

TOWN OF BASHAW MEETING MINUTES

Present: Joe Swan, Steve Degner, Bill Taubman, Stefanie Naessen, Guy Waltz, Pat Harrington and Dale Damon.

- **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Degner at 6:03 pm.
- **MINUTES FROM JANUARY 13, 2026, MEETING:** Motion by Damon, seconded by Swan, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
- **TREASURERS REPORT:** Bank balance as of 1/31/2026 is \$171,666.18 with outstanding checks of \$306,017.41 leaving an ending balance of \$212,040.27. Motion by Swan to approve the treasurer's report, second by Damon. Motion carried. Degner stated that he received notification that we'll be receiving 75% of replacement costs on the two culverts along with 50% cost of the culvert upsizing pertaining to the 4th of July storm. Total to be received is \$35,391.61.
- **CORRESPONDENCE:** None
- **PUBLIC INPUT:** None
- **UPDATED ON TOWN'S INSURANCE:** Degner stated that he reached out to Karen Berger about getting quotes for our town insurance but never heard back. Naessen will reach out to her for an update.
- **DISCUSS CHANGING THE LOCATIONS OF MEETING NOTICES:** Naessen provided paperwork pertaining to the Open Meetings Law that was effective on March 4, 2020. Motion was made by Damon, seconded by Swan, to follow the method of posting notices in at least one public place along with an electronic notification on the town's website. Motion carried. Taubman stated that he will design a board that is bigger in size for more publications at the town hall location.
- **DRIVEWAY PERMITS/APPLICATIONS:** None
- **DISCUSS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS UPDATED DRIVEWAY PERMIT POLICY & INSTRUCTIONS:** Swan is going to review the policy and see if anything might want to be added to our current application.
- **ROADS:** Roads show a lot of clear spots but areas that have some shading/drifted need some salt sand. Taubman stated that we should start thinking about our boom mowing since the past three years hasn't been taken care of the best. Maybe this could be something the highway department handles or we lease the equipment. Swan stated that A1 has a retired rubber-tired excavator (320 CAT) with a brush head, articulating ditch bucket along with a GP bucket with teeth that could be used in case of digging something up. He's hoping for a reasonable price or rental fee and will get some numbers together for the next meeting. Waltz stated that Hector Dam Road stop sign is white at nighttime and needs to be replaced. Tozer Lake Rd culvert is starting to dip and rusting out.
- **DISCUSS OPENING ROADS FOR ATV USAGE:** Degner stated that the county roads are all open for ATV's and the town roads should all be open too since they are already being used anyhow. He figures that there will be an investment in about 30 signs and Taubman will check on the signage requirements along with the cost for the next meeting.
- **TRUCK/GRADER:** None
- **TOWNHALL:** Taubman stated that once snow melts there is some material in the shop that can be used to fix the track on the garage door.
- **SET NEXT MEETING DATE:** March 10th at 6 PM.
- **APPROVE VOUCHERS:** Motion made by Damon, seconded by Swan, to approve check numbers 15675 – 15699. Motion carried.
- **ADJOURN MEETING:** Motion made by Swan, seconded by Damon, to adjourn at 6:32 PM. Motion carried.

Stefanie Naessen - Town Clerk