**Town of Webb Lake**

Burnett County, Wisconsin

Monthly Board Meeting

November 6, 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 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 October 9, 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:** Chairperson, Steve Austin, commented that he had received communication from Energy One in regards to the proposed solar farm at the current sub-station on Lake 26 Road. He commented that Energy One is well aware of our ordinance and feels that they plan to move forward with their project regardless of our Ordinance. Chairperson Austin commented that there are numerous questions that had not been answered including, but not limited to, how fast can the system be de-energized. Chief Hemquist commented that Solar panels can never truly be de-energized. Chairperson Austin will draft a letter for Jason Towne, Burnett County Land Use Director, to remind the County Board of our Ordinance and that the Town’s have not been addressed by Solar One.

**POSSIBLE CHANGES TO BRUSH PILE AND RECYCLE CENTER.**  Supervisor Kielkucki suggested that the brush pile at the Town Garage location be closed and the pile located at the Recycle Center be used instead. He suggested that a permit be required and that the fees for non-residents be doubled to discourage non-residents from using it. Not allowing contractors in was discussed. However, exceptions could be made for those that are hired out by residents. Also discussed was the possibility of opening up the site at the Town Garage twice a year for residents. Supervisor Main commented that the subject be tabled for further discussion.

**REPORTS, DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

**Equipment, Roads and Buildings:**  Carl Meister stated that the trucks have been equipped with plows and are ready for the winter. Carl requested that a surveyor be hired to survey West Webb Lake Road from Rainbow heading East. Currently, it is listed as 422 ft being owned by the Town. However, Carl feels that it should be 1422 ft. Once corrected, he would like to widen it and install ditches as it is hard to maintain in the winter. Supervisor Main asked if a contract with a logger is necessary. Carl stated that it is a small project and a logger would work with the property owners to remove the trees.

Carl stated that he had made inquiries into getting plans drawn up for the salt shed and that preliminary bids are coming in at $90,000 - $95,000.

Supervisor Main stated that we were being awarded a TRIP grant in the amount of $18,300. This grant is one that the Town is entitled to every 4 years. A 2nd grant for the McKenzie road project had been applied for. This grant is discretionary and may or may not be awarded to the Town.

**Fire Chief Report:** Chief Mike Hemquist submitted the 3rd quarter expenses for the fire department. Motion (Main, Kielkuckie) to approve. Motion carried (3-0)

Chief Hemquist reported that (4) new fire fighters had completed training and are now 100% on board.

Chief Hemquist requested approval for the purchase of a new compressor for $45,000. He requested $10,000 from the Town with the fire department contributing another $10,000 and financing the remaining $25,930 with yearly payments of $6,270 made by the fire department. An estimate was submitted for review. Motion (Main, Kielkucki) to approve purchase. Motion carried (3-0).

Chief Hemquist advised that he was made aware of additional funding of $40,000 is available for EMS, Fire Protection, Public Works, and/or Law enforcement.

**Approval of Clerk’s Monthly Bill Listing:** 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:** Next Town meeting December 4, 2023 at 6 pm.

**Public Comments:** None

**Adoption of 2024 Budget**: Motion (Main, Kielkucki) Motion carried 3-0.

**Adjournment:** Motion (Kielkucki, Main) to adjourn at 6:45 PM. Motion carried 3-0.