

Town of Webb Lake

Burnett County, Wisconsin
Monthly Board Meeting
February 13, 2023
Webb Lake Town Hall

The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Austin at 6:00pm at the Webb Lake Town Hall.

Chairman Steve Austin requested Supervisor John Kielkucki to run the meeting as he was present via teleconference.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Chairperson Steve Austin (via teleconference), Supervisor John Kielkucki, Supervisor Greg Main (via teleconference), Treasurer Wendy Schwartz, Clerk John Basill, were present.

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

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 2, 2023 MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES and JANUARY 10, 2023 CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES: Motion (Main, Kielkucki) to approve board meeting minutes. Motion carried 3-0. Motion (Main, Kielkucki) to approve caucus meeting minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

CHANGES TO ORDER OF AGENDA: No changes.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter was sent concerning the Northwoods Bar owner not paying their distributor bill and requesting to have their liquor license withheld. Unfortunately, this was regarding a previous owner, not the current owner, so the request has been dropped at this time by the distributor after they were informed of two ownership changes since the defaulting party operated a business at that location.

REPORTS, DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

Fiber Optic Connectivity Update: Sid Sherstad gave an update on the Sirentel connectivity that has been completed in the area. Sid inquired about any road construction projects that may interfere with the installation process. Carl Meister said he will work with Sid regarding communication of Town projects. Mr. Sherstad hopes to start this project in June with completion by July. An installation map will be given to the Town for reference and to help with questions property owners may have on this project.

St. Patrick's Day Committee Update: Concerns of road debris clean-up, placement of roadblocks and garbage bin placement was discussed learning from the previous year. Roads will be now closed 30 minutes prior to the start of the parade. Tracy Finch, from the Sherriff's

Office was in attendance. Additional officers will be in place due to the large attendance expected. The DNR and State Patrol have both been notified.

Recycle Center Update: Employees of the recycling center proposed a change to current summer operating hours. Cheryl Gray stated that employees would recommend to no longer have Saturday openings, due to low volume, and to shift/extend hours on both Wednesday and Sunday – where the demand is. Winter hours will remain the same with the following changes for summer operation. Wednesday 10am to 3pm and Sunday 10am to 4pm. Supervisor Kielkucki proposed raising the rates by \$10.00 over the next two consecutive years. The hours of change will start in April with the rate increase to begin in May. Motion (Kielkucki, Main) to approve the operating hours and rate increase. Motion carried 3-0.

Equipment, Roads and Buildings: Carl Meister reported on the nice weather and the improvements in road conditions. All equipment is in working order.

Insurance Review Update: Fire Chief Mike Hemquist and John Basill did discuss the limited payout policy with the insurance agent. This expenditure had been questioned in the past and will no longer be renewed. John and Carl reviewed the policy to assure all essential equipment was covered. The deductible on the policy has been increased from \$1,000 to \$2,500 which creates more attractive ongoing rates. It was mentioned that in 2024 the Town of Webb Lake should consider bidding out the insurance policy with other agents, as every few years it is good to do. Rates are currently trending well for the Town.

Fire Department Fund Quarterly review and acceptance of their Bill Listing: Motion (Main, Kielkucki) to approve bill listing. Motion carried 3-0.

Fire Chief Report: Chief Mike Hemquist mentioned that John and himself filed the 2% fire dues which will give the Town of Webb Lake around \$7,000. They must qualify with fire education and fire inspection hours. Review on wild land fires will be conducted soon with concern on the upcoming fire season due to the abundance of fallen trees.

Approval of Clerk's Monthly Bill Listing: Motion (Main, Kielkucki) to approve monthly bill listing. Motion carried 3-0.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Wendy Schwartz covered the report. Motion (Kielkucki, Main) to approve treasure's report. Motion carried 3-0.

General Township Communications: John Basill reported the required Tobbacco Retail Report has been filed with the State of Wisconsin.

Public Comments: John Basill will update the Webb Lake page on upcoming DARC changes, and DARC staff in attendance mentioned they would add it to the Community Facebook Page.

Adjournment: Motion (Kielkucki,Main) to adjourn at 6:39 PM. Motion carried 3-0.