

# Town of Webb Lake

Burnett County, Wisconsin

Monthly Board Meeting

December 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 (via teleconference), Supervisor John Kielkucki, Clerk Lisa Webster, Treasurer Wendy Schwartz were present.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE November 6, 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:** None

**CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP APPROVALS:** Upon review Wagner Surveying found a portion of Richard Hamilton's property to be zoned forestry. The property layout was presented to the board members. Once the property is rezoned it will again be presented to the board for final approval.

## **REPORTS, DISCUSSION AND ACTION:**

**NOMINATION OF ELECTION INSPECTORS:** The following are the nominations for election inspectors.

Laurel Cooper-chief inspector; Sharon Rochel-chief inspector; Verla Johansson -chief inspector; Cynthia Kerr – election inspector; Nan Sias – election inspector; Pam Saiko-election inspector  
Nan Sias-election inspector; Debra Griffith – election inspector; Deb Mullen – election inspector; Diane Maasz – election inspector (Republican)

Motion (Kielkucki, Main) to approve election inspector nominations. Motion carried 3-0.

**DETERMINE CAUCUS DATE FOR SPRING ELECTION:** Board members determined there was not a need for a spring election.

**SNOWMOBILE TRAIL OFF OF LONG LAKE:** Trail access will be moved to the other access point for this winter season. Chairperson Austin would like to state that the rights to the trail will not be relinquished.

**SOLAR FARM PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION:** Chairperson Austin reported the county approved the solar farm by giving them a conditional use permit. At this point the Town of Webb Lake cannot proceed until they file, and it is certified by the county. At that point the Town of Webb Lake has thirty days to file an appeal. If then proves to not be favorable for the Town, then there is a possibility to litigate.

**CONSIDERATION LOAN FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT COMPRESSOR:** Mike Hemquist consulted with the local community bank and found that the fire department cannot, by themselves, take out the compressor loan and that it must go through the Town of Webb Lake. This is because the fire department is considered an entity of the Town. \$25,000 would be the balance the fire department will be making yearly payments on. Motion (Kielkucki, Main) to approve fire departments compressor loan. Motion carried 3-0.

**Equipment, Roads and Buildings:** Carl Meister stated the warmer weather has allowed grading and edging to be completed. All of the equipment is in working order.

**Fire Chief Report:** Chief Mike Hemquist mentioned we are still in the wildfire season until snow covers the ground. Service has been completed on all fire trucks.

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

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

**General Township Communications:** Next Town meeting will be January 8, 2024. Lisa Webster covered the bonuses for public works employees. There will be a \$300.00 bonus for the road supervisor and \$200.00 for all other public works employees.

**Public Comments:** Barry Kucharski addressed the board regarding his concerns with the solar farm. He cited the Jamestown, California fire last year that required an abundance of fire engines and planes to be able to put that fire out. He stated the Town of Webb Lake does not have access to those resources. Mr. Kucharski presented to the board an image of the proposed solar property and included information from the state archaeologist of Wisconsin. Chairperson Austin stated the need to possibly contact your local papers with your concerns. He also commented on the dangers from the solar panels and his concern over the location being in the highest burn area in the state. Steve Pastorious, homeowner of Shoreline Drive, inquired about the tree clearing and access to the snowmobile trail on Long Lake. Chairperson Austin stated the snowmobile club is responsible for forest clearing and maintenance of the trail.

**Adjournment:** Motion (Kielkucki, Main) to adjourn at 6:38 PM. Motion carried 3-0.