

## **Minutes of the Town of Round Lake Regular Board Meeting July 11, 2024**

Present: Acting Vice Chairperson Kay Wilson and Supervisors, Marvin Verbeck, Dan Palmer, and Jim Strandlund. Also present in person: Fire Chief Schmidt, Treasurer Vickie Palya, Clerk Kathy McCoy, and 81 in person audience members. Absent: Rolfe Hanson.

1.) Vice Chairperson Kay Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

2.) Certification of Meeting Posting.

Clerk McCoy certified that meeting agenda had been posted as required on July 7, 2024

3.) Approval of Minutes: Town Board Regular Meeting May 9, 2024

Motions by Strandlund/ Palmer to approve the minutes as printed with correction to Board Member present (Marvin Verbeck not Don Stover). Motion carried.

4) Audience Recognition – Comments Only. Carl Mentzer – Concerns about New Tax Assessments.

5.) Monthly Recycling Card Drawing. Townsend's name was drawn. They are awarded a free recycling punch card for use at the town recycling center.

6.) Bid Opening and possible awarding: Pulverizing, Gravel Hauling, Paving, and Shouldering.

Two Bids received: Monarch Paving Company: Pulverizing, Graveling, and Paving \$149,158.00.

Shouldering \$11,519.20, Misc. Patching \$54,659.50. Total \$215,336.70.

Stout Construction LLC Graveling \$8,500.00, Shouldering \$8,600.00.

Monarch Representative Tom Gangnon gravel hauling part of bid alone is \$16,863.00 OK with removing.

Motion by Verbeck/ Strandlund to accept Monarch Bid for Pulverizing, Paving (\$132,295.00) Shouldering (\$11,519.20), and Misc. Patching (54,659.50) Total \$198,473.40. And Stout's bid for Gravel hauling \$8,500.00: Motion carried.

7 a.) Northwest Regional Plan Commission: Megan Sorensen presentation/information on lake ecology, sustainable practices, and community engagement. Ms. Sorensen gave an informative presentation / overview on: Shoreline Index and what affects water quality, benefits of aquatic vegetation, shoreline erosion, noise pollution, and invasive species. Recommendations for Wake Boat use at least 700 feet from shoreline and in water no less than 15 feet in depth.

7. b Updated Request Use of Town Roads Chequamegon 100 change from June 22, 2024 to August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. Jerry Wright explained date for race had to be changed due to weather conditions.

Motion by Strandlund/ Wilson to approve use of Town Roads for race August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024: Motion carried.

8a.) Appointment/ Approval of Edward Haugen to Land Use Plan Commission Term Present - End 4/30/2027.

Motion by Verbeck/ Palmer to approve appointment of Edward Haugen to the Plan Commission Term July 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 to April 30, 2027: Motion carried.

8.b) Land Use Plan Commission Report: Ginny Chabek.

Commission recommended denial of CUP #24-012 Joseph Johnston – request for Island Development. -

Camp would support approximately 50 kids and 45 staff. Mainland parking issues, septic, concerns, impact on wildlife including Eagle nest site, No D.N.R. report provided. Multiple dwellings are not allowed in Shoreland Zoning per Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance. Not enough information

Amending Ordinance 9 removing 6 buoys leaving 2 – Recommended additional research. No action taken..

Clarification of Round Lake Non-Metallic Mining Ordinance 2022-04 setback change – not required as per

Legal Counsel Rob Lee - can do this within current Ordinance.

Ordinance 2024-01 proposed amendments to Ordinance 2023-01 Lack of clarity .– Rescinding of Resolution 02-2020 – recommended not implementing Ordinance 2024-01 amendments to Ordinance 2023-01 or rescinding of Resolution 02-2020.

Commission continues work on subdivision ordinance and good neighbor handbook.

9.) Amendment to Town of Round Lake Ordinance 9 (An Ordinance to regulate placement of marker buoys upon the water of Placid Lake for the purpose of providing slow-no-wake areas). Related to 8 buoy markers (removal of 6 buoy markers and the keeping of two buoy markers one on each side of the rock island off Kath's point.

Palmer is working with D.N.R. who will make recommendations. No action taken.

10.) Conditional Use Application #24-012: Property Owner Joseph Johnston. Agent James Johnston: Property Description: Part of Governmental Lot 1, Lot 5 CSM 34/220 #8161; S33, T41N, R07W; Parcel #024-741-33-5102; Tax ID #42527; 13.31 total acres; Zoned Forestry One (F-1) & Residential/ Recreational Two (RR-2) (Island) & Part of Government Lot 1, Lot 1 CSM 34/183#8146; S34, T41N, R07W; Parcel #024-741-34-5132; Tax ID #42434; .73 total acres; Zoned Residential/ Recreational One (RR-1) (Mainland).

Permit is desired for : Sawyer County Code of Ordinances – Appendix B – Section 4.4 (D) Island development for island use and Sawyer County Code of Ordinances – Appendix D Section 17.(3) (B) (16) Multi-dwelling development. Request is for 5 dwelling units to be used as a resort use for a camp for foster kids. This case will also be requiring a variance for 5 dwelling units utilizing 1 mainland access point.

James Johnston agent in attendance by WebEx: Camp for foster kids would operate 8-10 weeks a year during summer, 100 people a week (campers & support staff). Board reviewed Plan Commission concerns and reason for denial.

Motion by Verbeck / Strandlund to deny CUP #24-2012: Motion carried. Finding of Fact: Not enough information/ details in CUP plan related to request and future variance that may follow.

11.) Discussion on amending 2022-04 (Non-Metallic Mining Licensing Ordinance) possibility of language change to reflect Town Board ability to grant variance related to setback. Clarification from legal counsel – Town Board has the discretion to reduce setback as current Ordinance is written. No action required.

12.) Discussion / possible action on Letter from Town of Round Lake Concerned Citizens related to the following items:

a.) Conflict of Interests and Recusal: Discussion and possible action for adherence to the TORL Code of Ethics Ordinance -1-2023 and recusal of those involved in Resolution 02-2020 and Ordinance 2023-01, concerning ATV/UTV ordinance and resolution. Providing opportunity for any/all Supervisors with an appearance of potential financial gain upon passage to recuse themselves.

b.) Moratorium on ATV/UTV Ordinance & Resolution: Discussion and possible action on the request for a moratorium on the current motion to rescind Resolution 02-2020 and amending of Ordinance 2023-01. This allows for review of and education on violations of the open meeting law and walking quorum. It also allows for due diligence to be performed by the Plan Commission as needed to ensure congruence with the Town of Round Lake Comprehensive Plan.

c.) Survey of Town Residents and Property Owners for ATV/UTV use on Town Roads: Conducting a survey of town residents and property owners regarding ATV/UTV use on all town roads, ensuring alignment of policy decisions with the expressed interests of TORL citizens.

Several audience members spoke that letter should be disregarded / and questioned who is Town of Round Lake Concerned Citizens - no names on letter. Several others spoke to loss of confidence in board and concerns about violation of open meeting law and possible conflict of interest by several

board members No Board Action taken.

13.) Discussion/ possible action rescinding of Town of Round Lake Resolution 02-2020.  
Motion by Strandlund / Verbeck to rescind Resolution 02-2020 and replace it with Resolution 07-2024:  
Motion carried.

14.) Discussion/ possible action Ordinance number 2024-01: An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2023-01 All-Terrain vehicle and Utility Terrain vehicle routes.  
Motion by Verbeck / Palmer to approve Ordinance 2024-01: Motion carried.

Nineteen (19) Audience members spoke in favor of opening all roads to ATV/ UTV- cited that safely is not a factor /requirements for seatbelts/ recreation license fees support law enforcement/ drivers are not reckless/ positive economic impact/ ability to access trails without trailering machines/ danger of wide trailers on narrow roads vs. just being able to ride to trail/ lack of trailer parking/ non- receipt of Plan Commission survey done in 2018 related to issue/ less dangerous than bikers on road.  
Seven (7) Audience member spoke in opposition: need for new survey/ there is a current process in place to open roads - removal of resolution 02-2022 would eliminate checks and balance currently in place/ safety concerns/ lack of need for drivers license/ need for proof of insurance.  
In addition 30 emails to date were received by the town 8 in favor and 22 opposed.

15.) Road Report – Doug Laier. Current road maintenance and construction update. Written report provided by Road Lead Doug Laier.

16.) Review and possible revision of Town of Round Lake Fee Schedule Town Records.  
Clerk McCoy reported that fees have not been updated in years would like to bring them in line with actual cost. Motion by Verbeck / Strandlund to table to August meeting: Motion carried. Clerk will check on current County fee schedule.

17.) Fire Department Report – Schmidt- 1.) Written Monthly report. 2.) Fire Inspections.  
Written report provided by Schmidt – During the month of June seven (7) medical assist calls, two (6) Fire calls, one (1) dispatched and cancelled call.

18.) Clerk's Report: McCoy 1.) To date budget reports. 2.) Board of Review Training. 3.) Board of Review Date 8/5/2024 -4:00 – 6:00 p.m. 4.) Road Grant Application Due Date Trid / Tris Nov. 1, 2024. Written report provided to board– all accounts are in balance with treasurer.  
Reminder on need for Board members to complete BOR training and date of BOR.

19.) Treasurer's Report: 1.) Monthly Receipts, Vouchers, and Account Balances.  
Written report provided to Board – all accounts in balance with Clerk.

20.) Approval of Checks/ Vouchers 36133-36188 as listed. Motion by Strandlund/ Verbeck to approve checks/vouchers as printed: Motion carried.

21.) Correspondence, reports from conferences, seminars, meetings, other matters for discussion only. Palmer - no new information on Boat Dock. Strandlund – no new information on Helipad.

22.) Future agenda items: Follow up on Dock agreement Moose Lake Club Landing. Possible combining Ordinance 2023-01 and 2024-01 into one Ordinance for clarity.

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.  
Kathy McCoy --Clerk – Round Lake

