

## TOWN OF BASHAW MEETING MINUTES

Present: Joe Swan, Steve Degner, Bill Taubman, Stefanie Naessen, Guy Waltz, Pat Harrington, Aaron Marcoux, Steve Miester, Trevor Levine, Chris Barthels and Dale Damon.

- **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Degner at 6:00 pm.
- **MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 10, 2026, MEETING:** Motion by Swan, seconded by Damon, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
- **TREASURERS REPORT:** Bank balance as of 2/28/2026 is \$31,853.57 with outstanding checks of \$36,334.48 leaving an ending balance of \$204,245.02. Motion by Damon to approve the treasurer's report, second by Swan. Motion carried.
- **CORRESPONDENCE:** Degner was at the most recent Wisconsin Towns Association meeting, and they stated that we are not responsible for loose dogs since we don't have a designated dog catcher. If anyone were to see any loose dogs, they are to call the Sheriff's Department.
- **PUBLIC INPUT:** Aaron Marcoux was in attendance to talk about his upcoming election run for Washburn County Circuit Court Judge on April 7<sup>th</sup>. He was the public defender for Ashland, Bayfield and Iron counties from 2010 to 2015, then from 2015 to 2019 he was the Assistant District Attorney for Sawyer County and has been the District Attorney for Washburn County for the last 7 years. He explained why he is running for the Judge position along with what he wants to do in the justice system if he is the County's next judge.
- **UPDATED ON TOWN'S INSURANCE:** Degner stated that the insurance policy has been updated and paid through Lake Insurance Agency, but Taubman is to complete a questionnaire from Karen Berger at AIS for a quote.
- **SHELL LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT – RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FIRE INSPECTION DUTIES:** Currently the Shell Lake Fire District has two fire inspections per year for the township and would like to change the frequency to once a year. Naessen provided an ordinance with the frequency change for fire inspections and a motion by Swan, seconded by Damon, to approve the ordinance. Motion carried.
- **DRIVEWAY PERMITS/APPLICATIONS:** Motion was made by Damon, seconded by Swan, to approve the driveway permit at Tax ID 1074 (Christopher Barthels) upon visual inspection by Taubman. Motion carried.
- **BRUSH CUTTING PROPOSAL – SLEEPY HOLLOW MOWING:** Steve Miester was in attendance from Sleepy Hollow Mowing and is interested in doing the brush cutting for the town. He purchased a tractor the County that reaches out 20 feet with a 4-foot head on it. Degner stated that the roads that need to be taken care of is Sand Rd, Swiss Chalet Rd and Plainview Rd. Miester stated that his rate is \$98/hour and he is open to start anytime. Motion was made by Damon, seconded by Swan, to allocate up to \$10,000 for brush cutting. Motion carried.
- **ROADS:** Taubman stated that weight limit signs are up. There has been some damage done on Sunset Rd from all the hauling and the road should get some patching and seal coating. There is some logging that would like to be done on Beaver Lodge Rd, but Degner stated they can't do that because of the road bans, and he'll have to wait a couple weeks. Degner also stated that he was surprised to see how much Sand Rd is heaving.
  - **UPDATE ON ROAD OPENING FOR ATVS:** Taubman talked to Danielson pertaining to ATV signage and read through DOT requirements and state statues. There will need to be about 30 signs to post throughout the township stating that roads are open for ATVs/UTVs and Degner suggested looking into grant funding to cover the costs. Taubman will find out the number of signs needed along with materials costs and give an update at the next meeting.
  - **SET ROAD TOUR DATE:** Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> leaving the Town Hall at 8 AM.
- **TRUCK/GRADER:** Motion made by Swan, seconded by Damon, to allow the County to do maintenance on the truck and grader. Motion carried.
- **TOWNHALL:** None

- **SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND ANNUAL MEETING DATE:** Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 PM.
- **APPROVE VOUCHERS:** Motion made by Damon, seconded by Swan, to approve check numbers 15700 - 15715. Motion carried.
- **ADJOURN MEETING:** Motion made by Swan, seconded by Damon, to adjourn at 7:04 PM. Motion carried.

Stefanie Naessen - Town Clerk