



January 19, 2021

**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, J. Grosse, R. Gretzon

**iii. Agenda Approval**

Motion by Gretzon/Grosse to approve the agenda. The motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

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

Motion was made by Grosse/Fetterly 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 December 31, 2020 was \$2,123,863.28. Donation Fund Savings \$480.22; Fire Department, Ambulance and Dive Account Funds are \$70,019.35 bringing a total town balance to \$2,194,362.84.

**2. Ambulance**

Jamie Waller presented the ambulance report. The Town of Brazeau Ambulance Service received 121 calls for 2020, 83 Brazeau, 17 Bagley, and 21 Beaver. The Rescue Squad service had \$54,795.02 in revenue for 2020 and paid \$8,935.47 to Lifequest. The Town of Brazeau Ambulance is down on drivers and Jamie is looking into getting more drivers certified. Phase A1 for the Coronavirus vaccine should be completed with most of the members receiving the vaccine.

**Fire Department**

John Fetterly presented the fire department report. John stated that the brush truck chassis was ready and he was going to pick it up on Wednesday and he would then need to drop it off at Red Power to be finished. The fire department had some changes in with the past elections that were held on January 12, 2021. The new fire chief is John Fetterly, assistant chief is Terry Gannigan, secretary/treasurer is James Kuchenbecker Jr., lieutenants are Thomas Porte and Dave Gross, Captains are Hubert Wiedemier and John Kussow, training and safety officer is Tom Jones. Joel Lavarda had resigned as fire chief as of December 31, 2020. Chief Fetterly and Clerk Kriescher are working on finishing the FEMA Disaster relief grant.

**Public Comment**

Clerk Kriescher stated that the EMS had received a donation of \$115.50 from Victoria Parmentier, Victoria had helped with the November election donated her money back to the EMS. Clerk Kriescher stated that she had covered the siren under the town insurance policy. Clerk Kriescher stated that she had rented the hall for the upcoming weekend for a birthday party, but was informed that the hall usually doesn't get rented unless it is for town business, Clerk Kriescher apologized and it was decided by the board to talk about the hall rental at the next town board meeting.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Terminated Rescue Squad Member's Gear**

Jamie Waller stated that the Rescue Squad has a member that had been terminated and was issued a radio, pager, jacket, and jump bag. Jamie received the radio back, with the mic broken off, she then proceeded to contact the terminated member and let him know she would need the pager, jacket and jump bag back by the end of the year, nothing has been returned yet. Jamie priced out the cost of the equipment that has not been returned and the total cost is approximately \$636.00. The board has decided that the Oconto County Sheriff's Office should be notified and help Jamie resolve this matter. No motion was needed

APPROVED 

**2. Swearing in of New Fire Department Chief**

Clerk Kriescher swore in the newly appointed Town of Brazeau Fire Chief John Fetterly. Chief Fetterly signed his oath at the meeting. No motion was needed

**3. Seven Town's Officer**

Chair Wendt had stated that our current Seven Town's officer has accepted a new position elsewhere and the Seven Towns has hired a new officer to write citations for the Town of Brazeau. Jess Keplinger was hired to fill the position. No motion was needed

**4. Emergency Communication Systems Contract**

Motion was made by Gretzon/Fetterly to approve the contract for the annual maintenance on the siren for 5 years with a charge of \$395 annually. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

**5. End of Year Process of Tax Payments**

Clerk Kriescher stated at the end of the year the Peshtigo National Bank account was over for the amount of coverage that the bank offers the town. Kriescher had presented some options of how to change this in the future. The board discussed opening a checking account at Associated Bank and Supervisor Grosse suggested the possibility of remotely making checking deposits. Motion was made by Fetterly/Parmentier to open a checking account at Associated Bank and to look into remote checking deposit capability. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

**6. Rules and Hours of Skating Rink**

The board was presented with a set of rules from the Gillett Library skating rink, provided by Supervisor Grosse. The board decided on rules and hours of operation for the Town of Brazeau skating rink. Clerk Kriescher has contacted the insurance company and they stated it is covered for damage and for liability. Motion was made by Grosse/Fetterly to accept the list of hours and rink rules discussed by the board and Clerk Kriescher will have sign made up. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

**7. Clean up of Brush and Firewood by a Town Resident**

A Town of Brazeau Resident is interested in removing firewood from town property located on County Road G. Clerk Kriescher had presented an agreement and the town board stated that the resident would only be removing firewood only, no brush. The agreement would state that there would be no cutting or or splitting onsite, the resident can use their own equipment for removal, but the town would not be responsible for any damages. Also, the agreement would contain verbiage for the resident to present the town with a 48-hour notice before wanting to start removing the firewood. The agreement also has a hold harmless clause for the Town of Brazeau. Motion was made by Parmentier/Gretzon to accept the agreement and it will be presented to the Town of Brazeau resident. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

**vi. January 2021 Wage and General Vouchers**

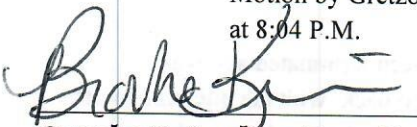
Motion was made by Grosse/Parmentier to approve the January 2021 Wage and General Vouchers. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

**ix. Set Next Meeting**

Next town board meeting will be held on February 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

**vi. Adjournment**

Motion by Gretzon/Fetterly to adjourn. The motion was voted on and carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M.



Brooke Kriescher, Town Clerk/Treasurer