

TOWN OF WEBB LAKE
Burnett County, Wisconsin
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes – March 7, 2022, 6:00 PM
Webb Lake Town Hall

The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Austin, at 6:02 PM at the Webb Lake Town Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Chairperson Steve Austin, Supervisor John Kielkucki, Supervisor Greg Main, Treasurer Wendy Purcell, Clerk John Basill, Deputy Clerk Ken Busby were present.

VERIFICATION OF PUBLIC POSTINGS: Agenda was posted in three places and on the town website.

CHANGES TO ORDER OF AGENDA: No substantive changes. Clerk requested to the Chair that previous Meeting Minutes be approved next on the agenda as a matter of procedure.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 7, 2022 MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Motion (Main/Kielkucki) to approve the minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORTS, DISCUSSION and ACTION

Vacation of Noble Pines Drive – Mark Wagner, from Wagner Surveying, presented an update to what had been previously submitted and approved by the town board. He stated the update is due to the DNR not willing to give up their access over the wetland. Thus, they are amending the description to exclude the DNR wetland and have submitted an updated resolution for acceptance by the board that does not include the DNR abandonment, as they are no longer asking for this – this is step one. He mentioned that this resolution tonight is just to get the new area of discontinuance defined, not approving anything else tonight, and it will then need to follow the process of waiting 40 days, publication, and the last step will be for them to be back before the board for acceptance and an ultimate request for approval of the vacation. He mentioned they will still keep the DNR informed although it is no longer needed. Motion made by Supervisor Kielkucki for step one and seconded by Supervisor Main. Motion Carried 3-0. Mark Wagner mentioned 8-9 parties are involved and will pay all costs so the township does not have expenditures.

Liquor License Application – John Basill summarized that previous owner of Glider’s Bar and Grill provided notice of no need (surrendering) their license to the town and the new applicant is here Brandi (Magnuson) and her background check came back acceptable. She also paid the license applicant fees. John recommended to the board prorating the fees, if the license were to be approved, since this license would only be valid through June 30, 2022 (annual renewal for all liquor licenses). Motion made by Supervisor Kielkucki and seconded by Supervisor Main to approve the license with a prorated fee. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion to Approve removal of Ken Busby as a signatory. Motion to add John Basill as a signatory - Motion made by Supervisor Main and seconded by Supervisor Kielkucki for approvals. Motion Carried 3-0. Greg Main thanked Ken for his service.

EQUIPMENT, ROADS AND BUILDINGS – Road Foreman Carl Meister reported that all equipment is running well and the new dump truck is scheduled for the 25th of this month.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT – Chief Mike Hemquist communicated a new fundraiser for the fire department of selling Koozies. He also informed the Board that they will be escorting the Vulcan's during the parade but have arranged back up coverage for the area with neighboring townships.

APPROVAL OF CLERK'S MONTHLY BILL LISTING: Supervisor Main mentioned a lot of tax money going out (school – county). Motion (Main/Kielkucki) to accept the bill listing. Motion carried 3-0.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT: Wendy Purcell covered the report. Motion (Kielkucki/Main) to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried 3-0.

CLERKS COMMUNICATION: John Basill mentioned that the W/C Audit had been submitted, the injury and illness report had been completed with the state, there is another election April 5th and much work to be done in preparation, that he would welcome a couple more election inspectors if anyone knows of folks interested and thanked current inspectors, and exempt property notifications had been mailed to potentially relevant properties.

Steve Austin took a moment to recognize Ken Busby for what he did in his role, noting taking over for Gail was not an easy task, and how much it was appreciated along with his assistance in the transition.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Sid Chersten from Sirentel would like the Township Board to consider letter of support for broadband expansion. He expressed that this area is under-served and Sirentel pays for everything but if the area is determined to meet grant parameters that they could get 40% reimbursement and an incentive for them to move forward. Their original thoughts were towers but wireless can't handle with streaming demands. The grant folks want to make sure townships will not burden the expansion of fiber optic with unreasonable fees and our supportive. He filled the Board in on how they have very reliable service with their first outage in three years this week. He mentioned that they are currently in Next Gen, Main Store, and the Fire Department and are interesting in talking to the folks from the other businesses in town and Gliders. They want to expand to around Des Moines Lake, Long Lake, Lower and Upper Webb Lake, and Big Bear. He stated they are on a tight time frame and need to submit grant by the 17th of March. Chair Austin and the Board were supportive and the Chair asked John if he could get them something by the 17th showing the town's support. John stated he would get it done on behalf of the township. Chair Austin inquired about time frame for availability of the service as residents would want to know and costs. Sid stated that it would be 2023 if grant were to be approved and the cost currently is \$62.00 per month.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion (Kielkucki/Main) to adjourn at 6:26 PM. Motion carried 3-0.

John Basill
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