

Town of Lake Holcombe
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2021 @ Lake Holcombe Town Hall

Chairman Guthman called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Full board was in attendance and a quorum was established. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Doug motioned to approve the December meeting minutes and Dave seconded. Motion passed. Dave motioned to approve the December treasurers report and Doug seconded. Motion passed.

Chairman's report: Brian stated that there have been problems with people parking on the street overnight when the plow trucks need to clean them. He delivered a letter to the houses and he states it has been better. The 2012 plow truck is fixed with new injectors. We are still having issues with the garage on 296th Ave. Brian receives notices from Chippewa County Zoning about residents who are in violation of shoreland zoning and there have been three properties which included sheds in the right of way so him and Ben will keep updated on the progress of those properties. They are located on 263rd St, 250th St, and 290th St. Ben looked online and found a heater blower for the shop furnace for about half the cost of the original quote. Ben also found some metal cabinets for the town shop so more organizing can be completed. Ben and Brian will work on getting the project put together for bids for the TRIP monies that we will receive this year. Brian updated the Census which included changing some boundaries and updating for new constructions. He stated that he got notice that the Route to Recovery program may have missed some businesses so there might be another round of that grant money.

Public Comments: Andrew Burgraff and Andrew Nye were present to discuss the snowmobile trail. They live on 275th Street and state that they would like the trail to be moved so it does not go in front of their property. Andrew Burgraff said that most drivers use common sense and follow the rules but there is that 10% that do not, and they are ruining their yards and driveways. Brian stated that he thinks there is a way to reroute the trail and will contact the club and try to work it out with them.

Eva Curtis was present to discuss increasing the values that the town buildings are insured for. The board asked if she could ask Rural Insurance to review their policy and ask them for a price decrease due to the longstanding customer and very little claims. Any decision was this will be tabled until the February meeting.

The board reviewed the Sanitary Board salaries. John Bell, former commissioner and treasurer, has asked the board to increase the treasurer salary. There are three commissioners who each receive \$1,000 yearly. One of the commissioners also serves as the treasurer and she gets an additional \$800 yearly. This position is newly appointed by Tracy Geist and the board will

revisit this matter after she has held the position for a year. Tabled until the December 2021 agenda.

The board discussed updating the ordinances at each monthly town board meeting. Doug stated that he does not like this idea because he thinks a lawyer needs to look over every ordinance before they are finalized. Brian will look into companies who are for hire to update the ordinances and matter is tabled until the February meeting.

The board reviewed the part time plow wages. There was some concern regarding Bruce who is a seasonal part time employee getting overtime for plowing snow on holidays, weekends, and anytime he works during the hours of 6pm to 6am. The board agreed to continue to let Brian make that decision since the board previously authorized Brian to manage the town employees.

Jim Mataczynski was present to discuss the Veterans Memorial. He stated that they have been going to surrounding towns and asking them to bring up the idea of donating a flagpole to the memorial at the next annual town meeting. Jim asked the town for their permission to set up a new account for online payments. Doug made a motion to allow another bank account at Superior Choice Credit Union to be set up for internet payments and/or donations. It will be set up as a sweep account. Dave seconded the motion. Motion passed. Jim also asked the town board for approval to begin grant writing on behalf of the Town of Lake Holcombe. Doug made that motion and Dave seconded. Motion passed.

The stickers for the yard waste site were discussed. The board decided what size, color and what they wanted on them. Tracey will get quotes from Fast Signs in Eau Claire and ask JM Screen Printing in Cornell if they can make them.

Doug motioned to approve 2 new operator licenses and one renewal for the Big Minnow. Dave seconded. Motion passed.

Building permits were reviewed.

Dave motioned to approve the bills as presented and Doug seconded. Motion passed.

Dave motioned to adjourn the meeting and Doug seconded. Motion passed.

Submitted by:

Tracey Larson, Clerk