Town of Sampson Meeting Minutes for Regular Meeting

Monday, April 15th, 2025

The Sampson Town Board met on Monday, April 15th, 2025, at 6:15 pm at the Sampson Town Hall located at 10770 270th Ave, New Auburn for a Town Board Meeting. Meeting notice was posted at three locations. The names of people present at the meeting are on file with the Clerk/Treasurer.

1. Chairperson Butterfield called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Supervisors: Jack Christenson – present, Kevin Haller – present, and Chairperson Darla Butterfield – present. Also, Present – Clerk/Treasurer– Louise Cody and Patrolperson – Randy Sarauer
4. Motion by Supervisor Christenson to approve the agenda. Second by Supervisor Haller. Motion carried, 3-0.
5. Public comment: John Kawalewski spoke to the Town of Big Bend to have all three towns involved to write an ordinance. He would like a special meeting with all three towns regarding wakes.

Melissa Handorf head of safety on Island Chain Lake would like to educate first before regulations.

Jaqueline Seibel has witnessed erosion along the shoreline in the last few years and she attributes it to the wake boats that are operating. The wakes disturb the parked pontoons. She is concerned about the safety of her family.

Kenny Skaar says currently there are 7-9 wake boats on the Chain of Lakes so there are few hours a year that wakes are being created. The wake association has worked together to determine the best places to operate. With 3 townships and 2 counties, how would regulations be policed when current regulations are not being policed now.

Chris Hershinger on Chain states more wake boats are being added every year.

David Whitehouse on Chain had a wake boat top his handicapped daughter over and other have been injured.

Gary Ebermovich agrees with the recommendation to restrict wake.

Bryce Rothweld had never had an issue with wake boats on the water and is education on safety and believes the few with wake boats can operate safely with education.

6. Motion by Supervisor Haller to approve the minutes of March 10th Regular Meeting. Second by Supervisor Christenson. Motion carried, 3-0. Motion by Chairperson Butterfield to approve the minutes of the March 20th Special Meeting. Second by Supervisor Christenson. Motion carried, 2-0. Supervisor Haller abstained.

7. Motion by Chairperson Butterfield to accept the financial report as presented. Second by Supervisor Haller. Motion carried, 3-0.

8. Motion by Chairperson Butterfield to accept the treasurer’s report as presented. Second by Supervisor Christenson. Motion carried, 3-0.

1. Next meeting is Monday, May 12th, 6:00 pm
2. Reports

a. Clerk/Treasurer report – April election went well and 2 audits have been completed.

b. Patrolman Sarauer stated that 304th and 152nd have broken up. He has finished cutting trees and is patching roads with the new patch trailer. He took the wing off the truck and grader. Randy asked about trading boom mower service for equipment to blow out cracks with the city of Bloomer. He has taken down the weight limit signs.

c. The New Auburn fire department offered the secretary position to a candidate.

11. Old Business

a. Motion by Supervisor Haller to approve the operator licenses for 3 employees of River Country. Second by Chairperson Butterfield. Motion carried, 3-0.

b. No action on the New Auburn fire department

c. Weight limit signs have been removed.

d. Motion by Chairperson Butterfield to approve Resolution to Increase Dog License Fees. Second by Supervisor Haller. Motion carried, 3-0.

12. New Business

a. Patrolman Sarauer would like to add an additional mile for chip sealing bids and the board agreed.

b. Motion by Supervisor Haller to approve the Cigarette to Kings Inn (Casselman). Second by Supervisor Christenson. Motion carried, 3-0.

c. The date and time for the 2025 road inspection will be set April 21st, 7:00 am and road projects will be decided.

d. Supervisor Haller will reach out to the Town of Rusk and Town of Big Bend and presidents of the lake associations to set up a meeting. He will tentatively try to schedule a meeting April 28-30th at 6:00.

e. Open Book Thursday, April 17th from 9 - 11am

Board of Review Thursday, May 8th from 4 - 6 pm.

f. Clerk/Treasurer Cody will sign all three board members to the WTA class in Eau Claire

g. Motion by Supervisor Haller to approve the fish and game’s picnic license on May 17th. Second by Supervisor Christenson. Motion carried, 3-0.

h. No action on equipment purchases.

i. Supervisor Haller will remind the fire department to flush the hydrants.

13. Other Administrative Matters

a. Next agenda items: open bids, appoint fire department board members.

b. Motion by Supervisor Haller to authorize the payment of bills. Second by Supervisor Christenson. Motion carried, 3-0.

14. Motion by Supervisor Haller to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Second by Supervisor Christenson. Motion carried, 3-0.