

**Town of Sampson  
Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, September 12th 2022 6:00P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Jerabek. Present were 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor King, Second Supervisor Butterfield, Chairperson Jerabek, and Clerk/Treasurer Darla Butterfield. There were also five guests present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

A motion was made by Supervisor King to approve the minutes of the August 8<sup>th</sup> and August 22<sup>nd</sup> Board meetings, Supervisor Butterfield seconded the motion and all voted aye. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was examined. Supervisor King moved to approve the report, Supervisor Butterfield seconded the motion and all present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comment-

Colleen Spaeth was present and spoke to the new cell tower that was recently constructed on HWY 40 by Long Lake. She informed the Board about the tower being put into service by Verizon sometime in the spring. She spoke favorably of the tower, saying it was needed to make cell service more available in the area. Currently service is spotty and often non-existent in our area which could be an issue in 911 situations. The board thanked her for coming and giving the information out.

**Old business**-Road Work

Bill reported that all crack sealing and chip sealing had been completed. He stated that currently reclaim, grading, and paving are proceeding on Hemlo court and Chain Lake Road by Hawk's resort. The new mower tractor has been shipped from Diamond mowers in South Dakota and should be arriving in Cameron shortly with delivery to the town later this week.

### **New business-**

Andy Anderson was present from the local ATV club. He presented a request for approval from the Town Board to open a small section of CTF from 80<sup>th</sup> street to 295<sup>th</sup> street to ATV/UTV traffic. This would allow for ATV/UTV operators to access more of our township including some establishments on HWY 40. It would also allow more folks to access New Auburn legally. He pointed out that private off roads access was sought but that landowners in the area did not want to take farmland out of production to allow for an off road trail. He further stated that while the Town Board had no jurisdiction over the county roads, their approval or lack of approval was considered when the county highway department was making a decision for or against opening one of their roads that lies within the township. After some discussion, all of which was positive, Supervisor King made a motion to approve the new route if Chippewa County would grant access to this section of CTH F, Supervisor Butterfield seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Information was next received about a possible grant being available for small lakefront improvements that would favorably affect lake water quality. These grants must be administered through a lake association, or in the absence of one through the local town board. It was not clear how much of our Clerk/Treasurer's time this would take. The lakes that may be eligible are Axehandle, Henneman, Triple, Shatuck, and possibly others in our township that currently have no

Lake Association. The Board wanted more information on the grant so at this point Chairperson Jerabek made a motion to table further action until the October meeting to allow the presenters to bring in more information, Supervisor King seconded the motion and all present voted aye. Motion carried.

It was noted that the semi-annual cleanup of recyclable materials was being held at the Northern Wisconsin fairgrounds on October 22 from 8 a.m. until noon.

Chairperson Jerabek reported that he had contacted both the state patrol as well as the county sheriff to ask for extra patrol on Highway 40 over the Labor Day weekend. He reported that both agencies had responded that they would send officers when and if available. The state patrol reported to Jerabek that 4 hours of officer time had been spent on two separate days in the area and that 18 citations had been issued by those officers.

Chairperson Jerabek reported that a letter had been received from the Chippewa County Highway Department stating that bridge inspection was due on our one bridge in Mudbrook. They will handle the state mandated inspection and forward the appropriate reports to the state as well as the Town. The Town will be billed for their services as is the practice. This inspection requires that it be done by a certified engineer which the town does not have but the county does.

The Clerk continues to work on a grant for getting a .gov email address for the town as recommended by the state for security purposes.

The Clerk would like to set up a separate account at our bank to handle tax receipts to allow better visibility of where the money is coming from and going to.

Work has begun on removing the old fencing around Tillenghast cemetery and cleaning the brush from both sides of it. This will continue as time and weather allow.

The Clerk is also working on applying for an Urban Forestry Grant to cover some of the costs of tree and stump removal and the planting of new trees at the cemetery.

It was noted that the annual WTA convention would be held this year October 9 through 11. No one from the board will be attending due to work and medical reasons.

#### **Next meeting agenda items-**

Road work  
Lakeshore improvement grant

#### **Other business-**

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6p.m.

The budget workshop meeting will be on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.

The bills were examined and a motion was made by Supervisor King to approve the bills as well as four electronic transfers, the motion was seconded by Supervisor Butterfield and all voted aye. Motion passed.

A motion was then made by Supervisor Butterfield to adjourn and seconded by Supervisor King. All voted aye and the meeting stood adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Chairperson Jerabek.