

Town of Presque Isle
Regular Town Board Meeting
July 6, 2023

Interim Chair Cathy Logan Weber called the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Presque Isle to order at 6:00pm. Supervisor Carl Wolter attended. Tonight's agenda and minutes of the June 15 meeting were approved by two separate motions.

Public Comment to address agenda items or request comment during the agenda item. Information only, no discussion or action will occur.

Several comments were made and Bob Berdan, Eric Benn, Jeff Meeseman and Otto Novak ask to speak during New Business item #5 and Al Drum to speak during Old Business item #3.

Old Business:

1. Wildcat Lake Buoy Agreement

This item has been dropped from the agenda due to the Lake Association deciding not to go forward with placing a buoy on Wildcat Lake.

2. EMS Towns Ambulance District(4-towns) - Update

Ms. Weber did get the town lawyer's opinion and he said making an intergovernmental agreement among the four towns is a great idea. The town would need to have a hearing. Purpose would be to get input from the town. Will have to post a notice of the hearing and contact all property owners. Mr. Logan, our Vilas County Representative, said that the board will have discussion on this at their August meeting. Ms. Weber said we will keep pursuing this.

3. [Pipke Pond Restoration Committee update](#): Al Drum presented the attached

A motion to send the letters that have been written by our town clerk to the four property owners that are in the floodplain, to let them know that there will be personal asking to come on their land was made by Mr. Wolter, seconded by Ms. Weber, Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 2-0

Ms. Weber said the PPRC is planning on building a more permanent siphon that would be used to empty the ponds when the construction has to be done.

4. Board Reports on Previous Agenda Items

Mr. Wolter said he was still playing phone tag with Matt Gagnon about putting fascia boards on the pavilion. Mr. Wolter asked about what to do about needing an EDC member.

Ms. Weber had an update on the Natural Lakes road signs. Dave Bogan has been working with Adam Grasso from the county organizing the names of the roads and where they will go. Once this is done the next step would be to order the signs.

Mr. Wolter talked to a local electrician about the Denim and Dessert lighting but we need to get him in touch with Tom Erickson.

Mr. Wolter will get in contact with Mike Peterson to get a date for a Hazardous Waste/Electronics event.

Ms. Weber said M Squared is filling the reports for the South Crab Lake Rd project. The DNR said there are some fill piles that need to be moved before approving the permit. Joe knows about this and is working on it.

New Business:

1. Town of Presque Isle named Beneficiary in Will

Rob Westphal left the town a 2013 Yukon. Once the forest service lease is transferred into the executors name the remainder of the estate will go to Presque Isle. Ms. Weber will check into what we need to do.

2. Park & Recreation: Purchase of a dock for Wilderness Park

The committee was letting us know that they are purchasing a dock (which will come out of their budget) for people to fish off of.

3. Discussion on possible purchase of New Desktop

Ms. Weber asked Ms. Eesley if we know why we don't have the desktop back yet. Ms. Eesley said I can't say why but the investigation is still open and is now with the state. Don't know when we would get it back.

Mr. Wolter thinks we should purchase one. Ms. Weber is concerned that the board is not informed on what is

going on with these computers and got a bill for over \$10,000. Mr. Wolter said his personal feeling is that the computer was used in a way that wasn't legal and something was being hidden. Believes it went to the state to look deeper into what was on the computer. Ms. Weber said you don't have any evidence for that. Mr. Wolter stated the more resistance we get the more I push. A motion to purchase a new computer for the office personnel was made by Mr. Wolter, seconded by Ms. Weber, Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 2-0.

4. Chip Seal on Round Lake

Ms. Weber asked Joe to tell us what this is about. Mr. Thoma said Boulder Junction is redoing their part of the road and wanted to know if we wanted to do ours. We do not have a cost yet, it is out on bids. Ms. Weber said it would be a lot more reasonable to do it at this time. Mr. Wolter motioned to combine with Boulder Junction to chip seal Round Lake Road. The motion was withdrawn due to not knowing the cost yet. Will bring it up at the next meeting.

5. Ordinance Committee : Wake Ordinance - submit to DNR for review

Bob Berdan said the committee's objective was to submit something to the board that they would support. The committee met on May 27th. Lots of suggestions were made. Distance from shore, depth of lake, and time of day alternative. Some wake surfing should be allowed to be continued due to the long history already going on at Oxbow Lake. Also suggested to clarify the language. With all suggestions they had at that meeting they met again June 13th with an objective to make a recommendation to present to this board.

The Oxbow carve out would have a narrow corridor for wake boats to operate on the north end of the lake. His recommendation to the board is to have the clerk send the ordinance to the DNR so they can begin the review process. And then send it to the town attorney. Then decide from there.

Jeff Meeseman asked to reconsider the area on Oxbow Lake open to wake boarding. There are parts in the corridor that are only 4-5 feet deep. Please consider changing the zone. Change the ordinance to be 500 feet from shore and 20 feet deep.

Mr. Wolter asked what is going to tell the boater where he is. Main concern is the spreading of invasive species. Mr. Berdan said these boats are allowed on all lakes for all other activities just not for wake surfing. Otto Novak's main concern is invasive species. Has no problem with the current 5 boats that are on Oxbow. He is concerned that Oxbow would have the possibility of more wake boats coming in after being used at lakes such as Trout or Lake Gogebic and increase the risk of invasive species.

Mr. Wolter is not in favor. Ms. Weber said that if we send it off to the DNR that does not mean that we are making a decision to put the ordinance in place. Just want to keep things moving along. She feels that this ordinance protects all the lakes in Presque Isle and protects Oxbow more than it is now.

A motion to send this draft ordinance that we have been presented with (507) to the DNR for their review was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter, Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 2-0.

6. Board Correspondence and Future Agenda Items

Ms. Weber received correspondence from another person at Concordia about cell tower placement on East Armour Lake Road. Would like to have it as a future agenda item. Also the petition on direct legislation was denied. The residents have no right to direct legislation.

Mr. Wolter would like to make mention that they received a letter to the Fire Chief that the fire department books were acceptable and gave a commendation to the people who made the report.

Ms. Weber on future agenda items: Talked to the clerk on making up a policy on the Rental of the town's chairs and tables, Cell Tower, Natural Lakes signs, Round Lake Road, Skidsteer, Broken door on garbage container. Mr Wolter said in the past we purchased a pickup truck to be used by the constable and at this time he would recommend we keep that truck and decide if we want to sell the red truck.

7. General Public Comment, information only, no discussion or action will occur

Donna Jukich would like to talk to our attorney about the intercept contract that was brought up at a previous meeting. Ms. Weber will set up a meeting with the attorney. Several other comments were made. Upset by people not trusting Lorine and that the board does know what's going on with the issue, What we are experiencing on the computer forensic issue with getting information(not getting) is normal in this situation, Manitowish Waters has a 12 yard dumpster they keep year around for electronics, People that say they love their town but don't show up at functions to support it-please come to our functions.

Vouchers 35039-35092 with voids 35055,73,78,79,83 were approved for payment and the meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm

Town Board Action: Approved 2-0

Approved: July 20, 2023

Amended: _____