

DECEMBER 9, 2024

Monthly meeting of the Town of Cedar Lake met at the Cedar Lake Town Hall in Mikana on Monday, December 9, 2024. Meeting called to order. Chairman Ken Leners called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Present were Supervisors Kory Weiss and Mary Hele, Clerk Maryhelen Drew, and Treasurer Gladys Roux. A total of 23 other persons attended. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were read. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Kory Weiss, seconded by Mary Hele, and approved unanimously.

Public Input

- **Street Light Concern:** Kathy Mintari raised concerns about a non-functional street light in the overflow parking lot near Cedar Lake Grill. She expressed safety concerns regarding theft due to inadequate lighting. Kory Weiss stated he would coordinate with Excel Energy to address the issue.
- **Four-Wheeler Incident:** Chairman Ken Leners reported on an incident involving a minor causing damage to a gravel road with a four-wheeler. A citation was issued by Deputy Sheriff Jeff Wolfe to the minor's sponsor.

Financial Report

Treasurer Gladys Roux presented the financial report, confirming that Clerk, Treasurer, and bank statements were reconciled and matched.

Road Activities

Supervisor Kory Weiss reported that all road equipment is operational and prepared for winter. BFCESD Report

Don Brunclik announced an upcoming Barron Fire & Community Emergency Services District (BFCESD) meeting scheduled for December 12, 2024, to discuss ambulance service mapping and equipment updates.

New Business

1. Boat Landing Cleaning Station:

Mike Truax, Vice President of the Red Cedar Lake Association, requested assistance to install a cleaning station at the Hwy V boat landing. After discussion, Chairman Ken Leners made a motion to approve the installation, seconded by Kory Weiss, and approved by all.

2. Mosaic Internet Update:

Representative Preston Pearson provided an update on the ongoing internet service installation within the township. Questions and concerns from the board and residents were addressed. No action was taken.

3. Buckthorn Annual Report:

Brady Wolff & Will Bowe presented the annual report on efforts to control buckthorn within the township, highlighting actions taken in 2024 and plans for 2025. He responded to questions from attendees.

4. Emergency Operations Plan Approval:

A motion to approve the Emergency Operations Plan was made by Chairman Ken Leners, seconded by Kory Weiss, and approved unanimously. This will be forwarded to Barron County.

5. Special Elector Meeting and Caucus Schedule:

A special elector meeting to set the Clerk's salary was scheduled for January 13, 2025, following the monthly meeting. The town caucus was tentatively set for the same day, with an alternate date of January 18, 2025, at 10:00 AM if necessary. Chairman Leners made a motion to approve the schedule, seconded by Kory Weiss, and approved by all.

Correspondence

1. ATV Trail Location Change:

Chairman Leners reported discussions with Brian Jilek and Deputy Sheriff Jeff Wolfe regarding relocating an ATV trail from Jilek's driveway to Highway T. Updates will be provided as information becomes available.

2. Barron County Zoning Meeting:

Ken Leners expressed concerns over the board not being invited to a meeting between Barron County Zoning, Tom Goodwin (LLBC), and Louie Okey regarding zoning violations.

3. Election Phishing Emails:

Supervisor Weiss updated the board on phishing emails targeting the Clerk regarding election information. He will consult with the Wisconsin Towns Association for guidance.

4. Waldo Park Easement:

Weiss is seeking legal guidance on restarting the paperwork to abandon the Waldo Park easement.

5. LLBC Covenants and Restrictions:

A request was made by Kathy Leners for the board to discuss concerns about changes to LLBC covenants and restrictions without town board approval. This will be added to the January agenda.

6. UDC Inspector Contract:

Clerk Drew received a request from UDC Inspector Scott Schiefelbein to extend his contract. This will be added to the January agenda.

7. Delinquent Liquor Bill:

Clerk Drew reported that Stout's Island had an outstanding liquor bill.

8. Tax Letters:

Treasurer Roux informed the board that tax letters were at the printer and would be mailed out shortly.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mary Hele, seconded by Kory Weiss, and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Notices were posted at the Chronotype, website, Cedar Grill, Red Cedar Market & LLBC.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Maryhelen Drew, Clerk