

Monthly Town Board Meeting: January 11, 2016

This meeting was properly posted according to Wis Statutes and Open Meeting Law. The building is handicap accessible. It was posted at the Landing, County Y, Schaefer's Wharf, County L, and the Nokomis Town Hall posting boards.

Attendees: Bette Stillman, Supervisor
Brian Schmidt, Supervisor
John Bowman, Chairman
Wendy Smith, Clerk
Judi Asmondy, Treasurer

Call to Order: John Bowman, Chairman, called meeting to order in accordance with the open meeting law at 6:00 p.m., noting that the meeting notice had been properly posted and that the building and meeting room are handicap accessible. 1. M/M Bette 2. M/M Brian All in favor

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda: 1. M/M Bette 2. M/M Brian All in favor

Approve Check and Voucher: 1. M/M Brian 2. M/M Bette All in favor

Approve December Financial: \$1,586,620.82 1. M/M Bette 2. M/M Brian All in favor

Public Comments: Would like to carry over County L to February to review letters. Will take public comments under ATV club/trail.

2094 Whispering Pines Public Nuisance: Sent letter no response carryover.

Approve minutes 1/11/16: 1. M/M Brian 2. M/M Bette All in favor

Fire Department Update: Nothing to report. Question on what town has to go across water. County has airboat and they are very expensive.

Cemetery/Deeds Update: 1 burial
No sales

Update on Road Construction and Road Issues:

Finished with McNaughton crew they will be back in March. There was an increase on labor and equipment.

Working on shop and will do painting in fire department.

Concerned resident with McNaughton crew in area. In 8 years have never had issue.

Park Updates: None

County Issues: Report submitted and available for residents review.

ATV Trails/ATV club: Why push for County L? Number of roads access County L and the people can't get anywhere without access.

Eastside of L is locked.
They can trailer.

How will speed limit reduction be addressed? No speed study is needed effective January 1st.

Public works put both ATV and Speed limit on agenda and John missed the meeting.

Is proposal to use blacktop or shoulder? Talk of paving shoulder otherwise would need to be on blacktop.

County A has to be on shoulder all other county roads they stay on road. The shoulder is treated to keep dust down and they wanted to see how shoulders hold up.

Basically will be county decision but they are looking for towns input.

Speed limit doesn't have to be reduced for ATV use.

Is there a movement that wants L to 45? Some citizen's want and some don't.

Would like slower at Windmill. There is advisory speed limit.

In the past citizens on L wanted reduced to 45.

If voted letting ATV on L if speed study is needed could ATV split cost? Under impression no longer need study.

Freeman had talked about radar study is cheaper engineering firm would do quote.

What procedure is put in place to open L?

Board voted already 2 for and 1 opposed. Asked for letters and didn't have a chance to review.

Can have special meeting or vote at February town meeting is yes or no on part of town board.

This is a recommendation vote county won't open unless board agrees.

What is the purpose? Township favorable only thing not open is County L this gives access to businesses and people who live on L.

Do we know how residents on L feel? Unknown.

Will also make connections to other trails.

Cassian has limited open roads.

Master plan for Willow not complete yet so not open.

Discussion of Iron Gate Rd.

Where does proposed trail end? Propose to take across Tomahawk River. Is listed in master plan. Bridge behind Bearskin not approved yet.

Can Prairie Rapids Rd be used to get to same place? All can but land locked owners.

Any vote from people on L? All residents have a say.

Discussion of referendum. Referendums aren't cheap.

Board will base recommendation on letters, experience and knowledge.

Only North landowners received letter. Not all landowners on County L have been contacted.

When is next election and can it be possible to get on ballot.

Concern of safety and examples of safety issues given. All-terrain vehicles designed for off road not on roads.

L is the busiest road and needs to be looked at for safety.

Speed limit is 25 on County Roads for ATV. Discussion of following rules.

Pick date to make decision? Even if a referendum the county will make the decision as it is a County rd.

There is a value to hearing the people's voice.

Had L been a town road would already be open.

Discussion of route vs trail.

Carry over accept/deny ATV use on County L.

Operator License: None

Exploratory committee for Public Safety Building: Meeting March 2 at 6:00 pm will have estimate construction cost. Discussion of cost with coordinating with Lincoln County.

Future Agenda Items and Dates:

All carryover items

Public Comments: Any response on if \$10,000 given to ATV can be spent out of Nokomis. Talking with WTA waiting for response. The people would like accountability of money spent.

Adjourn Meeting: 1. M/M Bette 2. M/M Brian All in favor

NOTE a complete recording of town board meetings are available for residents review in the clerk's office.