

January 21, 2025 6:30 pm
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: R. Gretzon, J. Fetterly, R. Wendt, R. Nasgovitz, C. Kasten

iii. Agenda Approval

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

iv. Approval of Previous Meetings Proceedings:

Motion was made by Fetterly/Gretzon to approve the previous meeting minutes. 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 November 30, 2024 was \$184,194.95. Donation Fund Savings \$481.18; Fire Department, Ambulance and Dive Account Funds are \$109,134.02 bringing a total town balance to \$1,892,097.21.

Ambulance

John Kussow presented the ambulance report. The ambulance service had 17 calls this past month with 15 being transports and 2 calls with paramedic intercept. They have been talking about purchasing a power load for cots in the newer ambulance. John will explain more in detail during the action item later in the meeting.

Fire Department

John Fetterly presented the fire department report. John stated there was 3 calls, with 1 being an assist to Oconto Falls. The valve leaks in the cold, but has been repaired, they responded to a car accident, held their banquet this past month, helped at the Kelly Lake fishing derby and held their elections at the business meeting. The same individuals hold all the same positions except Safety/Training officer which is now held by Peter Schwenke.

Dive

Keith Scray presented for the dive team. The dive team had no calls and they have ordered and paid for their new motor.

Highway

The highway department has plowed or salted 4 times in the last month. The ice rink has been closed since the new year and they have been working on it steadily on trying to get the ice back to a usable condition. Peter and Roger also took the annual MSHA training.

vi. Public Comment

Supervisor Nasgovitz has been speaking with a Town of Breed supervisor and they have just received a grant from WPS for \$70,000 for town hall upgrades, he suggested we check with Oconto Electric to see if they offer the same type of program to possibly upgrade the lighting in our town hall.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Plan Commission:

a. Land Division Roovers:

Motion was made by Nasgovitz/Fetterly to approve the land division without signing off on the paperwork until the camper is moved. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

b. Rezone Roovers:

Motion was made by Fetterly/Gretzon to approve the rezone without signing off on the paperwork until the camper is moved. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

c. Land Division Meyer:

Motion was made by Nasgovitz/Kasten to approve the land division. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

d. **Rezone Meyer:**

Motion was made by Nasgovitz/Kasten to approve the rezone application. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0 The board inquired if they spoke with the county about this project and it was stated that the only problem to the county would be approving the driveway off County Road B within 600 feet of an intersection. The town board agreed to write a letter to the county in support of this project.

2. Fire Chief Appointment and Oath

The board agreed to keep John Fetterly in the position of fire chief and they thanked him for taking the position and he also took his Oath of Office.

3. Possible Purchase of MTS Power load by the Ambulance

John Kusow was present for the ambulance service and stated they have been the recipients of money from an estate and they have been talking about possibly purchasing a power load for the cot in the new ambulance. John stated this device will go a long way to prevent injuries when lifting patients into the rig. The quote was \$35,782.01 for Stryker to install this and the money would come out of their Money Market Account. Motion was made by Kasten/Gretzon to approve this purchase. Motion was voted on and carried 5-0

4. BEAD Grant Application Letter

The town board was presented with a letter in support of Brightspeed installing fiber in the Abrams area. The board had discussion and there is not enough information about this and the board would like to take no action at this time.

5. NOCCO Officer Position

Discussion was had at the 7 Towns meeting about the NOCCO officer position since Officer Drya is leaving the department. Sheriff Skarban had discussed different options with some of the Town of Brazeau supervisors. It was said we should not be invoiced anymore and the town should not have to pay for that position. The Town of Brazeau board advised the clerk to contact the Sheriff's department to see if there could be something put in writing for this and if the town would ever have an ordinance violation that we would be able to call Oconto County and they could write a citation with our court system. The clerk will contact Oconto County.

6. Boating Ordinance

The town received feedback from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on the draft ordinance on Motorboat Wake Enhancement. Motion was made by Kasten/Nasgovitz to make the recommended changes to the ordinance. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

7. Closed Session

Motion was made by Gretzon/Fetterly to enter closed session regarding a Fire Department Employee. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0 with a roll call vote being taken: Kasten, Fetterly, Nasgovitz, Gretzon, and Wendt all voting yes.

8. Reconvene Into Open Session

Motion was made by Nasgovitz/Fetterly to reconvene into open session. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

9. Possible Action

The fire chief will be moving forward with the hiring process for the new employee and he will start his 6 months' probation starting at the February meeting after being an approved member at the fire departments business meeting.

10. Secure Emails

Discussion was had in regards to secure emails and each board member having an email that stays with the town since every year the board could change. It was suggested to get more information on what other towns use for their emails and add this to next month's agenda. No motion needed.

11. Budget and Possible Amendment

Motion was made by Gretzon/Kasten to approve the amendment Increasing Revenue account 103-43790 (Other Local Government) by \$1300 and Increasing Expenditure account 122-53311 (Highway Maintenance Local) by \$1300. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

vi. January 2025 Wage and General Vouchers

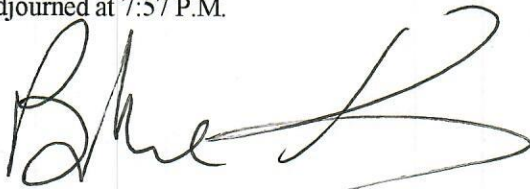
Motion was made by Gretzon/Fetterly to approve the January 2025 wage and general vouchers. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0

ix. Set Next Meeting

Next town board meeting will be held on February 19, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

vii. Adjournment

Motion was made by Gretzon/Fetterly to adjourn. The motion was voted on and carried. 5-0 Meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.



Brooke Kriescher, Town Clerk/Treasurer