

Town of Webb Lake

Burnett County, Wisconsin

Monthly Board Meeting

September 4, 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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Chairperson Steve Austin, Supervisor Greg Main, Supervisor John Kielkucki, Clerk Lisa Webster, were present.

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

APPROVAL OF THE August 14, 2023, MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Motion (Main, Austin) to approve board meeting minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

CHANGES TO ORDER OF AGENDA: No changes.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

CONSIDERATION FOR AN ORDINANCE REGARDING REGULATIONS FOR MOBILE COMMUNICATION TOWERS, WIND AND SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO WIND TURBINES AND SOLAR PANELS: Motion (Kielkucki, Main) to explore the consideration for an ordinance regarding the installation of all types of new utilities in the Town of Webb Lake. Motion carried 3-0. The consideration for an ordinance can take up to ninety days.

REPORTS, DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

Certified Survey Map(s): A final plat of Stillwater Bend was presented by Wagner Surveying. Motion (Kielkucki, Main) to approve plat layout contingent upon final approval with the county regarding public access. Motion carried 3-0.

Equipment, Roads and Buildings: Carl Meister stated there will be a continuation of grading, edging and black top patching on county roads. The County will double chip seal, with a fog seal, on Namekagon Road in the coming days. Supervisor Main inquired about a possible missing road sign on Lake 26 Road and County Road H. Carl will look into this matter.

Fire Chief Report: Chief Mike Hemquist spoke of the upcoming third annual booya on October 7, 2023. All you can eat starts at noon with bulk sales starting at 3pm. There will be 50/50 drawings along with gun raffles. 1,000 Car Band will play from 1pm – 4pm.

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

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Lisa Webster covered the report. Motion (Kielkucki, Main) to approve treasurer's report. Motion carried 3-0.

UPDATE ON SUB-STATION: Beth Essler from One Energy Renewals provided handouts to explain the proposed solar project. The three main criteria to look at for the project are:

- availability of land
- site suitability
- existing electrical infrastructure

Beth went over the components of the solar project which include:

- bifacial solar panels
- single access tracking
- steel racking
- wildlife friendly fencing
- invertors
- transformers
- vegetation

The proposed site is fourteen acres within a forty-acre site. This site is located south of Lake 26 Road and east of Long Lake Road. It is intended to produce 2.5 megawatts of power, which is enough energy to power 645 average Wisconsin homes.

Fire Chief Mike Hemquist asked about battery storage and fire access within the 14-acre perimeter and the possibility of moisture within the junction boxes. Mike also stated that according to the World Health Organization no population may live within a 1.2-mile radius of a solar station.

Beth responded to these inquiries by stating the following:

- they do meet the county set back requirements
- junction boxes are remotely monitored where alerts will be sent to prompt a service technician to be sent out.
- all projects are permitted through the DNR and also have to go through state electrical inspections
- components are UL certified per the National Electrical Code

Clerk Lisa Webster read the resolution regarding the 14-acre solar energy site. The Town Board of Webb Lake is in opposition to support this solar energy system at this location for the following reasons:

- proximity to single family residences and multi-unit structures
- potential for unintended circumstances
- contains dense forest and is designated a F1 area

Motion (Kielkucki, Main) to accept resolution of opposition R2023-01 to be in effect. Motion carried 3-0.

General Township Communications: Next Town meeting will be October 9, 2023.

Public Comments: Randy Shamanski, who is on the zoning committee and the district 21 supervisor, introduced himself and will be available for questions and comments following the meeting.

Adjournment: Motion (Kielkucki, Main) to adjourn at 7:15 PM. Motion carried 3-0.