

April 15, 2025 Immediately Following Annual Meeting
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 6:23 p.m.

ii. Roll Call

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

iii. Agenda Approval

Motion by Kasten/Fetterly 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 with a correction under Fire Department, the draft minutes state 8 members and it should have been 18 members were present. 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 February 29, 2025, the balance forward was \$553,808.51. Donation Fund Savings \$481.24; Fire Department, Ambulance and Dive Account Funds are \$95,461.15, bringing a total town balance to \$637,612.95.

2. Ambulance

J. Kussow was present for the Ambulance service. The service had 14 calls with 10 transports. Debra Agate, a member of the service also stated that the service is short staffed and the board should start thinking about possibly hiring another full-time employee. The hours that need coverage are from midnight to 7 A.M. The service has been doing some recruitment, but most volunteers have day time jobs. C Kasten asked if they know what other departments were paying and Shawano pays their EMT's \$47,000 and they were not sure about Oconto Falls. C Kasten stated to investigate what other departments are paying so the town has some idea on this matter. D Agate also stated 3 members are certified instructors now and they are planning on making the building a training center for Town of Brazeau members plus members of the community. J Kussow wanted to thank the board for installing the generator, he is grateful when the power does go out, he knows the building is taken care of.

Fire Department

John Fetterly presented the fire department report. The fire department had 2 calls this past month, 1 was a lift assist and the other was cancelled in route. The DNR grant from last year is closed out, they are working on training, and there is a committee set up to look for a used truck. Chief Fetterly is also working on some grants.

Dive Team

Keith Scray presented the report for the dive team. The dive team had 1 call at Gillis Lake.

Highway Department

The highway department had a major ice storm and still doing clean up from that, they opened the ballfield and turned the water back on in the bathrooms, little league said they would be starting practice this week. The department has also been working on ditching on the corner of Parkway Rd and Mulligan Way, they added 2 culverts, repaired 1 culver to get proper drainage for that intersection.

Public Comment

John Kneibel the town representative for the White Potato Lake district wanted to give an update. He was pleased with the passing of the Wakeboat Ordinance, he presented the board with a draft lift of their projects and stated the DNR is currently doing a fish survey on White Potato Lake. L. Vincent spoke about a property owner on Lagoon Ln. that has some boats and non-running vehicles on their property along with some outbuildings that are on property lines and hopes the town board would take

a proactive approach on this. M Luebke, a plan commissioner stated he would contact the town building inspector and Al Sleeter was present and he state he would talk to Oconto County Zoning. R. Nasgovitz also asked M Luebke to contact the building on inspector on a property on Loon Ln.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Plan Commission-Maturing Terms and Reappointments

M Luebke stated there are 3 terms due which are Ryan Wendt, Julie Gilligan and James Rock. Ryan stated he would serve for another term unless another board member was interested. Julie Gilligan stated she would be interested in serving another term, and James Rock stated he would not like to be appointed for another term and Fred Rosner was interested in taking his position. Motion was made by Fetterly/Kasten to appoint Ryan Wendt, Julie Gilligan and Fred Rosner to the Plan Commission. Motion was voted on and carried. 4-0 with Ryan Wendt abstaining.

2. Karban Custom Curbing

No action

3. Concerns to be Discussed with Al Sleeter

Some board members had concerns with the Oconto County Highway Department in which Bill Elias was present and so was Brandon Hytinen to answer some the concerns. C Kasten asked for an explanation on why the quotes were off last year by around \$40,000. It was explained they quote on time and materials and they try to estimate the best they can. The reason for the overage last year was issues that came up on some projects. Greenmeadow Ln had drainage issues and how the utilities were run caused some issues. Parkway Rd had 5 or 6 missed culverts and then the town asked for the road to be open during the project so flaggers were needed which added around \$13,000 to the project. In the town hall parking lot, there was more site prep work because of the fuel and oil tanks. It was stated the rates that a county can charge are set by the state. Bill also brought up that in 2023 the town paid \$30,000 less than the quotes and in 2022 the town paid \$10,000 under the quoted price. Another concern was a board member stated that the county insinuated that if the town did not like how the county works that the town can find someone else to do the work. Bill, Brandon, and Al all stated that is not how the county works and did not state that to the town. C Kasten thanked them for coming to the meeting and addressing the concerns. No motion needed, just discussion

4. Dive Roof Bids

The only received bids were from ABC Construction for \$5,900 and TNT Construction for \$5,000. In past board meetings the members had questioned what gauge steel TNT would be using and R Wendt called them they stated 29 gauge. Motion was made by Gretzon/Kasten to approve the bid for TNT Construction. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0 Keith Scray asked if the clerk could give TNT his phone number, because before they start the roofing work, he would like to cut down some trees with the help of the highway department.

5. Park Plans

R Wendt suggested giving the plans to the Plan Commission to look at. L Vincent a landowner in the town he stated he would be willing to donate some materials for this project. Motion was made by Kasten/Fetterly to approve sending this to the Plan Commission. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0 It was suggested Clerk Kriescher email these documents to the Plan Commission.

6. Updating Office Computers

Clerk Kriescher stated that the town desktop computer and laptop will not support Windows 11 and after October 2025 Windows 10 will not be receiving any updates so the town would be more vulnerable. The clerk stated she did not feel there was a need for a laptop and not sure why the town had 2 computers. P. Duddek a former clerk for the town stated that was because the Clerk and Treasurer position was 2 positions so each had their own computer. The clerk was advised to get some quotes and discuss this at next months meeting. No motion needed, just discussion.

7. Road Projects

Tom Grosse suggested the town look at possibly getting a quote for the dive team building parking lot. The board members brought up some roads they felt needed to be looked at: Tom Post Rd through the intersection, W Rost Lake Rd, James Way, Ledge Ln, Soukup Rd and Kelly Kake #5 boat landing. R Wendt stated we will be getting quotes on 3 sections of Tom Post Rd, St Bernadette Rd, Ledge Ln, Lee Lake Rd, and W Rost Lake Rd. No motion needed, just discussion.

8. Short Term Rental Licenses

It was stated by the board to revisit this issue in 60 days. No motion needed.

9. Budget Review and Possible Amendment

Motion was made by Kasten/Nasgovitz to approve the budget amendment. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0 Roll Call vote was taken with all voting yes. The amendment would decrease expenditure 118-51400 Clerk by \$900 and increase expenditure 118-51400 Elections by \$900.

vi. April 2025 Wage and General Vouchers

Motion was made by Gretzon/Fetterly to approve the April 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 May 20, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

vi. Adjournment

Motion was made by Fetterly/Kasten to adjourn. Motion was voted on and carried. 5-0 Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.



Brooke Kriescher, Town Clerk/Treasurer