

TOWN OF LONG LAKE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2024

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 of February 13, 2024, Regular Board Meeting as corrected and February 29, 2024, 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: Scott Frolik thanked the board member for attending the Washburn County Highway meeting to support the ATV trails. Joy Hoy explained the process to move forward with approving the ATV Trails is for the Highway Commission to approve it on Monday, March 18th at 8 am, and then it goes to the County Board for final approval. If it passes all those stages, it may open in May once the signs are posted. Joe also reminded people to vote on April 2nd. Diane Allard spoke of her conversation with the Town's Assessor, Justin, about what will happen to property values if the gravel pit goes in; he told her that depending on where you live in relation to the pit, the town could see a loss of 10 to 30% in property value. Her other point is setting a precedent by allowing a gravel pit, as the town had already voted down one in the past.

Approve Independent Contractors Agreement with Mike Houser: Motion by Moullette and seconded by Bauer to accept the independent contractor's agreement with Mike Houser as presented for one year. Motion carried.

Equipment Lease Agreement Mike Houser: Motion by O'Brien and seconded by Bauer to accept the equipment lease agreement with Mike Houser as presented for one year. Motion carried.

Discuss/Action Building Inspector: Motion by O'Brien to approve and reinstate Atlas Inspections, making it retroactive to November 2023. The chairman asked for a second three times, the motion died. Motion by Moullette to approve both building inspector's contracts. The chairman asked for a second three times, the motion died. Public comment was allowed on the subject. The item was then tabled until the next meeting.

Discuss/Action Road Projects: Discussion on the ARIP proposal presented, and by consensus, the board feels this is not a worthy project to move forward on due to the estimated cost in the proposal. Bauer offered an update on the ongoing projects for Audubon Road and the gravel crushing. Bauer also suggested we set up a road tour soon. The discussion was had on brushing and mowing, and an estimate from Washburn County was provided, as was Ulloms at last month's meeting. Motion by O'Brien and seconded by Bauer to hire Ullom's for the budgeting amount of \$12,000 a year with doing the 13 ft mowing this year in July. Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only: Diane Heinrich asked for an explanation of the voting process at the annual meeting. Scott Frolik would like the chairman to explain information about choices for building inspectors. Scott Schiefelbein apologized for attending the meeting late. James Whitehead thanked Jeff for his work on the road projects, and he is thankful that the board is working again with Ullom as he is young and willing to work with the town to have a productive relationship for the betterment of the town. Scott Frolik is asking if Scott Schiefelbein is aware of the Town lawyer's concerns with his contract.

Reports of Town Officers

Debbie—The February election canvass was completed, and our town's inspectors received excellent comments from the County. The spring election is April 2, 2024. There are a couple of referendum

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questions for the state, for which I have an explanation sheet from the county available tonight and will also have them at the election.

Brenda - Will meet with CCF bank about scams and fraud protection tomorrow.

Jeff – I spoke with Etta at DSPS to find out exactly what was being discussed about a permit being filed wrong for the Town of Long Lake, and the problem has been corrected. They are just waiting for the system to update from the problem.

Terry – Road ban permits have leveled off. To be transparent, I will meet with Milestone Materials/Mathy Construction and Scott Frolik, who asked me to meet with them.

Bob – I have been working on getting the appraiser lined up for BML holdings. A reminder that the Annual meeting of electors is April 16, 2024.

Correspondence: The correspondence was on the table for the Board members to review and will be kept with the Clerk's meeting records.

Approve Vouchers for Payment: Motion by Bauer and second by O'Brien to pay vouchers # 6250-6268 and the EFT, checks 6257 & 6258, were voided due to printer error. Motion carried.

Adjournment: On a motion from O'Brien and seconded by Bauer, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Debbie Bouma, Town Clerk