

**Town of Sampson
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, March 14th 2022**

The **regular board meeting** of the Town of Sampson was held on **Monday, March 14th 2022**. 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 and Butterfield were present. Clerk/Treasurer Darla Butterfield was present also. There were 6 guests in attendance.

Board members had received copies of the regular **Board meeting minutes** held on **Thursday, February 17th**. 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:

Ralph and Carol Deluga expressed concern for the Town of Sampson paying for and purchasing pedestrian crossing warning lights on Hwy 40 near Max's on the Lake and PJ's campground. Kevin Haller also expressed concern for the Town of Sampson paying for and purchasing radar speed signs on Hwy 40.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Road work was discussed.

Road Bans will begin on Wednesday March 16th and will be strictly enforced.

The new carbide blades being used on the snowplows this winter have performed well. Only one change has been necessary so far this winter where in the past at least three changes would have been done by now. All snow removal equipment is in good working order.

Jim and Bill will be meeting with Scott Construction to survey roads recommended by Delmore Consultants to be chip sealed. They will bring a recommendation back to the full board next month.

Bill will contact Superior Sealers for necessary crack sealing for this year

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed road work for 2022 was discussed. Chairperson Jerabek presented a recommendation to the board that 3/10th of a mile from Hawks resort south on Chain Lake Road be rebuilt completely including culverts and a gravel lift to bring the road up out of the swamp in that area. It is in very poor shape. He further told the board that Hemlo Court off of 149th Street is currently gravel and would be a good candidate for paving. This would cut down on maintenance as this short road slopes toward Heneman Lake and tends to wash in heavy rain. Gravel has to be added and grading done as well. Paving this short road that is less than 400 feet long would eliminate a lot of maintenance. Jerabek recommended Chippewa County do this work as these are small projects and no bidding is necessary if a public entity is used as opposed to private companies and the county pricing is usually equal to or less than private bidders. A Motion was made by Supervisor King to approve these two projects and to have Chippewa County do the work. Supervisor Butterfield seconded the motion and all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Another possible project for this year is to pave the end of Plummer Lake Road. Bill and Jim will meet with the Township of Cleveland soon to determine what part of that road is actually Sampson township's. A survey may be needed to clarify this as it is right on the town line and the actual boundary has been lost over the years.

Looking ahead to a possible LLRIP project in 2023, Nature Lane was identified as a good candidate for rebuilding.

Purchasing interactive radar speed signs and lights pedestrian crossing warning on highway 40 as recommended by the DOT was the next item of business. Chairperson Jerabek was instructed at the February board meeting to discuss the legal ramifications to the town, if any, with our town attorney. He reported that Attorney Summerfield advised that there is no liability to placing the signs. However, now that this problem has been brought to the town's attention, there could possibly be liability if the town did not act on the recommendations. After considerable discussion with members of the public, a motion was made by Supervisor King to approve purchasing the pedestrian crossing warning lights and the interactive radar speed signs. Supervisor Butterfield seconded the motion and all present voted Aye. Motion carried. It was noted that a private party would be covering the total cost of the pedestrian crossing warning lights while the town would be paying for the interactive radar speed signs which are to be placed at each end of the 45 mph speed zone. Chairperson Jerabek will contact the D.O.T. to obtain the necessary permits for the signage.

Next the board was presented with the only bid we received for replacing the 25 year old furnace in the town hall and also adding central air conditioning and ionized air filtration. The bid was from Genes heating and cooling. This will address the noise problem with the present furnace and also address the mold issues caused by high humidity in the summer. An air filtration system would help control dust and disease

issues spread through the air. A Motion was made by Supervisor Butterfield to accept the bid from Gene's. Supervisor King seconded the motion and all present voted Aye. Motion carried. Chairperson Jerabek will contact an electrician to install the necessary wiring for the air conditioning unit.

April new business agenda items were discussed:

The board decided to have the regular April Board meeting immediately following the Annual meeting on April 19th.

Additional road work for 2022 will be considered.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The **next regular Board meeting** will be on **Tuesday, April 19th** immediately following the annual meeting.

Vouchers were then presented and audited. Supervisor King made a motion to approve vouchers 20565-20592 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 Butterfield to **adjourn the meeting**. Supervisor King seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Darla Butterfield
Clerk/Treasurer