

**Town of Sampson
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, August 2nd 2021**

The **regular board meeting** of the Town of Sampson was held on **Monday, August 2nd 2021**. 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 at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Jerabek who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisors King, Butterfield and Road Patrolman Richardson were present. Clerk/Treasurer Darla Butterfield was present also. There were 2 guests in attendance.

Board members had received copies of the regular **Board meeting minutes** held on **Monday, July 5th**. A Motion was made by Supervisor King to approve the minutes. Supervisor Butterfield seconded the motion and all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Darla Butterfield gave the **Treasurer's report**. A Motion was made by Supervisor Butterfield to approve the report. Supervisor King seconded the motion and all present voted Aye. Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bill Perry would like a permit for beaver control in areas affecting town roads and culverts. A permit will be drafted by Chairperson Jerabek in the near future. The permit exempts the holder from DNR season dates but all other rules must still be followed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Road work was discussed. All town roads have been mowed at least once. Some such as Beaver Creek Road have been double mowed due to abundant vegetation on them. All town roads will be double mowed before winter sets in. It is hoped that a new tractor and mower can be purchased for next year that will have a wider mower that will eliminate having to go over the roads twice. Roads west of highway 40 have been graded at least once this year and more when needed. Heneman Lake boat landing has been brushed and graveled. Breezy Point boat landing has been cleaned up further. Gravel will be placed and graded in the near future. Axhandle Lake East boat landing has been graveled and a couple of leaning dead trees were removed. 290th Avenue intersection with 152nd street has been finished. It is no longer a "Y" intersection but is instead a much safer "T" intersection now. Ferndale Hill road washout was fixed with gravel. The town's largest culvert on 182nd street was found to be half plugged by beaver causing high water on Foster Creek Road. Attempts to clear the dam inside the culvert were only partially successful. This problem will be worked on further when the high water goes down. Several loads of gravel were hauled onto Foster Creek Road to repair the damage caused by the high water. Stolt excavating will be contacted to replace the sinking culvert on 290th Avenue just west of 182nd Street. Signs for fire numbers and Breezy Point landing access will be ordered soon. Delmore Consulting comprehensive road management services gave a presentation outlining their services. A special meeting to consider contracting for some of their services will be held at the Sampson Town Hall, 9:00 a.m. August 19th, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS:

Citizens Telephone rerouted the Town Hall and Shop telephone/internet wiring to make it less vulnerable to damage. It had been installed for years around the base of the building on the outside where it was subject to weather, animal, and mechanical damage. A recent phone outage at the Town Hall pointed to the need to get this done before winter. The phone company also installed a laptop computer and a new modern printer. The laptop will be used by the Road Patrolman who previously had no internet/email access.

Deputy Clerk Deanna Vodacek was bonded by CNC Surety as required by state statute.

Operator Licenses for Elise Weiland and Makita Kempe were presented. A motion was made by Supervisor King to approve, Supervisor Butterfield seconded the motion, and all present voted aye. Motion carried.

Advertising for bids on blacktop patching over this year's culvert replacements was discussed. No bids were received from the July advertisement. It was decided to readvertise for bids and make the completion date later in the fall as information came back from potential bidders that they would have bid but knew they could not meet the previously advertised deadline for completion. Bids will be opened at the regular September Board meeting. A motion was made by Supervisor Butterfield to approve readvertising for bids, Supervisor King seconded the motion, and all present voted aye. Motion carried.

A report was given by Chairperson Jerabek on the Chippewa County Highway Safety Committee meeting he attended last month. He talked with the Committee about the Town's concerns for situations involving speeding, pedestrian traffic, truck traffic; all of which are exacerbated by several areas of limited visibility on Highway 40. The Committee agreed to do a speed study on the highway as well as erect signage in the area of Max's on the Lake and PJ's campground, warning of pedestrians crossing the highway. They also agreed to erect signage that can be used near the intersection of Highway 40 and 270th Avenue warning of trucks entering the highway at that location.

Chairperson Jerabek also gave a brief summary on the recent WTA county meeting he attended at the Delmore Town Hall. Several new items were passed in the recent state budget that will benefit towns financially. These include increased per acre payments for county forest lands in a township and also for state lands in a township. Sampson has a large block of county forest acreage as well as the state Ice Age Interpretive Center and lands which will result in increased funding for the Town.

Supervisor King reported on a fire district meeting she attended this past month. It appears that the fire department is in fairly good shape financially.

Resolution 5-2021 regarding the Town of Sampson work week was discussed. Some contradictory items were passed by the board in the distant past so clarification was needed to clearly establish when the work week started and ended. A motion was made by Supervisor King to approve the resolution, Supervisor Butterfield seconded the motion, and all present voted aye. Motion carried.

September agenda items were discussed:

- Blacktop patch bids to be opened
- Cemetery cleanup for Tillinghast cemetery
- Introduce Resolution 6-2021 vacate portion of 146th St.
- Possible Life Jacket Program for Long or Round Lake parks

OTHER BUSINESS:

Due to the Monday Labor Day Holiday, the **next Board meeting** will be a week later than normal on **Monday September 13th** starting at 6:00 p.m.

Vouchers were then presented and audited. Supervisor King made a motion to approve vouchers 20373-20393 plus four electronic transfers, Supervisor Butterfield seconded the motion, and all present voted aye. Motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Supervisor King to **adjourn the meeting**. Supervisor Butterfield seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Darla Butterfield
Clerk/Treasurer