

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting of the Town of Trade Lake**  
**11811 Town Hall Rd, Frederic, WI 54837**

10/14/2021

Meeting called to order by chairman Ramona Moody at 6:00 pm. There are 46 in attendance

Board Members Present: Chairman Ramona Moody ☒ Supervisor Scott Doornink ☒  
Supervisor Adam Lesak ☒ Others Present: Treasurer Patsy Tucker ☒ Clerk Marjie Gravelle ☒ (7:16pm)  
Hwy Maintenance Jeremy Scheider ☒

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Affidavit of Posting: Notices and agenda were posted according to §19.84 at the Trade Lake Store, Bass Lake Lumber and the Town Hall on 10/7/2021 @ 8:00 am .

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Lesak to approve the agenda. Seconded by Doornink Motion carried by voice vote.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Lesak to approve the minutes of the 9/9/2021 monthly board meeting with no corrections or additions. Seconded by Doornink. Motion carried by voice vote.

Treasure's report: Patsy reported total assets as 9/30/2021 are \$560,688.87. All accounts are reconciled.

ARPA Funds: Reporting date has been extended from October to March 31, 2022. We will need to work on ways to utilize these funds including the possibility of zoom platform for meetings.

Public comment was taken.

Mary Falk: Concerns with A2 zoning & potential for conflicts with comprehensive plan, maybe consider A4 zoning.  
Judi Clarin: Expressed concerns with zoning and suggested county do EIS in exclusive ag zones.

CAFO update: Chair Moody conveyed email correspondence from Tyler Dix with the DNR, there is no action on the Cumberland, llc application since our last correspondence. The application will be considered incomplete until a revised plan and specification package is received.

Town partnership agreement: October 4, 2021 was the first organized meeting since the agreement was adopted. We have review data for Laketown and Eureka. Some of the data provided may also be useful in updating the comprehensive plans.

Burnett County Agriculture Zoning changes: Burnett County Land committee had created proposed zoning changes; this was referred back to the committee at the full county board meeting due to conflict within the proposed changes. The committee will continue to work on the changes and bring it back for approval.

Trade Lake Agriculture Zoning – possible Conditional Use Permit to Burnett County: Zoning for A & A2 will allow the farm programs. At this time, there is not an incentive to get ahead of the County as they are still working on the proposed zoning. Andy Marshall gave a presentation regarding the agriculture zoning in Trade Lake and an overview in Burnett County.

Motion by Doornink to move forward with the guidance of Nick Vivian to research and start talking the conditional use permit to Burnett County. Seconded by Lesak. Motion carried by voice vote.

Possible Letter to request Burnett County to conduct an EIS for exclusive agriculture districts: Trade Lake residents submitted a petition to the Town of Trade Lake Board send an environmental impact request to Burnett County at the County's expense only in the exclusive ag areas of the Town of Trade Lake.

Motion by Doornink to have Nick Vivian draft a letter to Burnett County to conduct an environmental impact study for the exclusive agriculture areas in the Town of Trade Lake. Seconded by Lesak. Motion carried by voice vote.

Municipal District Wards in the County of Burnett County Resolution: Redistricting happens every 10 years after the census is completed. Motion by Lesak to approve the Municipal District Wards in the County of Burnett County Resolution. Seconded by Doornink. Motion carried by voice vote.

Letter to DA requesting bribery investigation into Cumberland, llc – update– Attorney Nick Vivian submitted a letter on October 8, 2021 to the Sheriff's Department and to the DA. We have not received any feedback at this time.

CAFO Ordinance Committee Report: Continuing with research and hoping to have something to the board by the end of the year.

Comprehensive plan – Plan Commission Resolution and appointment: Nick Vivian needs original documents forming the plan commission in order to move forward. Documents have not been located. We will check with the State of Wisconsin to see if they have them on file.

Fire Report: Grantsburg Fire report was given by Dean Gabrielson: 109 calls year to date.  
Frederic Fire report given by Marjean Legler: 58 calls year to date. They just completed their budget and were able to drop the levy a bit.

Ambulance Report – “New Service, Inc” Proposed Bylaws: No meeting update. Bylaws are concerning as they are ‘boilerplate’ and put authority in an executive committee. Nick Vivian has a lot of questions that are not answers, particularly with approval authority and whether the town has any say in the process. We will have Attorney Nick Vivian communicate with North Land Ambulance Service regarding further information about the Bylaws and vague information given regarding bylaws and merger.

Highway Maintenance Report: The dump truck is in the shop at Red Shed as the EGR cooler is leaking.  
Shop overhead Garage door – review and award acceptable estimate/bid: Motion by Lesak to approve bid to Spooner Window & Door for \$8,352.48. Seconded by Doornink. Motion carried by voice vote.  
Electric to garbage/recycle shed estimate/update: no update at this time.

Shop computer and internet update: Internet installed at shop. Computer works good. Need a quote from phone company to install WIFI in the town hall.

Road Review update; bid requests; Culvert on Lakewood Dr; road-right-of-way vision obstructions: Jeremy is meeting with Mike Hoefs October 27<sup>th</sup> to go over LRIP grants. Lakewood Dr. culvert: one culvert on Lakewood Dr. needs to be installed and patching needs to be done. Whispering Pines Road and Pine Lake Road need work to stop one area on each road from sliding. Bidding will be done at a later date.

During road review we observed several obstructions especially at intersections. The town board will be drafting a letter to be put in the property tax bill remind residents for public safety right-of-way and intersections must be kept clear of all obstructions including plantings.

Personal Time off/Sick pay: Motion by Lesak to approve sick time off for Jeremy at 40 hours annually. Seconded by Doornink. Motion carried by voice vote.

Review Machinery & shop tool needs: Jermey provided a list. List for machinery is attached. Permission given for Jermey to purchase some small shop tools

Hunting request on Town owned land – Town Board granting hunting access discussion: after reviewing an email from the Town's insurance company, the town board will not grant hunting access to anyone requesting access.

Town Board Computers: computers are at IT for repair.

Clerk Items: No update for assistance/training

Secure emails: Going to stay with what we currently have unless things change with the election commission.

Payment of Town Bills: Motion by Lesak to pay town bills in the amount of \$56,261.10 Seconded by Doornink. Motion carried by voice vote.

Next monthly board meeting; 2022 budget hearing & Special meeting of the electors for approval of the Levy will be November 11, 2021

Motion by Doornink to adjourn. Seconded by Lesak. Motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m

Submitted by, Marjie Gravelle, Clerk

## MACHINERY

I feel we should replace the backhoe. The one we have is to the point that it is going to cost more than it is worth to repair. The front axle pivot is extremely worn and will cost a minimum \$4000 to repair. All most every pivot on the hoe is sloppy, and the engine uses coolant.

I would like to see the town upgrade to a Deere 310S line of backhoe. This series of machine would be a huge improvement, and there is a pretty good used inventory out there, it just might take a little while to find one that fits our town.

List of accessories:

Cab

Extend Hoe

Four-wheel drive

Thumb (I strongly suggest, it would greatly increase the versatility)

Ride control

Price range on machines varies depending on hours and extras.

5000 hrs 50 to 60 thousand

500 hrs 90 to 105 Thousand

Gravel reclaimers. I feel this would help tremendously to pull gravel back onto roads and remove ridges on the shoulder, saving money on gravel and helping drainage of roadway.

Tiger \$9,800.

Diamond \$8,827. Delivery \$503

3 point side mower. These come up on auctions once in a while. Would cut our mowing time almost in half each year.