

TOWN OF LAKESIDE

Regular Board Meeting February 8, 2022

1.Meeting: Called to order by Chairman Scott Luostari at 6:30 pm.

2.Roll Call: Present: Mark Saari, Tom Schnepfer, Nova Nordrum, Tom Karas, Vicki Karas, Matt Johnson, Ken Rikkola, Adam Guehna, Supervisor Mary Peterson, Supervisor Gerald Tutor, Chairman Scott Luostari, Treasurer Vicki Luostari and Clerk Ruth Ann Schnepfer.

3.County Board: Scott-County board did not meet, nor did most of the committees. Land Development meets 3/1. Finance Director Candy Anderson is retiring in May. She manages most of the financing and budgeting along with her assistants. Julianna (also in that department) has taken a private sector job. The highway 13 project may get pushed back another year, no letting will be started till at least June or July. On the 3/2 Transportation agenda will be Highway H-a design company will have a presentation on the big screen at the meeting. Everyone needs to send letters to their representatives about Highway H and the other roads in the area. At the 1/20 County board Meeting the zoning change in Wascott was discussed. Fifty percent of the adjacent property owners were against the zoning change, it was also reviewed against the Gordon Town Comprehensive Plan and was turned down, the County Board voted to turn it down, yet the County Zoning Office approved the zoning change. What does that mean for all the municipal Comprehensive plans, as the County Zoning office did not follow that guideline and are ignoring the municipalities comprehensive plans. They also ruded against the recommendation submitted by their own committee. More to come. Scott's contact info is on the Douglas County website.

4.Town Board Report: none

5.Approval of Minutes: Gerald motioned to approve the January 11 regular meeting minutes, Mary seconded, carried 6:41 pm.

6.Treasurer report: Vicki presented, Mary motioned to approve the treasurer report, Gerald seconded, carried 6:42 pm.

7.Approval of January Bills: Gerald motioned to approve the January checks 23526-23558 + EFTs as presented, Gerald seconded, carried 6:43 pm.

8.Approval of February bills for payment: Mary motioned to pay the February bills, checks 23564-23585, Gerald seconded, carried 6:44 pm.

9.Correspondence:

A) ATV/UTV trail map from the forestry department

B) Sheriff's report-Scott wanted to clarify that his name is on it due to a credit card fraud issue reported.

Department and Committee reports

10.Fire Department: Nova-The FD got positive feedback about the dump being open the Wednesday between the holidays, people expressed that it would be nice to be open Wednesday evenings year-round. They have all their water rescue equipment, now just waiting on training, which will most likely happen in Lake Nebagamon. They are now working with Alex air on getting a compressor, the other company was having problems getting equipment in. Price is now up to \$25,000. Trying to work around schedules to get cleaning and training completed. Its challenging to get together with the uptick in COVID. Most departments are struggling for people, Poplar currently does not have an EMS. Amnicon will not do mutual aid without reciprocation. Right now, Maple is sitting the best, but will have a lot of retirements coming up. At the last Association meeting a committee was started to investigate the situation and what options are out there, especially for Medical/EMS. The committee may also attend some of the Towns Association meetings. Our FD will be losing two members in the spring.

11.Town Employees and roads: Mark-maintaining equipment, plowing roads, sanding, and opening driveways. We need to inform the propane company that we have a larger furnace and are going through propane faster. New grader is working well, just hit 50 hours. We replaced the blades with carbide blades, also placed on dump truck as well, as they are going through regular blades too fast. Its too hard to open the dump on Wednesdays due to the cold and the fact that it gets dark so soon, they can reevaluate in the future. NO DUMPING n non dump hours. There was a suspicious vehicle driving up and down all the roads last week, driving very slowly and looking at all of the houses. With all the break-ins around the area lately, everyone has to be diligent in keeping watch and be extremely careful.

12.Building permits:

a) Camp Amnicon-building three new cabins. Gerald motioned to approve the permit for the cabins, Mary seconded, carried 7:03 pm. We need to look in the future at charging a small fee for all permitting services.

Public Comment

The gentleman who lives on Wilderness Road wanted to thank the FD for responding when his father passed. Nova said they could have been there sooner but could not find the road sign. Wilderness is not a Town road, we discussed this with lawyers a few years back. There is a need to figure out how the property lines lie.

Old Business

13. Town truck: ongoing, still held up with the chip issues, Ford has been shutting down plants due to not be able to acquire parts.

14. Fire Engine: ongoing.

15. SVL: ongoing, maybe can get final numbers by March. Scott's contact at the state is retiring, so hopefully he can get a final number before then.

16. Town Comprehensive plan: ongoing, may place a hold on it until the zoning issues get straightened out. Scott to talk to Tracy.

17. Other old business: none

New Business

18. Middle River Road vehicle usage: Gerald was called and sent pictures about ATV usage/damage down by a resident's house. They want to have the road blocked. The resident does have their own ATV that they use as well. There is nothing the town can do, advised to call the sheriff department when there are issues. The Town will not block the road, nor will they block the use of ATV/UTVs on the road, this would have to be presented to the board with most of the residents signing a petition to do so. All the corner notification signs are there prior to the corners. Maybe place a speed sign on the corners? Some of the residents have really nice trails next to the road on their property, so would not advise vehicles to stay on the road right of way (right of way is thirty-three feet each way from the centerline). Most of the residents on the road are happy that the road is open for all types of vehicles. Also, a resident who has lived on the road for 50 years stated there is less ATV traffic on that road than there was in years past. More of the people who do not call are happy than the ones who call that are not.

19) School District funding request: The school district has asked each municipality to give them \$600 to place flashing yellow lights on highway 2 by the elementary and middle schools. As of now more municipalities have been against giving the school money. No one wants to sacrifice the safety of the children, but why could they not get any State or Federal money to put up the lights since it is on a state road. Would like to know if the school has exhausted all other options. The new infrastructure bill will also be granting extra monies for these sorts of issues. Why wasn't it done when the new school was built there? We pay enough taxes, why should we pay more for something that should have been done already. Scott and Gerald both agreed that it should be tabled until the annual meeting.

20) New-Heater unit for the FD, we can get one for the same price as the one for the shop, so we can replace it when the weather gets warmer. It is over 25 years old, and since the shop one went, might be better to have it on hand than take a chance. Gerald was wondering about getting a quote to have everything in the building replaced at

once. The hall furnace has been replaced once already. Scott motioned to purchase the heater and have it here for future installation, Gerald seconded, carried 7:37 pm.

Gerald made a motion to adjourn, Mary seconded, adjourned 7:38 pm.

Next meeting April 12, 2022, 6:30 pm

Annual meeting April 19, 2022, 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Ann Schnepper, Clerk

2/27/2022

Location: Town Hall, Collection Site, online

These minutes are posted as **unapproved**.