

Town of Presque Isle
Regular Town Board Meeting
August 17, 2023

Interim Chairman 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 August 3 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.

Many comments were made about South Crab Lake Rd, Forensic Audit of Computers, Town Finances, Ordinance Review(Subchapter 507), PI Lake Association Survey on Subchapter 507, Ordinance committee review of DNR concerns, Natural Lakes Signage

Old Business:

1. Natural Lakes/Frontier Lakes Signs Updates

Ms. Weber has called Mega Rentals a couple times. No response. She will try to at least get a price on just the signs. The names are all settled except for one.

2. Re-Open Investigation on the Computers

Mr. Wolter read the SIFT report and there are a lot of questions and lies. He would like it to come to a conclusion. A motion to reopen the investigation and have SIFT handle it was made by Mr. Wolter. Failed to get a second. Mr. Wolter instructed SIFT to hold onto the computers(feels he has an obligation to the taxpayers that back him).

3. Forensic Audit Report

Ms. Weber had a statement. She read through all the material. She said this computer matter has been shopped around to various investigative agencies. It has been closed as unfounded by the Sheriff's Department, the Wisconsin Department of Justice has been approached by several people and has declined to take the matter, Representative Rob Swearingen's office was brought into this and has gone nowhere. Clear to her that Ms. Eesley's concerns were about the election. Unless there is some new and concerning issue or information that can be brought forward this investigation as far as she is concerned is over. She is thru with Mr. Schiavo and SIFT and not another penny should be spent.

4. [District EMS Meeting-Get Approval for Services from Strategic Management & Consulting](#)

Ms. Weber was at a meeting with the four towns in Manitowish Waters. And talked about an agreement. Talked about things we need to do. The group that was there agreed to a hundred hours consulting time with Dana at \$100 per hour. So each town would approve 25 hours. Each town would pay \$2500.00. This agreement is what we would work on and we would have a hearing in our town to present this agreement to them. A motion that we agree to pay \$2500.00 to Dana to do the consulting and take us to the next steps with this agreement made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter, Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 2-0.

5. Set Public Hearing Date for EMS District

Ms. Weber would like to set up a hearing date. This would be when we take the agreement to the public. A motion that we have the hearing date for the EMS Meeting on the 6th of September, Wednesday, 6:00 pm in the Community Room made by Mr. Wolter, seconded by Ms. Weber, Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 2-0.

6. [Ordinance Review, Subchapter 507](#)

Ms. Weber said that Bob Berdan mentioned that the board can not do anything for 60 days from the date Ms. Thoma sent it to the DNR. Suggests to wait until we have a three person board. Mr. Wolter agreed. Matter was tabled.

7. S. Crab Lake Road Update

Ms. Weber is doing a tour of the road next week. She also has a virtual meeting next week with the DNR. Mr. Wolter will attend so we will notice that meeting. Mr. Wolter addressed the people with concerns. There is a lot of work to resurface a road. The town crew is working on many roads. Many hard surfaces to be

prepared. Ms. Weber said all we can do from this point is move forward. Mr. Wolter said and days like today with severe weather the town crew is very busy.

8. Board Reports on Previous Agenda Items

Ms. Weber said that the 2013 Yukon that was willed to the town has been picked up. She also asked about the plan for the repair of the cemetery. Mrs. Thoma said she would contact the person responsible and get the insurance information. And Ms. Weber will work on getting an estimate. Add both issues to the next agenda.

New Business:

1. Board of Adjustment Concern

Ms. Weber said that Mr. Schmalzer was appointed to the Board of Adjustment. The procedure is that you come on as an alternate. Then fill in if someone can't vote for some reason or if someone's term ends. Mr. Schmalzer stated that he was not appointed as an alternate but a member according to the minutes. Also said that Carl Watras' term has expired in January. Mr. Wolter moved to leave it as enacted in a previous meeting. Mr. MacLean and Mr. Wolter appointed Rich . Mr. Wolter moved that it stands.

2. Badger Heating & Air Conditioning Annual Service Agreement for 2023/2024

A motion that we hire Badger Heating and Air conditioning for their service agreement was made by Mr. Wolter, seconded by Ms. Weber, Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 2-0.

3. Safety Concern Regarding Hwy B around Horsehead Lake

Ms. Weber said that someone suggested lowering the speed limit by the Horsehead Landing. They said it is very difficult to see if someone is coming. Ms. Weber and Mr. Wolter will look into the issue.

4. Ordinance for Recycling/Transfer Station Review

Mr. Wolter said he did contact the person that was putting stuff in the brush pile and should not happen again. Ms. Weber said the ordinance is old and out of date and would like to send it off to the ordinance committee for review.

A motion to send a request to the ordinance committee to update the Recycling/Transfer Station ordinance was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter, Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 2-0.

5. North Lakeland School District Strategic Planning Invitation

Ms. Weber said they are looking for a town board member to be a representative on the Strategic Planning task force which will hold meetings on Sept.18, Oct. 18 and Dec. 4 at North Lakeland. Ms. Weber will contact them and let them know she will be a representative.

6. Board Correspondence and Future Agenda Items

Ms. Weber said she got a letter from someone on S.Crab Lake Rd. Said that they feel the gravel ruined their tires and that the town should pay for them. She thinks the point is the condition of the road. Mr. Wolter received a call that the water level on Presque Isle Lake was exceptionally high and wanted the town crew to open up the dam. He told them to contact the DNR. Ms. Weber said the park and rec would like to make a recommendation for Wilderness Park on the next agenda.

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

Mr. Wolter addressed the County Supervisor Richard Logan. He saw comments in Winchester that the town board was proposing weight limits on County W and would caution them that County W is our lifeline.Mr. Logan said after talking more about it they realized it would have a negative impact on the town.

More comments were made by the public about Presque Isle being a wonderful place and would like everyone to work together, towns responsibility to keep track of when people term expires, contact the attorney to interpret the statute for the Board of Adjustment, hostile work environment towards Ms. Eesley should be addressed.

Vouchers 35155-35180 were approved for payment and the meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm

Town Board Action: Approved 2-0

Approved: September 7, 2023

Amended: _____

