

# TOWN OF LONG LAKE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 14, 2023

Town Hall

The regular monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 6:37 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 October 10, 2023, Regular Board Meeting, October 25, 2023, Special Board Meeting A and October 25, 2023, Special Board Meeting B. 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:** Mike McGough spoke of how he believes McCune Lake is misnamed and his steps to get it investigated and corrected. Mick Givens would like to have the Town consider adopting policies and guidelines regarding postings and the website. James Whitehead expressed that we live in a rural community and that the board has full-time jobs but still does their best to keep the public informed, and as the public, it is up to everyone to do their part to be informed and not expect to be spoon-fed all the information. Debbie Bouma explained the town website does not cost the Town any money, as there is no yearly fee, as Mr. Givens has stated, and there has not been any since 2021 when the site was changed. Jesse DeGross, owner of the Pioneer spoke of how he has completed the survey and expressed their plans to expand the kitchen if he can get a variance. Virginia Sandridge spoke of some concerns on Long Lake Ave, which she thought might be caused by a failing culvert. Kathy Long would like to see standards set on how public comment is recorded in the minutes. James Whitehead expressed that there has to be a way for the board to get more involved in helping the Clerk with the website, as she is not an IT expert and already has a lot on her plate; it needs to be a group working together and not all this finger pointing and blame. John Long stated that Pete Bolduc offered to help with the computer stuff, but the past board did not accept his offer. James Whitehead explained that Pete's offer was not related to the website.

**Adopt the 2024 Town Budget:** Motion by Bauer and seconded by O'Brien to Adopt the 2024 Town Budget as presented for \$449,321.63. Motion carried.

**Consider/Approval Arnold Weegman's 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 Moullette and seconded by O'Brien to approve Arnold Weegman's 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. Motion carried.

**Consider/Approval Agreement with Atlas Inspection Agency:** Bauer explained that he needed to rescind his motion from the October 10, 2023, regular board meeting to approve Atlas Inspection as the only Inspector as he has a current building permit and does not want to show a conflict of interest. Motion by Bauer to rescind his motion from last month, which Moullette seconded for the motion made on October 10, 2023. 2 Ayes 1 Nay. Motion carried. The item is to be tabled until next month's meeting.

**Discuss/ Action Road Right of Way:** Moullette presented an email with an example of what the Town may be looking for as an example of Right-away information. The item is tabled for the discussion-only meeting for further discussion.

**Discuss/Action Alley Abandonment:** The Clerk provided information from the County office showing the alley was created in the early 1900s. The Clerk contacted the Wisconsin Towns Association lawyer to determine the procedures needed if the board decided to move forward. They also advised we get our lawyer to review the language of the deeds. The item is tabled for the discussion-only meeting for further discussion.

**Discuss/Action Lake Buoys:** The Board reviewed the permit submitted by the Boy Scouts. A question was raised about the form, stating it is a public beach. Moullette will reach out to the Scouts for clarification.

**Discuss/Action Road Projects:** Bauer said that he is still waiting for an update from the Scouts about a certificate of insurance. The Clerk spoke with the Town's insurance agent about the Scouts doing road maintenance, and it would fall under volunteer coverage, but the Town could still be liable if there were a claim. The Clerk has completed the discretionary and supplemental funds grant for Laundromat Road, which would cost \$460,800.00. It has been submitted, and we are waiting to hear if it will be accepted in January, as it is a state-wide program. The Clerk also spoke to The Washburn County Highway about fixing the stop sign at Audubon Rd. Moullette stated that the Burma Rd culvert will be lowered and not be paved until it is completed, probably next year.

**Discuss/Set Date for Town Board Meetings:** By consensus, a discussion-only meeting will be held on November 27, 2023, at 3:30 pm.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items Only:** Steve May wants to thank Bob for his help with the right a way issues. James Whitehead asked about the grant process, and is the town board now taking on the responsibility of lake buoys? He also mentioned that someone may want to look at the right way on Holy Island Road before the snowplows go out for possible fence obstruction.

#### **Reports of Town Officers**

**Debbie** – There is an issue with one of our establishments in town and the ATF is asking questions of the clerk because there are issues with the paperwork submitted to the town. Election training for current inspectors is going well and will be completed for the new year's approval for 2024-2025 term.

**Brenda** – Beginning work on the tax bill inserts.

**Jeff** – none

**Terry** – none

**Bob** – Attended the Wisconsin Town's Association meeting with the Clerk. ATV route will be submitted after this meeting with Washburn County Highway for recommendations to open. BFCESD will be returning the monies left from the building projects.

**Correspondence:** Correspondence was on the table for Board members to review and will be kept with the Clerk's meeting records. Moullette pulled out the email from the State stating there is a new complaint about the handicap ramp and the need for a new second railing. Moullette is going to reach out to the person who has filed the five complaints to try and see why he is doing this.

**Approve Vouchers for Payment:** Motion by Bauer and seconded by O'Brien to pay vouchers #6160-6175 and the EFT. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** On a motion from O'Brien and seconded by Bauer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Debbie Bouma, Town Clerk