

**TOWN OF LONG LAKE
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

October 10, 2023

Town Hall

The regular monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Bob Moullette. Supervisor I, Jeff Bauer, and Supervisor II, Terry O'Brien, were present, along with Clerk Debbie Bouma and Treasurer Brenda Derousseau. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Clerk confirmed the verification of notices.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by O'Brien and seconded by Bauer to approve the minutes from September 14, 2023, Regular Board Meeting, September 25, 2023, Special Board Meeting, and September 28, 2023, Special Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Approval of Financial Report: Motion by Bauer and seconded by O'Brien to accept the Treasurer's Financial Report as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Consider/Approval Resolution 2023-3 Birchwood Four Corners Emergency Service District 2024 Assessment: Motion by Bauer and second by O'Brien to approve Resolution 2023-3 Birchwood Four Corners Emergency Service District 2024 Assessment for fire protection in the amount of \$38,959.46. Motion carried.

Consider/Approval Leo Dunlavy request to rezone 3.23 acres in Tax 10#16711-3.23 acres, PT GOV LOT 2, in Section 07-37- 11, Town of Long Lake from Residential Recreation 2 to Commercial (publish dates 10/4 and 10/11): Motion by Bauer and second by Moullette to deny Leo Dunlavy request to rezone 3.23 acres in Tax 10#16711 from Residential Recreation 2 to Commercial. 2-Ayes 1-Nay. Motion carried.

Consider/Approval Joseph O'Rourke for conditional use application for location Tax IO#34705-18.00 acres, PT GOV LOT 2, in Section 22-37-11. (publish dates 10/4 and 10/11): Motion by Bauer and seconded by O'Brien to approve Joseph O'Rourke for conditional use application for location Tax IO#34705. Motion carried.

Consider making a recommendation to Washburn Cty Hwy Dept to open Cty. Hwy. D from Lapcinski Rd to Co. Hwy P (Long Lake portion), and Cty. Hwy. P to Audubon Rd. (Long Lake portion) to ATV/UTV use: Motion by Moullette and second by O'Brien to make a recommendation to Washburn Cty Hwy Dept to open Cty. Hwy. D from Lapcinski Rd to Co. Hwy P (Long Lake portion), and Cty. Hwy. P to Audubon Rd. (Long Lake portion) to ATV/UTV use. Motion carried.

Consider making a recommendation to Washburn Cty Hwy Dept to open Cty Hwy D from Eastside Rd to Pioneer Road open to ATV/UTV use: Motion by O'Brien and second by Bauer to make a recommendation to Washburn Cty Hwy Dept to open Cty Hwy D from Eastside Rd to Pioneer Road open to ATV/UTV use. Motion carried.

Discuss/Action Driveways Ordinance/Permits: After discussion, the Board determined to follow the existing ordinance, and O'Brien agreed to address concerns with property owners about the process.

Discussion Spectrum/Zoom Information: By consensus, this item is to be added to the discussion meeting as the Clerk provided example policies, and the Board needs to determine what needs to be in the policy for Long Lake to be able to move forward with Zoom meetings. Bauer was going to investigate platforms where the town could access remote meetings for the town's monthly meetings.

Discussion Encroachment of Town Property by BMR Holdings LLC: Moullette reported that Jesse DeGross informed him that he had found and hired a company to complete the survey.

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Discussion Lake Buoys: Moullette spoke of the project the LLPA is working on with the Lake Buoys. By consensus, the Board is not taking any action on this project.

Discuss/Action Building Inspectors: Discussion was had as contract renewals for the building inspectors are due in November. Motion by Bauer and seconded by O'Brien to renew only one Building Inspector, Jon Mattson, at the November meeting. 2-Ayes 1-Nay. Motion carried.

Discuss/Action Road Projects: The Board discussed ongoing road projects. Both culverts are placed on Audubon and Burma but need pavement yet. A meeting is being set up with the Scouts to discuss the roads around the camp.

Discuss/Set Date for Town Board Meetings & Budget Meetings for October: By consensus, a special meeting will be held on October 25, 2023, at 3 pm for the liquor license name change for the Landing on Long Lake. A special meeting for discussion only will follow at 3:15 on October 25, 2023, at Town Hall. The Board will review the budget for 2024 at that time.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only: Diane Heinrich commented on how good the town hall walls looked and thanked Terry and Bob for their work. She also addressed a concern about Winselman Rd. James Whitehead thanked Terry for doing the driveway permits. James is also wondering what will happen when Dave (local Spectrum guy) leaves with remote meetings if the town is relying on him for help and input. James also questioned with the new reassessment, is the town going to be taxed for the camper and addition on town property? James also asked if the lake level committee met this summer as was planned last year and feels that more attention needs to be provided by the county and DNR as Long Lake is one of the largest in the county. Last, James hopes to see the increased levy limit of \$40,000 be used as planned to continue road improvements. Josh O'Rourke recommends that we set a time limit to settle the encroachment situation on town property, as this has been happening for over a year and a half now. Also, Josh expressed concerns about requiring people to take the proper permitting steps to obtain lake buoys, and the town needs to avoid liability issues. Rick Williams spoke to the Board about remembering the zoning training they attended this spring and the State's requirements for rezoning requests that need to be met, which were clearly not met by the Leo Dunlavy request. Virginia Sandridge thanked Terry and Jeff for ending the building inspector issues, as much time was wasted on this in the past few months.

Reports of Town Officers

Debbie – The Town Assessment letters are out; please read both pages and call the Assessor to schedule a phone or in-person appointment to discuss your concerns. Mosaic contractors tore the internet cable off the town hall building on September 7 and just left it. After many hours on hold and two days of working with repairmen, the internet is finally working again at town hall as of October 5.

Brenda – none

Jeff - none

Terry – Thank you to Bob for painting and Dennis Dirks for working with CenturyLink to repair the internet.

Bob – Anyone interested in becoming an Election inspector can reach out. Thank you to Terry for patching the walls at the town hall.

Correspondence: Correspondence was on the table for Board members to review and will be kept with the Clerk's meeting records. The Board pulled out the email about driveways, and O'Brien will contact the email's author.

Approve Vouchers for Payment: Motion by O'Brien and second by Bauer to pay vouchers #6148-6159 and the EFT. Motion carried.

Adjournment: On a motion from O'Brien and second by Bauer, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by

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Debbie Bouma, Town Clerk

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