

Town of Presque Isle
Regular Town Board Meeting
September 7,2023

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 17 and August 24 meetings were approved by two separate motions.(New Business #10 was moved to Old Business #1 to be talked about at the same time)

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

A lengthy comment was made by Nancy Brandt which included questions about audit of the books, access to the computer, political corruption, Treasurer hostile work environment, Last Wilderness, Meessmann lawsuit.

Carol Stone asked more questions about the SIFT report.

Ms. Weber would appreciate it if we didn't have any more personal attacks but if you have anything that pertains to the agenda that would be helpful for us to do our meeting.

Old Business:

1. Natural Lakes/Frontier Lakes Signs Estimate

Ms. Weber stated that we have a list of the road names that have been gone over with Vilas County and Natural Lakes. There is one road that needs to be changed. It was called Black Forest and there is a Black Forest in Winchester. So they would like approval to change that road to Ironwood Trail. Ms. Weber would like to order the signs. It would be a six week wait. A motion to change the name of Black Forest to Ironwood Trail was made by Mr. Wolter seconded by Ms. Weber Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 2-0. A motion to purchase the signs including Ironwood Trail was made by Mr. Wolter seconded by Ms. Weber Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 2-0.

2. Safety Concern Regarding Hwy B around Horsehead Lake Update

Discussion took place about putting a sign by the boat landing. A motion to request Vilas County to erect a sign that says "Boat Landing Ahead" coming from the east approaching the Big Horsehead boat landing was made by Mr. Wolter seconded by Ms. Weber Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 2-0.

3. EMS District Agreement Hearing September 13, 6:00pm

Ms. Weber said this hearing will be discussing the agreement that the four towns are working with. Would like to get feedback from the town residents.

4. SIFT Report

A motion to give SIFT authority to reopen the investigative report on the computers in light of everything that has gone on with the fraudulent election was made by Mr. Wolter no second was made. Ms. Weber said the town gave SIFT the laptop and it came back with a new hard drive and motherboard. So there was literally nothing on it yet SIFT charged us \$5,000. The town gave them two desktops. They only looked at one and couldn't get into them and they charged us \$5,000. If you want to continue, work with somebody that might do a more professional job.

5. Board Reports on Previous Agenda Items

Nothing

New Business:

1. Park & Rec Recommendation for Wilderness Park

Ms. Weber said there was concern about the gate being opened or closed. The Park committee recommends having the gate open in the summer and closed during the winter. They would also like to add four parking spaces in the area just inside the gate. Would like the parking area to be gravel so that it's an obvious spot to park. A motion to open the gate in the summer and close the gate in the winter, also make a parking space with a soft barrier, and EDC will put in a sign was made by Mr. Wolter seconded by Ms. Weber

Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 2-0.

2. Cemetery Repair Estimate and Insurance

Ms. Weber talked about this with the person that ran into it. Was a very unfortunate situation where he had a piece of equipment on the back of his truck and wasn't thinking and just went through there. Ms. Weber talked to Jim Dunbar to give us an estimate. There are other people we could contact too. Mr. Wolter said his main concern is to get the pillars back up. He did contact someone but no price yet. He will pursue it.

3. Banking Resolution for Library

A motion to approve the Banking Resolution for the Library was made by Mr. Wolter seconded by Ms. Weber. Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 2-0.

4. Community Center Kitchen- Nutrition Site "Pop Up" event October 5, 11:30am

Ms. Weber said they have been working on the Pop Up Nutrition Site and thought they had a caterer but she does not have a caterers license yet. If anyone knows of anyone who would like to do this please let me know.

5. Karysns Korner Replacement Sign

Ms. Weber said the sign company has looked at all of our ordinances and said the sign fits all of our ordinances with no problem. We checked everything and Karysns Korner is welcome to put it up.

6. Lions Pontoon/Bandshell MOU

Ms. Weber has been talking to Jim Steins about it. Lions own the pontoon. The pier the town owns and we would cover the insurance on that. Just to have a MOU so that we are all aware of what belongs to who. She sent something to Mr. Garbowicz and he is on vacation right now.

7. Special Election of Town Board Chair-choose date

Ms. Weber stated that the judge has ordered that the special election will take place on November 14th to fill the office of Town Board Chairperson of the Town of Presque Isle. The remaining term expires April 14th, 2025. Nomination papers may be circulated no sooner than the date of this order. Papers to be filled with the clerk. It was recommended by Vilas County to have a hand count. They feel that a lot of people would prefer this and this would save the town some money.

A motion to do a hand count on the November 14th election was made by Ms. Weber seconded by Mr. Wolter. Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 2-0.

8. Broadband Borrowing/Treasurer

Mr. Bogan gave the board an update on the BroadBand Project Financing. Mr. Bogan stated the cost of the project. How the town will pay for it in two installments. Ms. Weber would like our Treasurer and Clerk to look into borrowing the money. Jill did look into the interest rate and it is 5.75 interest rate.

9. Reschedule Upcoming Town Board Meetings

Due to Carl being gone there will not be any other meetings this month and only one in October will be the 19th. If needed a special meeting could be called.

10. Approval of "Ironwood Trl" Road Name

Was moved to Old Business #1

11. Board Correspondence and Future Agenda Items

Mr. Wolter would like SIFT investigation on the next agenda

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

Mr. Wolter said our elections were always honest. We know from past experience national elections there is such a thing as ballot harvesting and in our own case there were illegal ballots cast. I believe that we should pursue perjury charges and election fraud against two people that were named by the judge. He also thinks the computers were part of the election fraud. There have been threats from the opposition and you might as well call it opposition because it seems that we have two sides. There have been threats to the previous town board and him. People have stood right up here and threatened us. He will not be intimidated.

Also the Board of Adjustment committee. The previous town board. John Maclean and Mr. Wolter appointed Rich Schmaulzer as a full time member of the board and he was not allowed to vote at the last meeting. Mr. Wolters thinks they have to address that. They have to let the head of the Board of Adjustment committee know that he is a voting member. It was approved by the previous board. Rich Schmaulzer was appointed as a full time member not an alternate. Also the Board of Adjustment committee needs to have regular meetings. He addressed Nancy Brandt. We were supposed to look at the boating and have the ordinance committee look at it and then talk to the attorney and see if it was legal. They bypassed that part of it. He is

sorry that Cathy and him sent it off to the DNR. That does not mean that they are going to approve it when it comes back.

Other comments were made by the audience: Concern regarding the special election -assurance that those that are poll workers and canvassers have taken the proper training. Those handling the ballots have been properly trained to do so.

Would like to recommend that if we decide to talk about things in a little more even handed manner perhaps we could get further on some of these controversies. Opinions don't need to change. But how they are expressed makes a big difference.

Would like to thank the town and the town crew for all the work done on Annabelle Lake Road.

Vouchers 35181-35226 were approved for payment (Mr. Wolter would like to look into check 35190- this was for the repair of the compactor doors. He would like to check with who we bought it from if there is a warranty on it.) and the meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm

Town Board Action: Approved 2-0

Approved: October 19,2023

Amended: _____