

November 19, 2024 6:27 pm
Town of Brazeau Regular Board Meeting
Town of Brazeau Hall, 10892 Parkway Road, Pound, WI 54161



APPROVED

i. Call to Order

Chairman Wendt called meeting to order at 6:27 p.m.

ii. Roll Call

Present: R. Gretzon, J. Fetterly, R. Wendt, R. Nasgovitz, C. Kasten

iii. Agenda Approval

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

iv. Approval of Previous Meetings Proceedings:

Motion was made by Gretzon/Nasgovitz to approve the previous meeting minutes from October 14, 2024, October 15, 2024, and October 31, 2024. The motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

v. REPORTS

Financial

The written financial report was presented by Clerk Kriescher. General Fund balance as of October 31, 2024 was \$200,956.94. Donation Fund Savings \$481.14; Fire Department, Ambulance and Dive Account Funds are \$103,710.68 bringing a total town balance to \$304,667.62.

Ambulance

John Kussow submitted a written report. The ambulance service had 10 calls this past month with 11 being transports and 5 calls with paramedic intercept. They are also working on grants and updating their operation plan.

Fire Department

John Fetterly presented the fire department report. John stated there was 4, with 3 being wild land and they had a couple of lift assists. He is working on some grants for radios and a truck. They have been having some officer's meetings to talk about upgrading equipment and redoing box cards. There is a new member on probation.

Dive

Keith Scray presented for the dive team. The dive team had no calls and they are ready for winter.

Highway

The highway department has been grading roads, filling pot holes, and they have all the trucks ready for the snowfall. There are also no new part time highway department employees that got some training in already.

vi. Public Comment

Clerk Kriescher spoke about how well the elections went and she wanted to thank all the election workers for making a successful election. In the end the town ended with 1098 voters on the books with 1000 voters on November 5, 2024. The clerk thanked everyone for their hard work and when Oconto County board of canvassers went over all the paperwork, they could not find any irregularities. Fetterly stated he talked to some of the election workers and they thanked the clerk for all her work she did to make it a successful day.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Brazeau Sanitary District transitioning to a 5-person board

The sanitary district currently has a 3-member board and they would like to go to a 5 person board. Dan VanStraten was present for the sanitary district to speak with the board and stated the compensation the 3 members now received will be split by the new 5-member board if the town approves. There are 2 people interested in joining the board which are: John Vandenzelzen and Pam Johnson. Wendt stated the town would have to research the process for transitioning from a 3-person board to a 5-person board. This will get added to December's meeting agenda.

2. Library Trustee Resignation and Possible Appointment of New Trustee

Jean Grosse had submitted a list of possible new trustees, but no one was asked to be a trustee from the list. It was discussed to put something out on Facebook to see if there was any interest from residents in the town. No action taken, just discussion.

3. Updating Fire Department Equipment

John Fetterly stated the department has 2 vehicles one which is a 1984 and the other 1985. Engine 2 cost thousands to fix brakes and Tender 2 chasis needs to be replaced. This year the department has spent \$17,000 out of their donation fund on upgrades and he would like some input from the board on what the next steps should be. The board asked what would be the next purchase for the fire department and Fetterly stated a 4 person cab engine. The board stated the town would have to borrow money for this and would probably want to borrow around \$100,000. Fetterly was going to start to look what is available for purchase for that price. Wendt also stated once Fetterly found something the town would have to hold a special electors meeting for approval to borrow the money. No motion needed just discussion.

4. Dive Team Updates

Keith Scray stated all minutes have been submitted, the dive team has voted probationary members to permanent and are up to date on paperwork. John Fetterly attended their last meeting and felt that they all want to make this work. The board all agreed that the purchase of a boat should be put on hold for now, but to get a quote on a new 4 stroke 25 hp motor for the boat they already have. Scray stated he would work on that and bring have it for the December board meeting. No motion needed

5. Dive Team Probationary Members to Permanent

Motion was made by Kasten/Gretzon to move 6 divers from probationary to permanent status. They are as follows: Kirk Tetzloff, Luke Semrau, Chuck Pellman, Angie Ahlgrim, Patrick Ahlgrim, and Garrett Baeten. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

6. Dive Team Filling the Vice Commander Position

Currently the dive team bylaws state that to be an officer you must be a permanent member for one year. Motion was made by Kasten/Gretzon to exempt the probationary rule for Angie Ahlgrim to assume the position of Vice Commander as Mandy Fonder is stepping down. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

7. Lee Lake and Underwood Lake Help with Eurasian Milfoil

Clerk Kriescher looked back to see what was paid last year and they received \$300, she made a check out to them for \$300 this year also, but Chair Wendt said that there are 3 landings on Lee Lake and 1 on Underwood Lake so they should receive \$400. Motion was made by Kasten/Fetterly to give them \$400; clerk Kriescher will make out another check for the December meeting for the extra \$100. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

8. Noon Year's Eve Party

The board was presented with a flyer for the Town of Brazeau to hold an event on December 31, 2024. The clerk has been working with 2 members of the Rescue Squad to come up with an event. The event would celebrate New Year's Eve kids style with snacks, games, crafts, music and a balloon drop at Noon. The clerk stated there would be no cost to the town for this. The board had no problem in holding this event. No motion needed, just discussion.

9. Short-term Rental Application

Motion was made by Kasten/Nasgovitz to approve the STR application for Levi Foss (Simply Stay LLC). Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

10. Wakeboat Ordinance and Draft Condition Report

Motion was made by Nasgovitz/Gretzon to move ahead with the Ordinance #14.0100, they stated to send the draft ordinance and draft condition report to the correct person. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

11. Approve Leaf and Brush Schedule

Motion was made by Nasgovitz/Gretzon to approve the 2025 Leaf and Brush schedule as presented to them. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

12. Approve Recycle Center Schedule for 2025

Motion was made by Fetterly/Nasgovitz to approve the 2025 Recycle center schedule as presented to them.
Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

13. Approve Fee Schedule for 2024-2025

Motion was made by Gretzon/Fetterly to leave the Fee Schedule as is, the same as presented to them.
Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

14. Budget and Possible Amendment

Discussion was had not to create an amendment this month, we will do a final amendment at next month's meeting. No motion needed.

vi. November 2024 Wage and General Vouchers

Motion was made by Gretzon/Nasgovitz to approve the November 2024 wage and general vouchers.
Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0 Motion was also made by Kasten/Fetterly to approve the payment for the treasurers bond once the invoice is received in the amount of \$301. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

ix. Set Next Meeting

Next town board meeting will be held on December 17, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

vii. Adjournment

Motion was made by Gretzon/Kasten to adjourn. The motion was voted on and carried. 5-0 Meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.



Brooke Kriescher, Town Clerk/Treasurer