

**TOWN OF SCOTT**  
Burnett County, Wisconsin  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
Scott Town Hall  
July 8, 2024, 7:00 PM

Chairperson Scott Barton called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call: Chairperson Scott Barton, Supervisor Deni Olson, Supervisor John Vanous, Treasurer Paul Kipping and Clerk Ken Busby were present. Busby stated the agenda was posted at the A&H Country Market Bulletin Board, outside the town hall door in the glass cabinet and on the town website on July 3, 2024.

**AGENDA ORDER** – Motion (Barton/Olson) to move Public Comments section to Item 9B, moving the other items down. Motion carried 3-0.

**MINUTES** – Motion (Vanous/Barton) to approve the June 10, 2024 Monthly Board Meeting minutes. Motion carried 2-0.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS** – June 2024 Financial Statements were presented.

**REPORTS, DISCUSSION and ACTION**

**WAKE BOAT ORDINANCE:** Barton explained there will not be an ordinance approval this evening and gave some background. Steve Johnson presented with Theresa Wagoner, Shelly Black and Emily Moore. Johnson explained the 6 steps required to pass an ordinance like this with lakes going across town borders which will include a Public Hearing to hear comments. A Burnett County survey revealed that the preservation of the lakes and water resources as high importance. Moore, a water resources specialist, does lake talks and searches for invasive species. Moore highlighted the impacts and results of studies. Craig Yolitz asked who can enforce it. Moore said the county cannot create a Town Ordinance and there is only one rec officer in the county. Ultimately falls into the hands of the town and residents to make the complaint. Wagoner explained how our lakes are premiere lakes and played a video. State Statute 30.77 shows a town can regulate watercraft. Towns across the state are increasingly adopting wake boat ordinances. Black discussed the proposed ordinance, banning using wake enhancing equipment, not the wake boats themselves. Wagoner stated that Richard Phillips, the attorney that has helped enacted most of the state's wake boat ordinances, has reported no issues with violators after the ordinance has been enacted, so enforcement has not been an issue. Jim Durkin spoke of his experience on Oak Lake, cleaning all the damaged vegetation that has washed up. He has gone to the State, County and DNR and they all said the town has the power to enact an ordinance. 18,000 respondents to Spring survey Wisconsin conservation conference in WI. 66% in favor of moving forward to prohibit wake boat ballast systems, passed in all 72 counties. 68% in favor of legislation to prohibit generation of enhanced wakes, passed in all 72 Wisconsin counties. Barton asked if anyone has talked with the Wake Boat owners. Answer was predominantly no. Barton poses that anything that causes a problem with safety and reasonableness a person has a right to approach them. Wagoner said she had spoken with 2 wake boat owners. They refused to use the decontamination station despite being from lakes with invasive species. Motion (Olson/Vanous) to forward the proposed ordinance to the DNR for their review. Motion carried 3-0.

**FISH LAKE ASSOCIATION SIGNAGE:** Steve Johnson as the board for a waiver of the sign ordinance for their signs looking to hire boat inspectors. The board will allow the signs.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** A resident expressed the desire to educate the public with the wake boat ordinance. Question led to Vanous explaining the Recycle Center was closed early last Sunday because they were full.

**GRANTS AVAILABLE:** Vanous spoke that he wanted to get started with the federal government grants for small towns. The board is going to look for more into on grants we can apply for.

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT:** Chief Ohmann reported a quiet weekend. One call helping out Webb Lake with a lift assist. We have one more month to sell raffle tickets. The FD needs help selling them.

**TOWN ROADS REPORT:** – Olson reported, fixing equipment, started mowing, hauling scrap, shouldering, brushes on sweeper, removing trees from roads. Barton has been meeting with the road crew, popping in with his expectations. Still have roads needing swept and mowed.

**RECYCLING CENTER REPORT:** Vanous reported that there were record receipts for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July intake. 5 workers on Saturday.

**COUNTY SUPERVISOR REPORT:** Emily Gall said there wasn't much to report yet. The centralized kitchen for the ADRC meals was approved. Increased capacity to double the number of deliveries. New jail had a ribbon cutting.

**CHAIRMAN REPORT:** Barton reported, promises kept. Both property line issues are taken care of. Long Lake Rd and Kilkare Rd property has tall weeds and trash. Barton is going to address that next. Maybe a new mower with a boom is moving up the list.

**VOUCHER APPROVAL / REJECTION, REVIEW AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:** Motion (Olson/Vanous) to approve the vouchers. Motion carried 3-0.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Nothing mentioned.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:25 PM

Kenneth Busby, Clerk

Dated this 8th day of July, 2024