

TOWN OF BASHAW  
Regular Meeting – July 7, 2020

The regular monthly meeting for the Town of Bashaw was held on July 7, 2020, at the Art Center in Shell Lake.

The chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call: All board members were present except for Clerk Lesa Dahlstrom. There were about 40 residents in attendance. Posting and notification were verified.

Approval of Agenda on a motion by Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Degner. M.C.

County Board Representative Dave Wilson reported on the County Building project is Shell Lake opening the offices for services.

Public comment Public Comments were given

Correspondence: The chair reported that he received a letter, as did other municipalities, from North Ambulance Service that they are terminating ambulance service as of the end of this year. He has been in contact with other municipalities affected and they will be meeting to try to come up with a plan. He also reported on discussions at the State level as to cutting aids.

Approval of Minutes of previous meeting. Lee Prill requested that the paragraph about the town accepting Forest Creek Road as a town road should be deleted because no one on that road requested it. Motion by Degner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnson, to approve the minutes with the correction re: Forest Creek Rd.

Treasurer's Report was given and reported a beginning balance of \$23,388.34, Receipts 23-25 in the amount of \$38,513.59. Less Disbursements of \$13,227.11. Leaving an ending balance of \$48,674.82. Motion by Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Degner, to accept treasurers report. M.C.

Audit Financials. Clerk and treasurers books were compared and signed as audited by the board. Motion by Degner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnson, to approve the audit as books were in agreement. M.C.

Proposal for New Truck Purchase. Degner presented a proposal for the purchase of a new truck as well as a petition signed by residents requesting the board keep the currently equipment and maintain the roads as is currently done. He reported on the status and repairs to the current truck. Much discussion. Motion by Degner to order a new truck, keep the current truck until the new one comes in and then sell it. Motion fails for lack of 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Consideration to Rescind a portion of April motion re: County doing snowplowing – Johnson Motion by Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dryden, to keep the current truck, bid out snowplowing and revisit the issue in April 2021. M.C. (Degner voted against)  
Resolution to transfer \$2100 from savings into general fund to cover truck/grader repairs. Motion by Degner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnson. M.C.

Town Hall – No issues to report. Waiting for notice for prebuying LP.

Driveway permits and applications None

Request from Ryan Ullon for Children Playing sign. Johnson indicated that “Children Playing” signs are no longer used and have been replaced with “Pedestrian” signs. He added that the county should install the signs to be sure it is done legally. Dryden will check with Co. Highway Dept re: installation and cost.

Request from H. Lindsley for Deaf Child sign. Dryden will also check with Co Hwy Dept RE: this sign.

Starkey Lake Road John Smith reported that there are 24 families living off Starkey Lake road and dust is a serious problem. Discussion on Road treatment. County offers a salt brine. Smith said he would get information on a soy treatment. Dryden will contact Polk County to find out about their gravel treatment.

Little Long Lake Landing Bill Burnham reported on the landing at Little Long Lake. The steps down to the lake are rotten and unusable. Dryden had check with the DNR about any grant programs and there is a 50/50 program that will open in November. He will talk with the DNR and the County Land Conservation about replacement options.

Town Cleanup Update was very successful. All but \$148 were used. They will check with NWRPC to see if we can still dispose of old shop lights.

Town Road Maintenance Projects: Discussion on pulverizing Sawyer Creek Rd., laying fabric and graveling. Dryden will check with A-1 re pulverizing and also what the county's schedule would be. The plan is to grind it now and leave it sit for the winter. Birch Trail – Get pricing for gravel and get it completed. Plainview north end – Needs ditching. Get estimate. New Knapp Road – Needs ditching. Questions re: can we afford, how much to do . Bill and Tony will develop specs for the project and it will be bid out. Pine Tree south - Got two estimates, but need to develop specs and bid out. See what it comes in at and possibly wait until next year. Benson/Thompson roads. Scott Construction promised to redo the road at no cost to the town. Someone needs to follow up on this to be sure it gets done.

Town Equipment A/C was charged in the grader. Maintenance of the grader was discussed. Motion by Degner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnson, to approve the maintenance proposal of \$4281.00. M.C.

Approve vouchers. Motion by Degner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnson, to approve vouchers 13040 – 13062. M.C.

Future agenda items: Sign requests, Starkey Lake Road Dust solutions, Bids and prices for road projects, Little Long Lake Boat Landing.

Set Date for Next Meeting and Annual Meeting. August 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the Art Center, with Annual Meeting first, immediately followed by regular meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Degner. M.C.

Lynn Hoepfner, Treasurer