

**Regular Town Board Meeting  
Monday, March 10, 2014  
7:30 PM  
Lakewood Administrative Office**

This meeting was posted in the four usual places those being the Lakewood Town Hall, Lakewood Super Valu, Laona bank and Lakewood administrative office.

Present; JoAnn Roy, chairperson, Lee Spletter, supervisor, Denise Jackett, clerk and Virginia Nelson, treasurer.

Absent: Tom Haberstein, supervisor.

Visitors: Josh Riebe, Loren Nelson, Randy Jackett, Adrienne Bartels.

Chairman JoAnn Roy called this meeting to order 7:30 PM.

Lee S. Moved to accept the agenda. Second by Joanne. All ayes motion carried.

Motion made by Lee S. to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2014. Seconded by Joanne. All ayes motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** given by Virginia Nelson, summarized these minutes.

<b>Checking account beginning balance:</b>	<b>\$73,588.34</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>	<b>\$1,442,455.03</b>
<b>Totaling checking:</b>	<b>\$1,516,043.37</b>
<b>Less expenses:</b>	<b>\$1,395,058.63</b>
<b>Balance in checking</b>	<b>\$120,984.74</b>
<b>Fire Department Account:</b>	<b>\$9,821.19</b>
<b>Cemetery Account:</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>Tax Account:</b>	<b>\$341,549.66</b>
<b>Capital Improvement Fund:</b>	<b>\$209,163.73</b>
<b>M.A.B.A.S. Fire Dept. Account:</b>	<b>\$20,013.92</b>

Lee S. moved to accept the treasurer's report. Second by Joanne. All ayes motion carried.

**Planning Commission:**

- A. REZONE, CONDITIONAL USE & CSM/PLAT PROPOSALS: None
- B. Recommendation to re-appoint member whose term expires in April.

Plan Commission recommends that board appoint Adrienne Bartels to the commission for another three (3) year term, her term expires in April.

Joanne moved to appoint Adrienne Bartels to the commission for another three (3) year term. Second by Lee S., All ayes motion carried.

- C. Possible change of member status from alternate to member and another from member to alternate.

Kevin Barthel will be out of the area due to work. Kevin requested he be changed from member to alternate. Josh Riebe would fill the position of full member. Plan Commission recommends that board approve the change.

Lee S. moved to make the change in member's status. Second by Joanne. All ayes motion carried.

- D. Discussion on Forestry/ATV projects and the Town's possible involvement.

Discussion was held on the Shadow Lake and Thelen ATV Forestry Projects. The Plan Commission recommends the town write a letter in support in favor of the project. In Economic Better of Community. Joanne inquired if it is in support of a specific trail. Lee commented it was not at this time because there are several changes going on and could affect other organizations. Lee S will draft the letter to be submitted.

### **Discussion and Possible Approval or Denial of Cost and Clearing of Property on Cty F and North Road:**

Joanne inquired to Josh if Kevin Marshall had given him a written bid or did he say it would be about \$15,000.00. Josh replied the only information he had was what Randy Jackett had passed along. Denise commented that Randy had asked Kevin if he knew approximately what it would cost to cut and clear the property. He did not ask for a quote. Kevin had told Randy it would be about \$12,000.00 to \$14,000.00 estimate to clear the property. Joanne commented she had heard that if Kevin could start on it right away, Randy could do some work over there. Denise knew of nothing on that order. Joanne commented it be tabled until more information is received. Lee S agreed to table it, that a lot more information is needed and exactly where this is all headed. Joanne commented it wouldn't be a bad thing to clear, even if it is not built on because it could always be used for parking for the craft fair and other events. Lee S. commented that the original discussion on that was for additional work in the winter time when the road crew had nothing else to do after they were done at the cemetery. Joanne agreed.

Tabled until next month.

Joanne revisited the Clearing of property when Randy Jackett was present later in the meeting: Joanne asked Randy what he knew about the issue.

Randy commented that after the property was purchased he was over looking at it; Tom Habenstein was driving by on his way to the dump. Randy asked him what he thought about clearing the property off this winter just to see if they could get it done. Tom H. thought it was a good idea and was going to bring it up to the board. Randy thought it had been talked about at one of the previous meetings. Joanne commented that it had been talked about if the road crew had the time they could do it and the snow got too deep to do anything. Randy had talked to Josh. Josh had a discussion with someone on the board about possibly having a logger come in and do it verses what the town would pay for the road crew to do it. Josh had spoken with Josh Yingling and Willy Harris about removing the trees. They did not want the job because there was all pine and it wasn't worth anything to log off. Randy commented that he spoke with Kevin asking if he knew approximately what it would cost to clear it. Kevin told him he would have to look at it, and not knowing the amount of hours for sure it might be \$12,000.00 to \$14,000.00. He asked Kevin for a general cost only. If loggers came in they would the area would still need to be stumped. Kevin would be able to cut, brush and stump the property. That is where it stayed.

Joanne commented that she had heard about Randy burning it off.

Randy commented Kevin had inquired that with the amount of snow on the ground was it was possible to burn the tops of the trees instead of having to dispose of it. Randy commented that as long as there was two inches of snow on the ground there is no code. It is legal to burn a 12 foot by 12 foot area at a time, not the whole property at one time. Randy commented he only asked Kevin for an idea of what it would cost for that particular piece of property. Joanne reiterated that there was nothing said that Kevin wanted to start it immediately before his other obligation. Randy did explain that it is information that he could bring to the board for their decision to do what they wanted. Lee S commented that they could get a chipper in for the small stuff.

Loren Nelson commented that the ATV Club would take all the chips. The club pays \$300.00 a truck load for them. Joanne commented that they should check with Ann Hogan in Riverview, they have a brush site. They have to pay to have it hauled away. It costs about \$3000.00 per year to operate. If other towns would like to use they could split the cost.

Lee commented to check with Duane Harris or Dan Morley. Loren commented they have.

Again tabled until next month.

**Review and Discussion of Truck Bids:**

Denise presented various truck bids for opening from Wisconsin Kenworth, Truck Country, Quality Truck Care (3 bids), Casper’s Equipment, JX Peterbuilt, Packer City and Truck Equipment Inc.

Bids are as follows:	<u>Chassis</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
Wisconsin Kenworth:	\$115,824.00	\$75,293.00 plus \$295.00 grease line kit
Truck Country:	\$103,000.00	\$75,293.00
Quality Truck Care (3 bids):	\$108,976.00	\$75,293.00
	\$108,976.00	\$78,279.00
	\$108,976.00	\$79,770.00
Casper’s Equipment:	NONE	\$78,279.00
JX Peterbilt:	\$139,437.50	\$75,293.00
Packer City:	\$112,457.00	\$75,293.00
Truck Equipment Inc.:	NONE	\$79,770.00

The board agreed that because of the amount of bids they will host a closed session meeting on March 14, 2014 at 7:00 a.m. to review the bids in detail and a public meeting for open discussion and award the bid.

Meeting will be posted.

The board thanked the companies for the submittal of bids. An invitation was extended to attend the meeting.

Meeting will be posted.

**Board, Clerk, Treasurer, Assessor Comments and Correspondence:**

**Joanne:**

- Grant writing seminar in Appleton she will be attending on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March.
- Six Town Meeting at 6:30 pm Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at Lakewood Administrative Office.

**Lee S.**

- Spring break up, County has set the date as April 15, 2014. There may be some conflict, might have to contact the county about the roads.

**Denise:**

- Betty Sellhausen stopped by the office and complemented the town road crew on the great job done on the roads this year.
- Oconto County Ordinance 3008-14 Amending Chapter 13 Oconto County Land Division Ordinance
- Oconto County Planning and Zoning Notice of Public Hearing for Joseph Best 17583 E.Wheeler Lake Lane, variance to build closer to the road. And Setback Variance granted
- Oconto County Technology Director, Wayne Sleeter, information on billing statements and maintenance costs for the GCS software.
- Denise requested preauthorization to attend the Local Government Education Master Academy to be held in Green Bay July 28-31, 2014.
- Nancy Gardebrecht from First Merit Bank presented Denise with loan rates at approximately 2.5 – 3.5 percent and asked to be considered for any future loans for the town.

**Pay vouchers.**

Motion was made by Lee S. to approve the vouchers. Seconded by Joanne. All ayes motion carried.

**Public comments:**

**Loren Nelson:**

Attended the quarterly meeting of the Forest Service, DNR, Forest County, and Oconto County. He told them to get in contact with Dave Seeber for the kiosk at the trailhead for any postings.

Trail opening dates have been delayed due to frost depth of up to eighteen feet. DNR can open whenever they want to. Forestry estimates May 10<sup>th</sup> thru May 15<sup>th</sup> possible open date. Hidden Bear/Red Arrow Map has no opening date on it (only an approximate date of May 15<sup>th</sup>). Inquired when the Trailhead will open should stay concurrent with ATV trail riding dates of May 1<sup>st</sup> thru October 31<sup>st</sup>. Loren received a question from an individual asking why there is no overnight parking at the trailhead parking lot. Joanne questioned if they were talking about all year or just during ATV season. During the winter it needs to be plowed. Overnight parking also limits the parking for town businesses. Lee S. commented that it should possibly be restricted to the back row so it doesn't upset parking for the businesses. No Sales of items are allowed. Lee S. commented on the restricting of overnight camping of campers, RV's, and toy haulers. Possibilities to allow during the summer months or ATV season May 1<sup>st</sup> thru October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Tabled until next month.

**Andrew Lange/Casper Truck Equipment:**

Commented on the good competition of bids on the truck and equipment. His company would be honored to build the next truck for the town. Gave report of his company and the extended an invitation to stop at the company for a tour.

Lee S. questioned on why the rims are cracking and falling off of trucks. Comment was that the Calcium Chloride used on the roads harms the steel. If the rims are powder coated it saves on the metal, aluminum wheels are not affected by the chemical.

**Set date for next Regular Town Board Meeting:**

Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Annual Meeting to Immediately follow the regular meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Lee S., Seconded by Joanne. All ayes motion carried adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Denise A. Jackett*

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