

**Town of Sampson
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, August 1st 2018**

The **regular board meeting** of the Town of Sampson was held on **Wednesday, August 1st**. The meeting was held at the Sampson Town Hall. Notices were posted at the Town Hall, the town web site and the Bloomer Advance. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richardson. Supervisor King and Trowbridge were present as was Clerk/Treasurer Reed. There were 13 guests in attendance.

Chairman Richardson led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members had received copies of the **Board minutes** from the regular board meeting held on **Monday, July 2nd**. A Motion was made by Supervisor King to approve the minutes. Supervisor Trowbridge seconded the motion and all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Reed gave the **Treasurer's report** and a brief explanation of the finances until the end of the year. Approved as read with no questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ron Pribyl, who is the spokesperson for the repair of the **old stone archway** on 136th St. (Breezy Point Road), asked if the town would donate the right of way of apprx. 95 ft X 52 ft in that area to the Lower Long Lake Foundation, Inc. He estimates that the total cost would be about \$6,000. and would be generated through donations. This would eliminate the liability to the Town and may increase the donation base if the LLL Foundation, Inc actually owned the property. Chairman Richardson stated that the Town would have to maintain the right of way and this would have to be discussed with our town lawyer. The Town will have to get the exact measurements and map of area before any further action can be done. This will be put on the Sept 4th agenda.

Ron also requested that the **cul de sac turnaround on 136th St. (Breezy Pt. Road)** be made bigger to accommodate the trailers and traffic that use that area. Chairman Richardson stated he would look into this for the feasibility of the request. This will be put on the Sept 4th agenda.

Ron also requested that the **ATV trail** be continued on to County Hwy M to St Hwy 40. This is not a request the Town can approve/consider as this is a County Highway and Brian Kelley stated that the Chippewa County ATV Advisory Committee would have to be consulted on this request with a new application process that is being implemented.

A request was made for the town **to waive Chippewa County zoning regulations**. The Town has no authority to override Chippewa County Zoning rules as the Town does not have Zoning.

Gerry Lowry brought the **condition of Loon Lake** to the Boards' attention and asked that the original Ordinance #1-2005 Slow-No-Wake Ordinance for Loon Lake be considered to be reinstated. (The Ordinance was rescinded in Dec. 2013.) The lake is not in the pristine condition that it was some years ago and some of those reasons for the blue/green algae on the lake may be due to the following conditions, as stated in an email from DNR representative, Jodi Lepsch:

- Run-off from agriculture
- Run-off from shoreland development
- Internal loading from the resuspension of sediments due to motorboat activity and rough fish
- Failing septic systems discharging to the lake

Gerry has been in contact with the DNR and believes that reinstating the ordinance may help eliminate some of these problems. He continued to explain the blue/green algae problem with further explanation. The town had furnished information that was copied from the mention email and placed on the back table. Chairman

Richardson stated that this will be put on the Sept 4th agenda for more discussion/action.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Richardson then introduced **Brian Kelley, Chippewa County Highway Commissioner**. Brian distributed organizational charts and department contact information to the Board. He then discussed County Highway projects that are being done this summer. He commented on the ATV committee that is formed at the County level to establish guidelines and rules on all County ATV routes. He emphasized that the snowmobile trails are organized differently than the ATV trails. He reminded the board that survey work can be done at the County level. He also discussed the 125 acre County owned gravel pit across the road from the town hall. The trees that were planted will be harvested in about 7 years. The gravel that is crushed in this area is a high grade gravel and used in many areas throughout the County. The County is starting to use salt brine prior to ice forming on the roads in the winter. He encouraged towns to consider such. He took questions from the Board and guests. Chairman Richardson thanked Brian for his presentation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Richardson then went into the issue of **excessive abandoned cars** on personal/business property. Chairman Richardson has spoke with the residents that have numerous abandoned cars on his property and he assured Chairman Richardson that he would get it cleaned up. Chairman Richardson will give him until the next meeting to start getting them removed. A member of the audience did not feel this was the way to go about it and that he should be more forceful. Chairman Richardson stated that he wants to give this person a chance to get it cleaned up. This will be put on the Sept 4th agenda.

Recent **town road work** was then discussed. Patrolman Richardson stated that gravel had been crushed by Chippewa County, Senn Blacktop had reclaimed and blacktopped 190th St., two culverts have been replaced on Plummer Lake Road and Baldry Lane, crack seal had been completed and gravel had been placed on designated roadways in the township. Mowing will be starting again.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Wisconsin Towns Association had sent out emails requesting that Towns consider **adopting a Resolution** that request more funding for road improvements through the "Just Fix It" initiative. A Motion was made Supervisor Trowbridge to approve resolution #1-2018. Supervisor King seconded the Motion and all present voted aye. Motion carried. Clerk Reed will forward copies of the signed Resolution to the Governors' office, WTA and State Representatives.

Operator license applications were presented for Andrew Frank, Angie Plummer, Mary Ellen Reilly and Eliese Weiland. A Motion was made Supervisor King to approve the applications. Chairman Richardson seconded the Motion and all present voted aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, the **next Board meeting** will be Tuesday, Sept 4th.

WI Primary Election will be on Tuesday, Aug 14th. Polls open at 7:00 A. M. and close at 8:00 P.M.

Vouchers were then presented and audited. Supervisor King made a motion to approve vouchers 19394-19413 plus four electronic transfers. Chairman Richardson seconded the motion. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Supervisor King to **adjourn the meeting**. Chairman Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M. Board members helped to set up hall for Election.

Veda Reed, Clerk