

## **Town of Brazeau Regular Board Meeting Monday, January 17, 2011**

Call to Order by Chairman David Rakowski at 6:30 p.m. Present were Supervisor Rodney Gretzon, Supervisor Doug Kostreva and Pam Duddek, Clerk. Treasurer Karen Enix was excused due to her work schedule. Attending the meeting were thirteen (13) residents and one (1) non-resident.

Minutes for the December 20, 2010 regular board meeting were read by the clerk. A motion was made by Gretzon to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Kostreva. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report was read by Duddek.

Financial Report for December 2010 was read by Duddek. The records of the treasurer and clerk reconcile. Cash on hand as of December 31, 2010 is \$268,222.41. A motion was made by Kostreva to accept the financial report as read, seconded by Gretzon. Motion carried.

Fire Department Report was given by John Fetterly, newly elected fire chief. The department responded to a fire at the Pivonka barn south of town property on Parkway Rd. An accelerant was found in the barn. They have purchased six Garmin GPS units. Joel Lavarda is seeking a grant for compression equipment. Several members are considering retirement so new members will be welcome.

Rescue Squad Report. Nothing.

Oconto County Board of Adjustments and Zoning. No public hearings scheduled.

Brazeau Plan Commission-Next meeting Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Correspondence.

Public Comments – John Fetterly stated the department received a Smokey the Bear Fire Danger Sign and will receive a DNR 50/50 grant for \$6,098.

### *Old Business.*

1. Tank Lane Project Update. Rakowski contacted four (4) engineering firms for proposals. One firm declined and three (3) returned their proposals. Ayres Associates - \$13,800 to \$17,600, Robert E. Lee & Associates - \$6,800 and Graef-USA, Inc. - \$5,500. A motion was made by Kostreva to accept Graef-USA's proposal of \$5,500 for engineering services on Tank Lane. The motion was seconded by Gretzon and carried.
2. Delinquent Mobile Home Park Fees for Linda Sheve & James Kobus. Our January 7, 2011 meeting to resolve these issues was cancelled by Ms. Sheve. The clerk will try to set up a second meeting with Ms. Sheve, Mr. Kobus and Mr. Rakowski. Tabled.
3. Pickerel Lake Access Update. Mr. Taylor's attorney, Michael Perry, has asked that Oconto County Judge, Michael Judge, be removed from the case. Marinette County's Judge Miron has been assigned to our case but no date has been set. Tabled.
4. Class B Alcoholic Beverage License Surrender by Patrick Pashouwer, Klondike Saloon. The clerk called Klondike Saloon, Ken Behnke Jr. thought this had been settled and he would get the letter of surrender to my office. The letter of surrender has not been received. Tabled.

### *New Business.*

1. Acquisition of FEMA Grant. John Fetterly reported that FD Secretary/Treasurer Joel Lavarda has received confirmation that the fire department will receive an \$189,000 95/5% FEMA Grant for a new tender truck. The department should have enough in their donation account and their budget to pay for the 5% portion of the grant. Over the years Joel Lavarda has acquired over \$800,000 in grants for the fire department. Mr. Rakowski commended Lavarda and Fetterly for their service to the fire department and their

community. A committee must be established to set up the specifications for the new truck; they will have up to one year to do this work. A motion was made by Kostreva to accept the FEMA 95/5% Grant of \$189,000 and authorized the fire department to move forward with establishing a committee to work on specifications. The motion was seconded by Gretzon and carried.

2. White Potato Lake boat landing request to keep our DNR grant open for landing # 3. Milt Alsteen explained the situation at landing # 3 which is located near the Wouters' Front II bar. The concrete slabs were not included in the grant. Alsteen thought they were in good shape. A motion was made by Gretzon to authorize Alsteen to seek approval from the Wisconsin DNR to extend the grant expiration date for landing # 3 to September 30, 2011. The motion was seconded by Kostreva. Motion carried.
3. Rost Lake – DNR Fish Stick Project. Jim Zimmer & Gary Zietlow were unable to attend the meeting due to the current snow storm. Tabled.
4. F.D. NIMS (National Incident Management System) training requirements for public officials and volunteers was discussed. Training is conducted through Northeast Wisconsin Technical College and some testing can be done online and others in a class setting. All public officials and volunteers must have this training or the department may have to repay grant monies. Mr. Fetterly thought we should contact the Town of Bagley about this requirement. Lavarda will check on classes and costs.
5. Oath of Office for John Fetterly Fire Chief. The Oath of Office was administered by Pam Duddek, Clerk to John Fetterly for the position of Town of Brazeau Fire Chief. Mr. Fetterly was elected on January 11, 2011 by his fellow fire department volunteers; Kevin Gilbert was elected as Assistant Chief.
6. Internet access for the fire department. Andrew Metzler, a new fire fighter and computer geek, is willing to connect the fire department to the towns internet link with Centurytel. A motion was made by Gretzon to authorize Mr. Metzler's access to the towns internet router and to have Fetterly contact Sue Kanack about the rescue squad's need for a change in internet access. The motion was seconded by Kostreva and carried.
7. FD & RS Length of Service Award Contribution was discussed. A motion was made by Rakowski to authorize the maximum contribution of \$311.40 for each fire and rescue volunteer who make the appropriate amount of points for 2010 and \$261.40 for those who made the minimum amount of points for 2010. The motion was seconded by Kostreva and carried. Gretzon abstained.
8. Treasurers Mileage Reimbursement. Rakowski set up two meetings with Ms. Enix based on her schedule and both were cancelled by her. Rakowski will attempt to set up another meeting with Ms. Enix and have the clerk in attendance. Tabled.
9. Mileage Reimbursement Policy amendment. The policy was discussed. A motion was made by Gretzon to keep the policy as written without change, seconded by Kostreva. Motion carried.
10. Recycling Center request for a height extension of the southern fence by Dale Pivonka. Mr. Pivonka has found scrap metal in his fields. The county does not allow a fence to be over six feet. Kostreva will stop by Danny Smet and discuss the situation with him.
11. Printer for clerk's office. The clerk's Canon is leaking ink on the backside of the paper. A motion was made by Gretzon to authorize the purchase of a new printer for the clerk's office, seconded by Kostreva. Motion carried.
12. Wisconsin Towns Association District Meetings were discussed. All board members can attend the meeting to be held on April 2, 2011 in Green Bay.

A call for adjournment was made by Gretzon, seconded by Kostreva. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Pam Duddek, Clerk