6:39 p.m.; motion carried.**

Regular Town Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

- 1) Call to Order/Roll Call - The meeting was called to order by Chair Jenson at 7:00 p.m. Board members present - Chair Jenson, Supv Sorensen, Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson and 18 guests present. Supv Youngquist was present via phone intercom.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 3) Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a) Approval of the Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes of March 1, Special Town Board Meeting Minutes of March 8 and March 10, 2022
 - b) Approval of Agenda
 - c) Picnic License - 4 Season's Club
 - d) Liquor License - Marsh's View Point Resort, LLC
 - e) Treasurer's Report
 - f) Approval of March/April vouchers**A Sorensen/Jenson motion to approve the consent agenda; motion carried.**
- 4) Public Comments – Please be advised per § 19.84(2), comments and announcement will be received from the public. Comments are to be directed to the Town Board and limited to 2 minutes per person. No action taken by Board. *Laurie Jennrich* commented campers should be limited to 1, have proof of sanitation and limit generator noise. *Knute Pedersen* asked why are they (private campgrounds) not required to have a septic system. What happens to the gray water. *Gary Stocker* stated they do not live there full time (Boop Road). He commented they are very careful on disposing of the gray water and do it properly by hauling it away. In regards to generator noise, we live in the middle of the 20 acres with trees around. The generator does not run continuously. What about the other noises like lawn mowers, chain saws, etc. in the neighborhood. *Pete Stopinski* asked when will the Town know if and when the Lidberg Bridge will be replaced. Chair Jenson responded the Town was just informed we are approved to replace Lidberg Bridge.
- 5) Department and Representative Announcements
 - a) Fire Department – Chief Michalek - absent
 - b) EMS Director – Betty Ebert - absent but provided a report as follows - G/5, W/4, Mutual Aid/2. Betty thanked Tom Michalek and Paul Phillip for their years of service with the G/W EMS. In the process of setting up an Advisory Committee as a bridge between the G/W Jt. Board and the EMS. The new ambulance is expected to arrive around January of 2023.
 - c) County Board Representative – Mary Lou Bergman reported -
 - Zoning met and acted on 3 zone changes, 7 CU permits and 2 CU reviews.
 - Ideas regarding campgrounds can be submitted to the Zoning Office at any time. All ideas will be discussed and presented to Corporate Counsel for legal opinion. It may take several months before final changes are actually made.
 - Encourage potential property owners to confer with Zoning, prior to purchase, to discuss their intent and determine acceptable property usage.

- Applications are now available for the Broadband Grant Program through the County. There is \$500,000 available monies in ARPA funds to assist towns and villages with broadband. Contact the County Administrator for further details.
 - The April election turnout was very poor at 24%.
 - Currently there are 96 properties up for tax deed. If you know someone who is in trouble, have them contact the Douglas County Treasurer.
 - Seasonal Park workers and highway personnel are still needed. Hourly wage for highway has been increased by \$3.00/hr, effective April 14.
 - Information Technology becomes a stand-alone department May 3 with Dan Lindberg as department head.
- d) Chair's Report - Chair Jenson reported the following -
- We've just been awarded a 2022-23 Town Road Improvement Supplemental Grant (TRIS) of up to \$72,870 to fund up to 90% of a 2' overlay road improvement project on S. Mail Road from Hwy T to Person Landing.
 - Received notice that we've been awarded a grant to replace the Lidberg Bridge. Official notice and cost details with be forthcoming.
 - Traffic counts for railroad crossings at Red Lake Road and Newsome Road should begin within the next couple of weeks as required for safety improvements at these sites. We will be working with the Commissioner of Railroads to plan needed improvements.
 - Douglas County Zoning Committee will begin discussion related to additional amendments to the recently adopted County Zoning Ordinance 8.0 sometime in June or July.
 - We may be preparing a grant application for Bipartisan Infrastructure Law transportation grand funding soon, depending upon how much the Town would need to contribute.
 - Annual Town Meeting is Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
- e) Supervisor's Report - Supv Sorensen reported the Kenworth truck needed some repairs. The crew is busy brushing/grading roads. Addressing some of the issues with boat landings. Working with the CN railroad personnel regarding the railroad crossings issues on Red Lake Drive and Newsome Road.
- 6) Specific Matters for Discussion and Possible Action –
- a) Resolution Recommending Approval of Douglas County Proposed Amendments to Zoning Ordinance 8.0 - A Sorensen/Youngquist motion to approve; motion carried.
 - b) Renew Lease of Office Printer - Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson stated this is a 5-year lease being renewed. Service contract includes parts, toner, labor and mileage. The lease payment remains the same. A Sorensen/Youngquist motion to approve; motion carried.
 - c) Variance - Eleanor & David Baldwin - Construct 2 retaining walls within the shoreland setback of Whitefish Lake - A Sorensen/Youngquist motion to approve; motion carried.
 - d) CU Permit - Douglas & Coleen Schneider - Private Campground - 3 Campers (16538 S Smith Bridge Road) A Sorensen/Youngquist motion to approve; motion carried.
 - e) CU Permit - Gary Stocker - Private Campground - 3 Campers (6819 E Boop Road) - A Sorensen/Youngquist motion to approve with a stipulation noise from a generator is considered; motion carried.
 - f) CU Permit - Mark & Daniela Subialka - Private Campground - 2 Campers (15789 S Crystal Lake Road) - A Sorensen/Youngquist motion to approve; motion carried.
- 7) Adjournment - **A Sorensen/Jenson motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.; motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette Atkinson
Clerk/Treasurer