

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.

Chairman Steve Austin requested Supervisor Greg Main 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, Treasurer Wendy Schwartz, Clerk Lisa Webster, were present.

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

APPROVAL OF THE September 4, 2023, MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Motion (Main, Kielkucki) to approve board meeting minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

CHANGES TO ORDER OF AGENDA: No changes.

CORRESPONDENCE: Des Moines and Long Lake Lake's Associations have requested permission to apply for a grant for a Surface Water Grant at the respective public landings owned by Webb Lake Township.

Lakes and Pines Snow Trails notified the Town that the trail running to Long Lake off of Shoreline Drive will no longer be accessible and a public landing is about a 1000 ft to the South of Shoreline Dr. There was a discussion as to if the Town resolved ownership of the landing. Supervisor Main asked Wagner Surveying to look into it.

CONSIDERATION OF TOWN OF WEBB LAKE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS LICENSING ORDINANCE.

Chairman Austin advised that Deputy Clerk John Basil and an attorney had worked on putting together a comprehensive licensing ordinance for the Town. The ordinance includes requirements for differing levels of solar energy systems and provides the Town with control over location, noise, decommissioning requirements, etc in an effort to protect the Town's interests with public safety being forefront. Motion (Kielkucki, Main) to pass licensing ordinance regarding the installation of all types of new solar energy systems in the Town of Webb Lake. Motion carried 3-0.

Fee schedules for licensing was discussed and determined that systems <100 SF would be charged \$0, ≥100 <1000 SF would be \$250, and systems ≥1000 SF would be \$1250.00. Motion (Kielkuck, Main) to approve fee schedule for solar energy systems licensing. Motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS, DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

Certified Survey Map(s): Mark Krause with Wagner Surveying presented (2) maps for approval. Shenk in Highland Oaks Addition combined (2) lots into (1) and Schneider in Pine Woods Beach lots combined (3) lots into one. Motion (Kielkucki, Main) to approve. Motion carried 3-0.

DNR- Grant Opportunity: Kirby Dernovsek and Benjamin Garret with the DNR spoke about the 2024 Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant. The grant would provide up to \$16,000 for the aid in removal of the Town burn pile. The application deadline is November 15, 2023 and awards will be granted by January 1, 2024. Kirby stated he would assist with the application process. Motion (Kielkucki, Main) to move forward with the process. Motion carried 3-0.

Equipment, Roads and Buildings: Supervisor Greg Main stated that he is working with Carl Meister on grants for road work. Carl Meister stated he is looking at (3) projects: North Bear Lake Road to Lake 26 Rd needs ditch work and chip sealing. Also, the snowmobile/ATV trail will need to be reconfigured to cross directly; West Webb Lake Rd – Rainbow to town line needs widening and ditch work; Frog Lake Road from Namekagon to approximately 1000 yards past the recycle center need to be completely replaced. This would entail removing a hill and curve, ditching, and blacktop

Supervisor Main spoke about the need for residents on Arbutus drive to move 10 mailboxes on the Des Moines Lake side to make the road safer/easier for snowplowing and mowing. Main introduced a letter that will be sent to those residents affected asking for their assistance.

Fire Chief Report: Chief Mike Hemquist spoke of the success of the third annual booya on October 7, 2023. All fire signs have been cleared and are visible. A 50/50 grant for approximately \$3000 was obtained from the DNR for radios and pagers. Chief Hemquist will be bringing up before the membership the need to replace their fill station and compressor. Also, there was a call where the landing pad at the Town was needed and (1) call for an arcing electrical box.

Approval of Clerk's Monthly Bill Listing: Supervisor Main inquired about a bill from Nedland Industries. Motion (Kielkucki, Main) to approve bill listing. Motion carried 3-0.

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

General Township Communications: The 2024 Budget Hearing will be held at the Town Hall on November 6, 2023 at 5:30 and will be immediately followed by the Special Town Meeting of Electors. The Town meeting commence at 6 pm.

Public Comments: Barry Kucharski spoke about an article in the Sentinel regarding the proposed solar energy system on Lake 26 Rd needing more state approval and oversight. John Richards from Northwestern WI Electric stated that that was for very large systems only. John Richards from NWECO asked if there were any questions in regards to the proposed changes to the proposed solar energy system on Lake 26 Rd. Chairman Austin stated that we are in receipt of said changes but had no questions at this time.

Adjournment: Motion (Kielkucki, Main) to adjourn at 6:50 PM. Motion carried 3-0.