

**Town of Sampson
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, 6 July 2020**

The **regular board meeting** of the Town of Sampson was held on **Monday, July 6th 2020**. 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 Trowbridge who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisors King and Jerabek were present. Clerk/Treasurer Reed was present also. There was 7 guests in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairman Trowbridge went immediately to **public comment** as Clerk Reed had received and distributed to the Board, emails that afternoon regarding a proposed ordinance on the Chain Lakes. It was apparent that there was opposition to this proposal. John Kowalewski distributed the proposed ordinance and presented his opposition of people on the lake practicing “wake surfing” and the damage it was doing to the shoreline. Ken Skar then gave a brief rebuttal to the ordinance and stated that instead of another rule that the Lake Associations should educate boaters on proper boat etiquette. The Board members encourage the others to try to put together meetings with their respective associations to resolve this matter. The Town would have no enforcement policy and all enforcement would have to come from the DNR and multi-County Sheriff’s departments. After the 45-minute public comment discussion, the group gathered outside the hall to continue the discussion. No further action is required by the Board at this time. There was no other public comment. All guests departed.

Board members had received copies of the regular **Board meeting minutes** held on **Monday, June 1st**. A Motion was made by Supervisor King to approve the minutes. Supervisor Jerabek seconded the motion and all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Reed gave the **Treasurer’s report**.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town road work was discussed. Culverts are being installed. Blacktop on 70th St. will be completed in July. New culverts were put in on 80th St. by Jerome Foods.

The Board then reviewed the **crack fill estimate**. A motion was made by Supervisor Jerabek to approve the estimate from Superior Sealers. Supervisor King seconded the motion and all present voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Jerabek and Patrolman Richardson had taken 20 tires in for recycling under the **Clean Sweep** program. Appliances still need to be taken in but waiting on a date for such. A check should be received by the town in July for participation in this program.

The Board reviewed the **proposed ordinance #1-2020** changing the Clerk/Treasurer to an appointed position effective April 20th 2021. This has been on the agenda since January 2020 and the actual Ordinance will be signed at the August 3rd Board meeting. It will then be sent to the Chippewa County Clerks’ Office to be placed as a referendum question on the November 2020 ballot.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board reviewed the **bid for 5 areas of blacktop patching** in the township. Another patching area will have to be included in this bid on 80th St. and the Clerk will receive the information for timely publication in the Bloomer Advance. A Motion was made by Supervisor King to approve the bid with the additional change. Supervisor Jerabek seconded the Motion and all present voted aye. Motion carried.

The **WI Route to Recovery Grant** was discussed. Due to the fact that the Town has not incurred any extraordinary expenses due to the COVID19 virus, the Town will not be applying for the grant.

The **CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) subgrant program** was discussed. This grant is administered by the Wisconsin Election Commission and the Town does have election related expenses due to the COVID-19 virus. The Clerk has applied for this grant and will present and preserve the appropriate documentation for reimbursement. All paperwork associated with this grant must be kept on file until December 31, 2024.

Clerk Reed explained the **2020 Tax Exemption Report** that was submitted to the DOR. This report is submitted to the DOR on even number years. The total maximum value of the tax exempt parcels in the Township is \$9,430,000.

Due to the Stay at Home order in March due to COVID-19, the **Ladies Benefit Club open house** had to be cancelled. Clerk Reed would like to have the Open House on Sat. Sept 19th. A motion was made by Supervisor King to approve that date. Supervisor Jerabek seconded the motion and all present voted aye. Motion carried.

August agenda items were discussed: approve the proposed Ordinance #1-2020 for changing of the elected position of the Clerk/Treasurer to an appointed position effective April 20th 2021, review the bids for the blacktop patching areas, Clean Sweep project, write up replacement policy for town fire numbers and correspondence from town lawyer in regards to 146th St near the Kracum property. More items can be added in the future.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The **next Board meeting** will be **Monday, August 3rd** starting at 7:00 p.m.

Vouchers were then presented and audited. Supervisor King made a motion to approve vouchers 20016-20038 plus four electronic transfers. Supervisor Jerabek 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**. Supervisor Jerabek seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Veda Reed, Clerk