

October 17, 2023                      6:30 P.M.  
Town of Brazeau Regular Board Meeting  
Town of Brazeau Hall, 10892 Parkway Road, Pound, WI 54161



i. **Call to Order**

Chairman Wendt called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ii. **Roll Call**

Present: D. Parmentier, J. Fetterly, R. Wendt, C. Kasten, R. Nasgovitz

iii. **Agenda Approval**

Motion by Parmentier/Kasten to approve the agenda with the changes of removing item #15 and moving #7 to #1. The motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

iv. **Approval of Previous Meetings Proceedings:**

Motion was made by Fetterly/Kasten to approve the previous meeting minutes. The motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

v. **REPORTS**

1. **Financial**

The written financial report was presented by Clerk Kriescher. General Fund balance as of August 30, 2023 the balance forward was \$784,074.44. Donation Fund Savings \$480.88; Fire Department, Ambulance and Dive Account Funds are \$103,867.40, bringing a total town balance to \$487,273.69.

2. **Ambulance**

Jamie Waller presented the ambulance report. The Town of Brazeau Ambulance Service received 10 calls since the last meeting. The service conducted some pediatric training with their medical director. There was an ATV crash and she thanked our town officer Andy for his help. The grants the service received are all wrapped up and they will be submitting paperwork for the FAP grant yet this year, the deadline has been pushed back from years previous. As of November 1<sup>st</sup>, Jamie is stepping down as Ambulance President and John Kussow will be filling her position.

**Fire Department**

John Fetterly presented the fire department report. John stated they had 4 calls since the last meeting. The fire department assisted with the ATV crash and had some carbon monoxide calls. They held the open house last week and they had a great turnout. The fire department received a DNR grant, which is a 50/50 grant, the whole grant amount awarded was \$8,689.16 and the town portion to be paid would be \$4,344.58.

**Dive Team**

Keith Scray presented the dive team report. Keith stated there has been no calls since the last meeting. Keith said they attended activities at the Coleman School District and the open house. The dive team dove into Holtger's pit. Keith also attended the county meeting and stated that Tim Magnin would like to be involved with some ice rescue training this winter.

**Highway Department**

Clerk Kriescher read the report for the highway department. Pete Schwenke reported that the highway department has finished their ditching project on E Shay Lake Rd, they did some brushing on Old 64 Rd and the Butler Rock area, graded roads in the Butler Rock area, pulled docks for the winter, cleaned up the cemetery for the winter, some of the other projects that were finished by the county were: paving the culvert on Charlie Rd, paved culvert on Parkway Rd, boat landing #2 on White Potato Lake has been patched and Marl Lake Rd has been paved.

**Public Comment**

Clerk Kriescher commented that she received an email from the county reminding all residents to check on their physical address signs to make sure they are free from any obstructions or if their signs need replacement go to the Oconto County website to order a replacement sign. There were a lot of people in attendance to voice their concern over the proposed Short Term Rental Ordinance. Most in



attendance stated they felt the ordinance was too restrictive and did not agree with the 6-day minimum stay that would be required by the ordinance. Short term rental owners stated they have not had any problems with their renters and feel that if the board decided to keep the 6-day minimum in the ordinance it would kill all short-term rentals that are currently operating. There was a lot questions asking how the board came up with the 6-day minimum, what the policing policy would be, and what type of enforcement there would be. Most stated that they agreed there needs to be rules, but believe this ordinance is too restrictive. The board agreed that the 6-day minimum wording in the ordinance should be looked at. It was agreed to discuss this more in detail when it came up in the action items part of the meeting.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. **NOCCO Agreement and Bond Schedule for Ordinances**

Andy our towns officer from Oconto County Sheriff's office was present for the meeting and notified the board that the scheduling has been worked out and a contract car has been assigned to the six towns. He also stated that if we wanted a more detailed report we could speak with Rita at the county and she could possibly get that to us. Andy also commented on the Short-Term rentals that the Oconto County Economic Development was the organization that brought this to light. No motion needed just discussion.
2. **Plan Commission-Conditional Use Permit**

Motion was made by Kasten/Fetterly to approve the conditional use for Debra Garay, who was present on zoom. The permit was approved with the following conditions to be met: new trailer will need a certified mobile home inspection, the town will receive a copy of this inspection before mobile home moves from Milwaukee, mobile home will be located at 13088 Lagoon Ln, mobile home will be installed at location in compliance to all terms of Oconto County Zoning rules. Debra did state all updates to mobile home can be completed in Milwaukee except for the floor which will have to be completed once placed on Lagoon Ln, she stated this all should be completed by July 2024 the latest. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0
3. **Driveway Permits**

Motion was made by Fetterly/Kasten to approve the driveway permit for Troy Blanchard with the requirement of a culvert being 15 inches in diameter and at least 25 feet long. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

Motion was made by Fetterly/Parmentier to approve the driveway permit for Gary Natzke with the requirement of a culvert being at least 15 inches in diameter and at least 40 feet long. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

Motion was made by Fetterly/Kasten to deny the driveway permit application for Thomson Excavating due to safety issues. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0
4. **John Rosner Request for a Key to the Leaf and Brush Center**

Motion was made by Parmentier/Nasgovitz to approve the signing out of a key for 3 weeks to John Rosner, who picks up leaves around Rost Lake area. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0
5. **Fire Department Contract with Bagley**

Motion was made by Kasten/Fetterly to approve the proposed 3-year contract with the Town of Bagley in the amount of \$8,400 plus their 2% dues, the clerk will send this signed contract to the Town of Bagley. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0
6. **Approval of Fire Department Hydrant**

Motion was made by Kasten/Parmentier to approve the placing of a dry hydrant in Holtger's pit with the conditions a new agreement signed by Holtger's and the fire department. The fire department can use the town brusher operated by Pete Schwenke for this project. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0
7. **Discuss Short Term Rental Agreement and Possible Room Tax Ordinance**



Motion was made by Kasten/Fetterly to move the short-term rental ordinance and room tax ordinance back to the Plan Commission. Ryan Wendt stated that the public should voice their concerns about the short-term rental ordinance to the town clerk by email. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

**8. Road Projects for 2024**

Motion was made by Fetterly/Kasten to approve the proposed Town of Brazeau Improvement Plan with the proposed 2024 and 2025 road projects. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

**9. LRIP Project**

Motion was made by Parmentier/Nasgovitz to approve the proposed LRIP application for a small part of St. Bernadette Rd. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

**10. ATV/UTV Speed Limits in the Town of Brazeau with Possible Ordinance Amendment**

Motion was made by Fetterly/Parmentier to approve the changing of the speed limits on the ATV/UTV routes in the Town of Brazeau from 25 miles per hour to the posted highway speed limit. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

**11. Approval of Bagley/Brazeau Joyriders Map for the Town of Brazeau**

Motion was made by Kasten/Parmentier to approve the submitted map of the snowmobile routes for the Bagley/Brazeau Joyriders Snowmobile Club. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

**12. Approval of the GFL Contract**

Motion was made by Fetterly/Kasten to approve the GFL contract. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

**13. Tree Removal in Right of Ways**

Motion was made by Parmentier/Nasgovitz to approve some tree removal by Bucksaw and to try and get it done this year at the 2 locations from the quotes presented. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

**14. Budget and Possible Amendment**

Motion was made by Kasten/Fetterly to approve the proposed budget amendment. The amendment would decrease expenditure 134-59900-Contingency by \$11,000 and would increase expenditures of 118-51600-Hall by \$7,000 and 122-53635-Solid Waste by \$4,000. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0 Roll call vote was taken and all were in favor.

**15. Proposed Budget for 2024**

Motion was made by Parmentier/Kasten to approve the presented proposed budget for 2024. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

**vi. October 2023 Wage and General Vouchers**

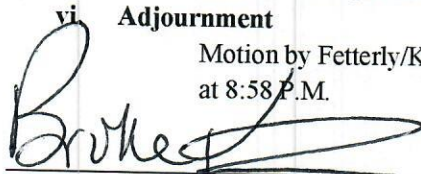
Motion was made by Kasten/Fetterly to approve the October 2023 Wage and General Vouchers in the amount of \$35,123.03. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

**ix. Set Next Meeting**

Next town board meeting will be held on November 15, 2023 starting at 6:00 p.m. with the Budget hearings and special meetings followed by the regular town board meeting.

**vi. Adjournment**

Motion by Fetterly/Kasten to adjourn. The motion was voted on and carried. 5-0 Meeting adjourned at 8:58 P.M.

  
Brooke Kriescher, Town Clerk/Treasurer