

**TOWN OF SAMPSON  
SPECIAL MEETING  
01 November 2021**

A Special Meeting of the Sampson Town Board was called to order by Chairperson Jerabek on Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 P.M. at the Sampson Town Hall located at 10770 270<sup>th</sup> Ave. Meeting Class three notices were posted in the Bloomer Advance, the town hall and the town website. Supervisors King and Butterfield were present, as was Patrolman Richardson. There were 15 guests present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all present.

The purpose of the special meeting was to have a Public hearing and decision on the petition for abandonment of that portion of 146<sup>th</sup> street lying north and east of 145<sup>th</sup> street that was filed by the Kracum Trust. Chairperson Jerabek gave a synopsis of the issue being considered and rules of procedure for the hearing. Members of the audience wishing to speak signed a roster when they entered the Town Hall. Folks were allowed five minutes each to address the Town Board on the abandonment petition either pro or con. They were called in order of their signing of the roster by Chairperson Jerabek.

Dean Gullickson spoke about the issue of access to Herde Lake that he felt was provided by the road being considered for abandonment. He stated that people had been using that road to access the lake for many years.

Luke Fromme spoke that he uses the road to go ice fishing.

Tyler Scott, an avid fisherman, said his father used to take him fishing there when he was a kid. He was worried about open water in the winter between Herde Lake and Long Lake during early ice fishing and felt it was safer to drive down the road and walk to Herde Lake to gain access in early winter.

Kathy Kelley, chairperson for the Lower Long Lake association, said there are 3 Township public access places on Long Lake, Basswood road, Breezy Point and Basswood estates. There is also one state carry in access and one county access at Morris Erickson Park. The main access for Long Lake is on Hwy 40 at Morris Erickson Park. The association annually pays a person, trained from Beaver Creek Reserve, for monitoring boats for invasive species.

Patrolman Richardson explained that some minor maintenance had been done on the road in 2004 or 2005. No other maintenance had been done since then. The town grader was too big to use on the road and there was no turn around for the plow truck.

Pat Kelley spoke that it would be a financial burden for the township to have to bring the road up to today's standards.

Richard Kracum stated that he and his wife Laura had given the DNR a conservation easement which indicated no improvements were to be made within 100ft of the shoreline. They have had to deal with numerous people trespassing and littering. Someone also told them, the owners, they cannot park in front of their own garage. He is an avid fisherman and people have asked him if they can fish there and he has allowed them to continue to fish there.

Joseph from the DNR spoke letting us know we should have received a letter from the DNR last week. In the last 11 months he had received 4 calls about ice fishing and 2 on open water. The complaint was about a gate the owner had put up. He drove down to see about the gate but the sign on it was

unreadable. He had advised the callers to hold off on fishing until the issue with the road was resolved.

Clayton Peters, a conservation warden for Chippewa County, stated he is remaining neutral on the decision of the road.

Chairman Jim Jerabek read a letter from Ken Briggs, who was unable to attend due to health issues, opposing abandonment the road.

Attorney Joe Mirr spoke on behalf of the Kracum trust about several reasons to abandon a portion of 146<sup>th</sup> Street. He gave a detailed history on the development of the present road and also referenced a survey done last year on behalf of the Kracum Trust. He also gave all Town Board members a very detailed book with much information in it concerning the land, the road, and the lake.

Town Attorney Rich Summerfield advised the Town Board that it would be helpful to discuss this issue further in closed session in regards to obtaining legal advice on a matter in which the Town may become a party to legal action. Since no closed session was agended for tonight, he suggested that the meeting be adjourned until next Monday at 5:30 and notice of a closed session properly posted.

The Board agreed with Attorney Summerfield and a Motion was made by Supervisor King to adjourn the meeting to Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M. Clerk/Treasurer Butterfield was advised to post the meeting with the notice of closed session included. Supervisor Butterfield seconded the Motion and all present voted Aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M. to be reconvened at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Darla Butterfield  
Clerk/Treasurer