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The **employee meeting** with the Board of Supervisors for the Town of Draper was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 12, 2021. Present were B. Adler, W. Heath, E. Klein, (absent J. Sobraliski), employees P. Ballagh, K. Mazurek, B. Burt, B. Hunt and 9 citizens. Painting Blaisdell Lake Bridge while Lake Loretta is drained was discussed and seems like a good idea: of concern is lead paint and DNR restrictions. The cost to hire a professional service will be explored and money moved within the budget if it is possible to do this fall. E. Klein will order 4 more Bridge End Marker signs and 3 more ATV Route signs as requested by the board. Some confusion over the FR326 gravel and scope of work under our mutual agreement with Town of Chippewa was discussed. USFS will not provide the gravel to do the entire road length this year as requested by P. Ballagh. The issues with radios continue- new radios are very expensive and not in the budget for 2021; they will have to be considered when the 2022 budget work begins. Residents removed excess gravel from Blaisdell Lake Road. E. Klein was asked to place the bid ads for crack sealing projects: needs road lengths from board. B. Hunt would like the Town to purchase a push mower for better trimming under the trees in the park; the board agreed to spend about \$300.00 and asked E. Klein to purchase one with a Honda engine if possible. A resident pushed gravel into a ditch on Heath Rd and will pay to have it removed if we send a bill. A discussion about gravel on Easterhouse Rd was brought up again: the board agrees it needs 4 or 5 loads of gravel from the garages up to Hwy 70. At issue is who is responsible because there has been a long standing agreement for trucking operations to use the road during spring break up and then repair it as needed. J. Dezotell leases the land to Petit and said he is the one with the use agreement with the town, and that he is the one who should be contacted about the road. E. Peters, also present, recalled an agreement between the town and Dezotell that should be in the files from around 2014 and E. Klein agreed to look into it. J. Petit is upset with the town board after being told he had to put gravel on the road and will attend the 5:00 p.m. meeting to address his complaints. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

The **regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors** for the Town of Draper was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were B. Adler, W. Heath, E. Klein, D. Dobilas (absent J. Sobraliski), 2 employees and eleven citizens. The agenda was read and approved on a motion by W. Heath, second B. Adler; motion carried. The minutes for the June 14, 2021 regular board meeting were approved on a motion by B. Adler, second W. Heath; motion carried. The minutes for the June 15, 2021 special board meeting were approved on a motion by W. Heath, second B. Adler; motion carried. The minutes for the July 2, 2021 special board meeting were approved on a motion by B. Adler, second W. Heath; motion carried.

Correspondence: E. Klein stated that the town has received \$2,655.00 in donations toward the helipad so far; thank you notes have been sent and an update will go in the paper in a few weeks. WTA announced good news that Gov. Evers signed budget increases that will benefit the town: DOT transportation aid is going up by 2% in 2022 and 2023, and PILT paid to the town by from Flambeau River State Forest is increasing from \$0.88 per acre to \$3.50 per acre in 2022. The Clerk had emails and phone calls with Scott Bowe, DNR and Sheriff Mrotek concerning the issues with private property trespass in Draper. An article was in the Sawyer County Record and Draper citizens continue to request assistance from the legislators and the town board to do something about the deliberate running of hounds on private property. Various ordinance possibilities have been discussed including no hunting within a set distance of the town center, on town property like the campground, dump and park, and Legion Hall (which is posted already). J. Dezotell spoke about the problems with hunters running hounds between Easterhouse Rd and Cty M and S. Beining explained the hounding season now runs from July 1st all the way through the spring wolf hunt. Property owners in the township are working on a petition and asking the board for a town ordinance

which will add a layer of protection to any legal issues that may arise if a conflict should occur. B. Adler asked E. Klein about the Citation Ordinance that was drafted several months ago and awaiting legal review- W. Heath made a motion to consult Max Lindsey, the town attorney, second B. Adler; motion carried. E. Klein will follow up. B. Adler told S. Beining to follow up on other ordinances specific to the dogs, hunting and trespassing.

Public Recognition: J. Petit spoke to the board about his anger after being contacted by P. Ballagh who implied in a voicemail that W. Heath was targeting him specifically by asking him to put gravel on Easterhouse Rd. Also at issue were complaints about him parking a logging truck too close to the Steakhouse, and having a fuel tank on the shoulder of the town road. The truck and fuel tank were since moved to Easterhouse Rd. Petit would like it recorded in the minutes that he has been steadily targeted and harassed by the town and P. Ballagh and D. Zett have been telling him that W. Heath is the source of the complaints. W. Heath stated that he was getting the complaints from residents and passing them on to the town board for the supervisors to address. The subject of bar talk came up again. Petit stated that the problem with Easterhouse Rd is it needs ditching and is not graded right. J. Dezotell agreed the road is not maintained, has no gravel and is plowed last, and told the board to talk to him in the future if there are issues. It was generally agreed that a logging operation on Steigerwalt land did much of the 2021 damage in question. E. Peters asked E. Klein to locate the 2014 agreement between the town and Dezotell. E. Klein apologized to Petit on behalf of the town and it was agreed that the town crew would stay away from him. The board asked Petit if he would continue to do work for Draper as he has in the past and he was generally agreeable.

Old Business: The board agreed to move forward with a legal review of the Citation Ordinance earlier in the meeting. E. Klein asked the board to come up with a list of neglected properties around town so letters can be sent. Many are the same as last year. E. Peters asked what the criteria is and E. Klein stated it is basically that they are a fire hazard, unsafe structures that are falling down and should be condemned by Sawyer County. They lower property value and invite drugs and other undesirable activity. If the home owners do not respond, Sawyer County HHS will be contacted to enforce the code. The N. Clover Rd project needs to be cut into different pieces as discussed in the last meeting and a new plan designed for use with the CHI LRIP grant that the town can use until 2025. ARPA funds were received as scheduled- the first half now and the second half in 2022; the town received a direct deposit of \$10,728.53 this month. We have until 2024 to allocate the money and 2026 to use it. The Norvado Broadband project is slated to come through our area next summer, in 2022.

New Business: One concrete bid was received for the helipad. The cost of the concrete was two to three times higher than anticipated and the board will have to hold off on awarding the contract until adequate funding can be obtained. The Public Hearing for the 2021 Comprehensive Plan was called to order and there being no questions or input to the plan, the Public Hearing was adjourned and the Chair moved to vote on Ordinance # 2-2021 by a roll call vote. First Supervisor voted AYE, Second Supervisor absent, Chair voted AYE. By a quorum of supervisors present and voting in a publicly noticed meeting, following a 45 day public input period, public hearing, and Resolution to Recommend Adoption made by the Planning Commission, the Ordinance was adopted and publication of the 2021 Comprehensive Plan was ordered. The next item of business was a Rezone from F1 to RR2 Application and a Conditional Use Permit for Wilderness Products, to construct and open a retail Feed and Seed store on Cty M. Both applications were reviewed and recommended by the Planning Commission prior to the meeting. Motion to approve both applications by W. Heath, second B. Adler; motion carried. The matter will be heard by Sawyer County Zoning Board later this week.

Town Roads: Residents on 4th St. need the town to do culvert work where the ditches are backing up onto the lawns and washing out the road. B. Adler and W. Heath looked at it and agreed to take care of it in the next budget cycle, in 2022. Crack sealing bid ads will be placed when the road lengths to be sealed are confirmed by the supervisors. Browns Rd, Tower Rd, a portion of N Clover and the Town Hall parking lot were selected for crack sealing this summer.

Supervisors' Report: Nothing more to add.

Financial Report: The treasurer's report was reviewed-it is a reconciliation of the previous month; E. Klein made a matching report so the board can see both sets of books reconciled. D. Dobilas asked to be called for special board meetings. The clerk's report was reviewed. The vouchers were approved and signed on a motion by W. Heath, second B. Adler; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Next regular board meeting is Monday, August 9, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.- Tim Seidl from Sawyer County will be present to answer questions Lake Loretta residents may have about the drawdown and dam renovation slated for this fall.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Klein
Clerk, Town of Draper