

**MEETING NOTICE
TOWN OF BASHAW**

Notice is hereby given that the
Bashaw Town Board shall hold its
Monthly meeting on
February 9, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Shell Lake Arts Center

MINUTES

- **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- **MINUTES FROM JANUARY 12, 2021 MEETING:** Motion by Degner to approve the minutes, second by Johnson. Yes (3) Kelbel, Degner and Johnson. Motion carried.
- **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Balance to start \$115,237.01 rec 4-7 \$609,768.31 disbu \$567,964.25 leaves and ending balance \$157,041.07. Motion by Johnson to approve the treasurer's report, second by Degner. Yes (3) Kelbel, Degner and Johnson. Motion carried.
- **CORRESPONDENCE:** Letter from Lynn's Honewagon asking for permission to go on roads if necessary when the road bans go on. Board is in agreement that they will grant Lynn's Honewagon this exemption. Letter from Washburn County Zoning reminding of the requirement for notification of any work that is being done that could affect a survey marking.
- **PUBLIC INPUT:** Lee Prill experienced thanked the board for sanding their driveway. Pat Harrington stated that there were a few vehicles that went in the ditch. Kim Coran wants to speak her voice and vote for a new truck. Terry Dryden asked if the new per hour rate was factored in with the purchase of a new truck. Discussed the ambulance costs.
- **LITTLE LONG LAKE LANDING ACCESS:** Johnson tried to contact the lady with the DNR. They said we could re-class the landing and could place the posts at the roadway. Johnson said they could have an answer within the month in regard to a re-class with the DNR. Motion by Johnson to remove the steps at the Little Long Lake Landing Access, second by Degner. Yes (3) Kelbel, Degner and Johnson. Motion carried.
- **SAWYER CREEK ROAD LRIP PROJECT:** Discussed costs that had been estimated in the past for this section. The LRIP application was for a 2 inch surface and was estimated at \$100,000.00. Kelbel will update the LRIP application to reflect an increased surface. Motion by Degner to utilize the county for the blacktopping of the LRIP section on Sawyer Creek Road, second by Kelbel. Yes (2) Kelbel, Degner. Johnson abstained. Motion carried.
- **PURCHASE OF NEW TOWNSHIP TRUCK:** Hoepner asked if there were bids/quotes advertised for. Kelbel voiced that he felt a little uncomfortable proceeding so fast as in the past this would have been brought to a special meeting for the town residents to decide on. Kelbel also stated that he felt the residents should consider where the funding would be coming from because it would affect the road maintenance. Degner said that the township is going to pay for this one way or another. Last year there were over \$20,000 in repairs. Degner feels that this is a direct reflection of the roads. Kelbel feels that there will need to be a levy increase to keep up with any roads or equipment. Kim Coran feels that retaining the old truck would be the safety net if the new truck were causing issues. Robin Mercier liked the service that was available 7 days

a week. Wilson voiced that after the approximate \$16,000 repair there was a comment that the truck would now last us a good long time and he is wondering what has changed since that meeting. Taubman stated that the engine is great after the expensive repair but other things do go wrong. Harrington asked what would be wrong with going back to a single axle versus a tandem axle, there would be less maintenance. Dahlstrom inquired as to what their intent was tonight if they were looking to actual make a motion on the purchase. She feels that the truck should have been publicly bid and the financing should have as well. Taubman likes the larger truck because you are able to sand without having to make so many trips back to get material. Board decision was to hold a special meeting to address this purchase. Degner has documentation that there is no public bid required for the purchase or sale of equipment and will check on the financing portion. Kelbel made a motion to hold a special electors meeting in 2 weeks, second by Degner. Yes (3) Kelbel, Degner and Johnson. Motion carried.

- **DRIVEWAY PERMITS/APPLICATIONS:** None
- **ROADS:** Plowing was busy last week and pushing back snow drifts. Bill was out and sanding for approximately 4 hours yesterday on the blacktop roads. There are quite a few gravel roads that are really slippery. He wants to know how they should proceed with the gravel roads. Johnson feels that there should be more material placed on the roads than has been. Taubman inquired into the boom mowing. Bill mentioned many roads needing Tree trimming and crack sealing.
- **TRUCK/GRADER:** No problems currently.
- **TOWNHALL:** The holding tank was pumped. Furnace not inspected yet.
- **SET NEXT MEETING DATE:** February 27, 2021 Special meeting @ 10:00 a.m. at The Shell Lake Arts Center. Post in the paper.
- **APPROVE VOUCHERS:** Motion by Johnson to approve 13201-13224, second by Degner. Yes (3) Kelbel, Degner and Johnson. Motion carried.
- **ADJOURN MEETING:** Motion by Degner to adjourn, second by Johnson. Yes (3) Kelbel, Degner and Johnson. Motion carried.

Lesa Dahlstrom, Clerk
Town of Bashaw