

Town of Sand Lake
Regular Town Board Meeting
Monday, November 11th, 2024

To follow the Public Hearing/Special Meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.

- Call to Order at 6:08 p.m. by Chairwoman Melanie Connor Johnson.
- Roll Call of Officers – Supervisor Karolyn Kroll absent, all others present.
- Public Notice – Public Notice was made on 11/10/2024.
- Approval of Agenda Order – Motion to approve the agenda order by Supervisor Pardun, second by Chairwoman Johnson with the addition of Approving Budget Workup minutes from 10/14/24.
- Approval of Minutes from the Regular Town Board Meeting on 10/14/2024 and Budget Workup Minutes from 10/14/2024 – Motion to approve both sets of minutes with the word change of “gin” to “sign” under address sign in the Regular Town Board Meeting minutes by Supervisor Pardun, second by Chairwoman Johnson. All in favor, motion carried.
- Public Comments – Sand Lake residents who wish to make a public comment need to state their comment to an agenda item, state their name and address so it can be recorded in the minutes, and use a maximum of three minutes.

Don Button, 5167 Sand Lake Road – Wants to talk about Northern Pike, he has been following the population of fish overtime. Results from Big Sand Lake, a trendline shows we have lost half the Northern Pike in the last 30 years. Invasive cat tails. The Yellow River Protection Conservatory is cooperating to remove cat tails. He would suggest Sand Lake Road Culverts be cleaned more often/thoroughly. Chairwoman Johnson talks about one culvert being cleaned several years ago, but it must be overseen by the Department of Natural Resources.

- Chair Report – On October 16th, received a request from Gregg Baasch regarding grading needed on Schrider Road. Forwarded the request to Brad & Ken. On October 20th, received the Town Annual Budget for review before posting from Clerk Olson. On October 22nd, request from Paul Thompson, Yellow River Protection Conservancy invite to attend educational Networking Event at Zhashagiins Event Center on November 1st, 8-11 a.m. and she shared it with the Board, as she was unable to attend due to work conflict, heard it went well. On October 22nd, she received an email request for information regarding policies related to the replacement of road signs from Clerk Olson, forwarded that request to Brad to provide information to Legal Team. On October 24th, she attended the WTA meeting in Burnett County Government Center and learned the following; Ambulance Report: Sand Lake had 12 Total Reponses in QTR3/24 Average Response Time was 12:35 minutes. Busiest Time 4-5PM, Slowest Time 3-4AM, Busiest Day Saturday, Slowest Day Wednesday. Burnett County has had 243 Airlifts to Date September 30th, nearly 1 every day. Burnett County Highway Commissioner reported that Bridge Inspections will be happening in October / November. WSLR reports are due to the State DOT. Townships need to report to Highway Commissioner the results of their small bridge/culver survey. Person designated to complete that work must reach out to the Highway Commissioner with results to be in compliance with the program, forwarded that information to Brad, as Sand Lake was listed as not reporting survey results at the time of the WTA meeting. WTA LRIP next round of funding application information will be announced after January 2025. WTA reminder that Town Boards approve the Budget and Town Electors must approve the Levy per statutes. On November 4th,

she received another request from Gregg Baasch regarding grading needed on Schrider Road, forwarded that request to Brad & Ken. There may be some challenges with residents understanding which section of the road is the responsibility of Sand Lake and which section lands with Lafollette Township. STR Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 20th at the Village of Webster Town Hall.

- Clerk Report – Town Caucus date needs to be chosen between December 1 and January 1, caucus must be held between January 2 and January 21. Heads up for December 2024 meeting.
 1. 2024 Burnett County Community Health Assessment – Burnett County Public Health is partnering with Burnett Medical Center and Youth of Burnett County to complete the Community Health Assessment, done every three years. Short, 15 question survey, asking for the opinions of those who live or work in Burnett County age 14+ years old, regarding the health of the county. Survey is open through 12/31/2024.
- Deputy Clerk Report – Busy November 2024 election. Election workers were a great team. ADA compliance team came around, Peggy was very happy Brad had installed a doorbell and checked the ramp, and it was ready for them. The ADA folks were excited to hear a new Town Hall option was hopefully coming. February and April elections in 2025. Tabulator part of the machine will need to be moved to storage after the possibility of a recount is over.
- Treasurer Report – The Equipment Fund Balance as of 10/31/2024 was \$26,088.40. The General Fund Balance as of 10/31/2024 was \$185,017.10 with total additions of \$29,306.73 and subtractions of \$85,201.53. The additions were General Transportation Aid of \$29,294.81 and interest of \$11.92. She will be sending an email this week with the Newsletter, with updates from Supervisor Kroll on ATV information and an election date change, for review. Motion to approve the report by Supervisor Pardun, second by Chairwoman Johnson. All in favor, motion approved.
- Supervisors Reports – None.
- Planning Commission Report – None.
- Road Report – New employee Matt starts 11/12. Andy can return limited to help talk the new guy through items. Patch is inside and dry, will do this week if weather holds up. Don Button requests Roads to use as little salt as possible, environmental concerns. Chairwoman Johnson asks if we have sand/salt, Brad will order 10 loads from the County. Monarch Estimate sent to Brad, next step to put an ad in the paper for official bids on the Road Projects. Clerk will send ad to paper, with Brad's phone number and shop address. Burnett County Sentinel is the newspaper.
- Matters for Discussion and Possible Action
 1. Insurance Reviews – Rural Mutual \$7,286.00, MPIC \$2,116.00 for 2025; Rural Mutual \$7,455.00, MPIC \$2,026.00. Very similar pricing. Checks are on this list to pay. Clerk will check on Viola dock insurance to confirm we carry it.
- Pay Bills – The bills for the month are \$17,691.42. Motion by Supervisor Pardun, second by Chairwoman Johnson to pay them. All in favor, motion carried.
- Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. by Supervisor Pardun, second by Chairwoman Johnson. All in favor, motion carried.
 1. Next Town Board Meeting – December 9th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.