

TOWN OF LAKESIDE  
ANNUAL MEETING April 18, 2017

**Agenda:**

- **Meeting:** Called to order by Chairman Tom Johnson 7:02. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
  
- **Roll Call:** Present: Chairman Tom Johnson, Supervisor Jon Winter, Supervisor Scott Luostari, Mark Rau, Miina Helske, Earl Granroth, Supervisor Mary Peterson, Ted Helin, JD Teeters, Nova Nordrum, Tim Johnson, Mark Saari, Tom Karas, Lila Ronn, Richard Ronn, Treasurer Tracy Ruppe and Clerk Ruth Ann Schnepfer.
  
- **Introduction of the board:** Tom introduced himself and all of the board members to the meeting attendees. It was decided that all voting would be done by a show of hands.
  
- **Approval of 2016 annual meeting minutes:** Scott Luostari made a motion to accept the 2016 annual meeting minutes as presented, Jon Winter seconded. 15 yays, 0 nays, 2 abstain. Approved as presented 7:08 pm.
  
- **Treasurer's report:** Ruth Ann presented: 2016 end of year balances \$263,645.93 total, with -\$25,824.49 in the checking account, \$95,372.50 tax collections and \$194,097.92 in the remaining money market/savings accounts. Jon Winter motioned to accept the treasurer report as presented, Miina Helske seconded, 15 yays, 0 nays, 2 abstain, approved as presented, 7:15pm.
  
- **Department and committee reports:**
  - **Fire department:** Nova Nordrum represented the fire department. The FD had a busy 2016. Members are desperately needed, as they are down to 10 total members, 5 are very active and 2 are cadets. They are working on replacing their equipment, all gear in now required to be less than 10 years old, and most of the equipment was purchased in 2002. Air bottles are also being replaced as well as other equipment as they can. They have been on a waiting list for Enbridge regarding their equipment turnover, this year the FD was awarded the opportunity to purchase a 2008 Ford diesel pickup truck for \$1. **The FD is still in need of new members.** Their meetings are the last Tuesday of the month at the Town Hall and every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday they train with other local FD's.
  
  - **Town Employees:** Mark and Mark were both present. They are busy working on the roads, lots of gravel is needed. They are working with the board to possibly purchase a new brusher. They are working on the little grader again, they need to find a brake drum for it but due to its age parts are hard to find. They are also looking for a shoulder disc to possibly help break up and make the shoulders easier to pull. A clarification was made to the annual report-The Town does not replace any culverts other than the ones under Town roads. The John Deere is still not running properly and has not since JD came to work on it while it was still under warranty, they increased the pressure and now the engine dies, the service tech states that is "normal", which is untrue. Scott to take over handling communications with JD to get the issue resolved. Other equipment manufacturers are more than willing to receive

our business in the future which may be something the Town has to look at when purchasing the next equipment. Right now we are saving time and money by using the smaller equipment when we can. Mark S CDL back pay issue, this is being looked into by the board as Mark said a rough estimate is over \$8,000, more research will have to be done. Employee salaries are discussed at the budget meetings, as are their contracts. There is a current agreement in place for the full-time employee, but there are issues that need to be worked out with the part-time agreement. The budget meeting will be October 17, 2017. The possibility of putting some larger rock on Camp Amnicon road could be a possibility, as that may help rock from just sinking into the clay so fast. Part of the issue is also the trucks going up and down that road, even while Mark was grading and trying to fix the road the garbage truck was heading to the cap for a pickup and rather than straddle the dirt Mark was spreading on the road, they ran the shoulder and tore the heck out of the shoulder they were trying to fix. Maybe we approach the camp and see if some sort of agreement could be worked out for the garbage during the spring thaw when the roads are this soft. The guys cleaned up the end of the Middle River road where the garbage and mattresses were being dumped. There is still a lot of illegal dumping going on, the Town knows who most of the violators are, the Sheriff advised there is not much they can do until the Town creates an ordinance regarding illegal dumping. Cloverland calls the DNR when they have dumping issues.

- **Old Business:**

- **Collection Site:** As mentioned previously we still have illegal dumping issues, both with nonresidents dumping their garbage as well as residents dumping during closed hours. If a resident cannot make it to the collection site during open hours they can always contact the Hall to see if we can make an accommodation for them. The board is pursuing a way to enforce these issues. The Town is also looking into the purchase of a security system, which would help with recognizing some of the offenders. A resident asked about where they can drop off Lithium batteries, they were advised Poplar Hardware actually takes them, as well as fluorescent lights. There are other options that may become available in the future that might allow the Town to have "collection site" events where other things can be dropped off. The Regional Recycling newsletter should be out this year in plenty of time for the residents to take part in the event. It was mentioned that the new attendant (Nick) seems to be doing a good job. Increasing the snow plowing fee was brought up, currently the rate is 100 regular/75 over 65, Jon Winter motioned to raise the snowplowing rates for 2018 to 125/85, seconded by Miina Helske, 16 yays, 0 nays, 1 abstain. Carried 7:52 pm.
- **Sleepy Valley Loop Bridge:** Currently waiting for the preconstruction meeting. Scott is now the primary contact for the bridge replacing Tom. Jon is going live with a historical web page added to the website to cover the historical nature of the bridge. Radke Construction of Chippewa Falls was awarded the contract with the lowest bid of \$433,927.21. Scott will contact Dave Ponzloff regarding the bridge status; there is an 80/20 match with the State providing 80% of the funding the remaining 20% is split evenly between the County and the Town. The Right of Ways has been acquired. There was a question on whether the mailboxes will need to be moved, the Lake Nebagamon office stated they would deliver to wherever those boxes were placed, that was something that would be discussed at the preconstruction meeting. A resident also mentioned that the SVL road sign is still missing from the end of the road, the guys will look into ordering another one.

- **Cemetery:** Jon question whether the Cemetery committee still existed and if it should be revived. He has been looking into plots and burial information. Maybe the committee could look into some things and bring them to the next annual meeting. We are underpriced for most of our fees, also maybe we should look into contracting the digging rather than having the guys do it. The cemetery is for Town resident and their relatives. Jon will revive the committee; all issues will still need to be presented to the board.
- **Other Business:**
  - **BOR Alternates:** Ted Helin and Dick Ronn agreed to be alternates. Open book will be held on June 6, 2017 from 6-8pm with the Board of Review being held from 8-10m.
  - **West WI Land Trust:** There is a property at the end of Middle River road; the property owners have contacted the land trust about a possible purchase. The Trust would put up 50% of the cost and then they would find another party to supply 50%, they then gift the land to the Town as a conservation property, the property in question is 43 acres. There is no cost to the Town through a DNR grant, the property is right on the Lakefront and adjoins another piece of Town property. The only downside is the property comes off the tax rolls. The property itself is not accessible so if it went to another entity they would have to purchase an easement from the Town to access it. Since it is public property the liability for the Town would not increase. This would be a permanent declaration if it went to the land trust, and the Town would stipulate the use conditions. Scott Luostari motioned that if the land trust acquired the parcel in question and turned it over to the Town, that it be designated –No Motorized vehicles and No Overnight Camping, it would take a special Town meeting to change this designation, seconded by Mark Saari. 13 yays, 1 nay, 3 abstain. Carried 8:14pm.

Over 15 years ago they figured the Town had lost a large percentage of its Lake Superior Shoreline due to erosion, that land is also still on the tax rolls. It would be hard to get the State to do a legal survey of the Shoreline, the local senators would have to be approached to support, as the costs would be extensive.

#### **Next Annual Meeting will be April 17, 2018**

Tom was thanked for his many years of service to the Town.

#### **Adjournment**

Scott Luostari made a motion to adjourn, Jon Winter seconded, 17 ayes 0 nays. Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Ruth Ann D Schnepfer, Clerk  
4/24/2017

Location, Town Hall, Collection Site, Garage  
These minutes are posted as **unapproved**

