

Town of Presque Isle
Special Town Board Meeting
April 11, 2023

Chairman John MacLean called the special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Presque Isle to order at 7:00pm. Supervisors Cathy Logan Weber and Carl Wolter attended. Due to technical issues, there were no on-line/Zoom attendees, dial-in attendees, or recordings of the proceedings. A motion to approval tonight's agenda was made by Ms Weber, seconded by Mr. MacLean; MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, nay; motion carried 2-1.

1. Discussion/Approval of Cell Tower Location: Mr. MacLean outlined that minor adjustments to the proposed location of the new cell tower have been made and that he recommends that the Town Board move forward promptly with accepting this proposal. He cited that business conditions are weakening and we should try to secure this initiative while the offer is still available. Mr. Wolter described a reluctance to move too quickly and that this initiative will not solve the larger issue of poor cell coverage town-wide. Ms. Weber highlighted that we want to be fully compliant with Vilas County regulations and introduced a motion to table this issue at this time. Motion was seconded by Mr. Wolter; motion to table carried.

2. Sign Ordinance discussion and forward to Ordinance for re-work: Mr. MacLean described his interest in this issue and his contention that it should be forwarded to the Ordinance Committee for adjustment. Mr. Wolter outlined his disappointment with the agenda of this Special Town Board meeting and introduced a motion to table topics 2 & 3 and proceed directly to topic 4. Ms. Weber seconded this; MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried 3-0.

3. Introduce 503 Ordinance Amendment(s) solve wake erosion and mechanical breakage of AIS Plants; harmonize boating and surfing activities. Surfing and Jet Skiing: Mr. MacLean stated that he intended to ignore the Board's decision to table topic 3 and bring to the attention of the Board and the community work that has been done to address the controversial Wake Boat issue. He indicated he wanted five minutes of discussion to introduce a proposed amendment to the current Ordinance 503. Ms Johnson-Wiessner outlined the key changes to an updated draft of the Ordinance which was circulated to members of the Board and attendees at the Community Center. Members of the Board and attendees discussed elements of this proposal. No action was taken.

4. Approve Fireworks funding for 4th of July weekend show. Mr. MacLean outlined that the fireworks provider that conducted our show last year is interested in doing so again at the same price and recommended that we accept this offer promptly. Ms. Weber introduced a motion to approve funding and contract with the fireworks provider, seconded by Mr. Wolter; MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried 3-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Town Board Action: Approved 2-0
Approved: April 20th 2023
Amended: _____

DRAFT minutes as recorded by Eric Benn, 11 April 2023.