**TOWN OF LONG LAKE**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**April 13, 2021**  **Town Hall**

The regular monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Mick Givens. Supervisors, Alan Ausing and Dan Lubensky were present along with Clerk, Debbie Bouma and Treasurer, Brenda Derousseau.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Motion Lubensky and second Givens to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Motion Ausing and second Lubensky to accept the Treasurer’s Financial Report as presented by the treasurer. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: Three emails came to the Chairman prior to the meeting regarding the Hovey Variance Request and will be shared at that time.

Virginia Sandridge commented on #12 on the agenda that many projects were put off until the month before elections or was all the road budget spent on Burma Road, when it may have been spent better repairing other roads. The budget for roads in the packet seems very vague for $60,000. As for #13 on the agenda I have been to many meetings in which the chairman has ragged on the clerk and it is very unprofessional. A town meeting is not the place for such stuff and if it is the same old stuff, it should be taken off.

AJ Rieschl wishes that the town address Church Rd from Pioneer, the gravel is washboard, and it needs major reconstruction, and the culverts need to be redone. He feels this has been overlooked for years.

Trish Rieschl spoke that she feels that Fire and Ambulance will be unable to travel the gravel part of Church Rd.

MARK HOVEY VARIANCE REQUEST: There were three emails from Hovey’s neighbors sent to the chairman and one mailed to the clerk. Mark Hovey spoke to the board about their request to have a variance to build a 24 x 34 garage on their site and that the placement requires a variance for the road set back due to water features on their land. Neighbors supported their request in emails and a written letter. Motion Ausing and second Lubensky to approve the Mark Hovey garage variance request as presented. Motion carried.

DETERMINE DISPOSITION OF SINGLE AVAIABLE CLASS B BEER AND CLASS B LIQUOR LICENSE: Joshua O’Rourke spoke on behalf of the request for The Hive for a Class B beer and Class B liquor license. Jeana Walters spoke on behalf of the request for Grumpy’ s for a Class B beer and Class B liquor license. Public input was requested by chairman. The main issue of the public input is that parking and dock spacing was limited. Jim Larson requested a straw poll be taken of the public. Chairman Givens asked for a straw poll. The results where The Hive – 9 and Grumpy’ s – 16. Motion Ausing and second Lubensky to grant an Original Class “B” beer and “Class B” liquor to JTW Enterprises LLC, Grumpy’ s. Motion carried.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS’ AGREEMENT MIKE HAUSER: Motion made to enter into independent contractor agreement with Mike Hauser by Ausing and second by Lubensky. Motion carried.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS’ AGREEMENT JOHN RAU: Motion made to enter into independent contractor agreement with John Rau by Lubensky and second by Ausing. Motion carried.

EQUIPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT MIKE HAUSER: Motion made to enter into equipment lease agreement with Mike Hauser by Lubensky and second by Ausing. Motion carried.

EQUIPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT JOHN RAU: Motion made to enter into equipment lease agreement with John Rau by Ausing and second by Lubensky. Motion carried.

ACCEPT BIRCHWOOD FOUR CORNERS EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT BYLAWS: Motion by Givens and second Lubensky to accept the Birchwood Four Corners Emergency Services District Bylaws. Motion carried.

ADMINISTER ELECTED OFFICALS OATH OF OFFICE: Clerk asked newly elected board members to rise and the clerk administered the oath of office.

APPROVE ROADS MAINTANCE PROJECTS: Motion by Lubensky and second by Ausing to table discussion and decisions on the pending road estimates for the incoming board to address later. Motion carried.

CLERK ISSUES: The chairman pointed out that he believes that a mistake was made at the Town Caucus on January 21, 2021. He stated that he had an email from the County Clerk and the Wisconsin Election Commission which he did not provide to the other board members. He believes that the clerk had made an error in allowing James Whitehead to make a motion during the Caucus and that he committed voter fraud. James Whitehead, Rick Williams and Wayne Sabatke all expressed their concerns that the information Chairman Givens was stating is incorrect.

ITEMS FOR ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA: Mick Givens suggests a discussion for the BFCESD Fire hall and funding be addressed. Wayne Sabatke would like discussion on the water level for Long Lake.

REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS:

Debbie: We had 231 voters for the Spring Election and a big thank you for our election inspectors for doing a great job again. We are one of the few towns that does not have problem finding poll workers. I have been attending weekly webinars regarding the American Rescue Plan for which the Town can anticipate receiving $62,275.83. It is still unclear the guidelines for spending, but the timeline is to be completed by December 31, 2024. I will update the board on what I find out at my next webinars regarding this program.

Brenda: none

Al: Thank you to the board for doing a good job.

Dan: Docks are in at both lands. Thank you to the Board for the service in the past few years.

Mick: Completed a ride of town roads with Adam Gronning of Washburn Cty Hwy Dept. Took steps to work with the DNR to consider rip rap for Church Rd. and Burma Rd. Installed signs at the intersection at 30th and Lakken Rd. Congratulated the incoming board and thanked the pervious board for their service.

CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence was on the table for Board members to review and will be kept with the clerk’s meeting records.

VOUCHERS: Motion Lubensky and second Ausing to pay vouchers #5482 to #5506 and EFT and check 5507 is voided to be send to the Dept of Revenue to set up direct deposit. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Lubensky and second Ausing the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m. Motion carried.

An audio recording of these minutes will be kept on file at the Town Hall or at the clerk’s home.

Respectfully submitted by

Debbie Bouma, Town Clerk