

Town of Oulu
Regular Board Meeting
April 13, 2016 ~ 6:45 p.m. – 7:37 p.m.
Town Hall

The April 13, 2016 Town of Oulu regular board meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. at the Town Hall by Chair Sandra Rantala.

Roll Call: Members present: Lee Pedersen, Sandra Rantala, Duane Reijo, Diana Reijo, clerk, and Marjorie Lahti, treasurer. Absent and excused: None. Town employee: Jonathan Nelson.

Motion by Pedersen, second by Reijo to approve the agenda as printed and posted. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Pedersen, second by Reijo to approve the consent agenda:

- Approve general fund vouchers 11818-11841, ACH 236 – ACH 239
 - Minutes of the March 9, 2016 regular board meeting
- Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: – General – \$49,918.60 Tax – \$89,427.63

Community groups or individuals:

- Richard Berk – road conditions on north Hoover Line Road and deer farm
- Duane Lahti – road condition of Muskeg Road south of County Highway B and game farm
- Rudy Listing – game farm
- Dirk Stolz – hunting preserve
- Jane Stolz – hunting preserve
- Laurie Seale – hunting preserve
- David Zeug – deer farm shooting preserve
- Richard & Mary Lou Fendrick – proposed game farm
- Steven & Ruth Fortney – proposed game farm

Plan Commission Report: F. Strand

Dirk and Jane Stolz request to fence 385 acres with 10' fence built to DNR specifications for the purpose of deer and elk farming.

- To operate a Game Farm (consisting of deer and elk)
- on 385 acres in section 10
- Zoning:
 - The NW¹/₄ of SW¹/₄, SE¹/₄ of NW¹/₄, and NW¹/₄ of SW¹/₄ are zoned Agricultural 1
 - All of the remaining land is zoned Forestry 1
- Owner: Dirk Stolz; Jane Stolz and Copper Hills Hunting Preserve, LLC

Findings:

- Future Land Use classes are:
 - Rural Moderate Residential for 30 acres in SW¹/₄ of NW¹/₄
 - Agricultural core for 40 acres: NW¹/₄ of SW¹/₄
 - Forestry Core for the remaining 315 acres

- Rural-moderate Residential: the primary use is for large lot residential; secondary uses are forestry, recreational and limited home-based businesses.
- Agricultural Core: primary use is for agricultural; secondary use is for limited residential, recreational, and home-based businesses.
- Forestry Core: primary use is for forestry; secondary uses are for low-density residential, recreational and home-based businesses.
- Aerial photograph review of the property:
 - Most of the NW1/4 of the SW1/4 is in a non-forested condition
 - All of the remaining land is forested
- Managed Forest Law (MFL): Current tax records show that 310 acres are enrolled in the Managed Forest Law program.
- The applicant has verbally stated that the land has been withdrawn from the MFL program.
- MFL enrollment criteria includes:
 - NR 46.17(1) REQUIRED TIMBER PRODUCTION. (a) A minimum of 80% of an entire managed forest land parcel shall be capable of producing merchantable timber as defined in s. NR 46.15 (2).
 - NR 46.15 (2): Capable of producing 20 cubic feet of merchantable timber per acre per year
- Farm-raised deer are classified as livestock by the Wisconsin Department of Agricultural, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP): per ATCP 10.01(62): “Livestock” means.....farm-raised deer.....’
- Farm-raised deer farms are required to be licensed and registered by the DATCP: see ATCP 10.45 thru 10.58
- Applications to DATCP for a Farm-raised deer farm permit must include a fencing certificate from the Department of Natural Resources.

Conclusions:

- Almost of the land is in a forested condition or is capable of being in a forested condition.
- Farm-raised deer is an agricultural activity as defined and regulated by DATCP
- The proposed use is not consistent with the Town’s Future Land Use Plan for all but 40 acres of the 385 acre proposal.
- The proposed use is not consistent with the current land use

New Business:

Conditional Use Application:

Dirk and Jane Stolz/Copper Hills Hunting Preserve, LLC request for a Conditional Use Application for a game farm. Legal description Section 10 T48N R9W (Tax ID #'s 26708, 26709, 26710, 37342, 26715, 26700, 26701, 26713, 26716, 34280, 34850, 34851)

Motion by Reijo, second by Pedersen to deny the conditional use application request for a game farm based on the recommendation of the Plan Commission findings and conclusion – based on the facts of: (1) It is not consistent with the Town’s Future Land Use plan, (2) the current and planned land use is forestry, and (3) farm-raised deer is an agricultural activity. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Gravel Specs for Summer Road Maintenance:

Motion by Reijo, second by Pedersen for the clerk to advertise for 2,500 yards of grade 2 ¾” gravel (in accordance with DOT specifications) and include provision for residents to purchase gravel at the bid price. Bids will be opened at the May 11, 2016 meeting. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Bayfield County Highway Dept. – Salt Order

The Town did not order any salt at this time as the Town purchases a mixture of salt/sand for town roads.

Plan Commission Members:

Only two applications were received to fill two vacancies on the Plan Commission. Chair Rantala appointed Tonya Koehler and Marjorie Lahti for a 3-Year Term expiring April 30th, 2019.

Road Maintenance Report: J. Nelson

- Trying to grade roads
- Ditching needs to be done by Kaukamo and Hokkonen Roads. Dean Routh will need to move his fence back out of the town’s right away.
- Sand Road by the first dip needs a new pipe.
- Pipe on Hoover Line Road south of Lusikka’s needs to be relocated.
- The Board is waiting for a quote from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers for crack sealing Airport Road south of Highway B to the Hughes town line and mop sealing from Hwy B south to Bain Road.
- Cemetery upkeep needs to be completed before Memorial Day.

Correspondence:

- Bayfield County Highway Department – WisDot salt bid

Set Date/s for Next Meeting/s:

- Annual Road Inspection scheduled for Monday, April 18, 2016, beginning at 7:00 a.m.
- Annual meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at the town hall, beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- Board of Review scheduled for Wednesday, Wednesday, May 11, 2016, at the town hall, beginning at 6:25 p.m. for the purpose of calling the Board of Review into session and adjourning to a later date.
- Regular Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 2016, at the town hall, beginning at 6:45 p.m. Bills will be reviewed at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment:

Motion by Pedersen to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Reijo, Clerk

APPROVED: