

Prior to this meeting, notice was given to the public by posting at the appropriate place in the Courthouse, Eagle River City Hall, Olson Memorial Library and in addition, copies of the notice of the meeting were forwarded to the news media: Vilas County News Review, Lakeland Times, Rhinelander Daily News, Northwoods River News, FYI Northwoods News, News of the North and Radio Stations WERL, WHDG, WLSL-FM, Coyote 93.7 in compliance with the open meeting law.

Present: Charles Rayala, Jr., Al Bauman, Vernon Wiggenhauser and Willy Otterpohl.  
Not Present: Ron De Bruyne. Also Present: Jarred Maney – Highway Commissioner/Patrol Superintendent, Louise A. Krus – Highway Committee Secretary, Jason Hilger – Finance Manager, Dave Gale – Omni Associates, Ken Anderson, Al Drum – Presque Isle Pedalers, Dale Mayo – Forestry Dept., Mary M. Sowinski – Assistant Corporation Counsel and Robert Barofsky – Presque Isle.

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Rayala.

Motion by Bauman, second by Wiggenhauser to approve the agenda to be discussed in any order, for the August 20, 2014 meeting – all voted aye.

Motion by Wiggenhauser, second by Bauman to approve the minutes for the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting – all voted aye.

**Culvert Aid Resolution** – The resolution included funding for the town of Boulder Junction and Conover – Motion by Bauman, second by Otterpohl to approve and sign – all voted aye.

**Al Drum – Presque Isle Pedalers Bike Route – sign placement on CTH “B” & “W”** – Al Drum told the committee that there are 18 signs for the bike route – most will be on “W” and a few on “B” – they are Bike Route signs and warning signs for crossings. The bike club will pay for the signs and the installation. Motion by Bauman, second by Otterpohl to approve the placement on the signs on “B” and “W” – all voted aye.

**ATV/UTV Ordinance** – Motion by Otterpohl, second by Bauman to approve and sign the ordinance – voting aye – Rayala, Otterpohl & Bauman, voting no – Wiggenhauser. Motion passed.

**Short Well** – Mary Sowinski – Assistant Corp. Counsel told the committee that this is the well in Arbor Vitae that we had replaced because of salt contamination for Ryan Short. The new well is 140 feet deep and cost the Highway Department \$3870.00. There is now Vanadium contamination in this well. The committee would like some additional information regarding this issue before making any decisions. No action taken at this time – have on next month’s agenda.

**Shared Position with Parks and Recreation** – Dale Mayo told the committee that the Forestry Committee unanimously approved creating this position at their August meeting. If hired, this person would work at Highway from November thru April and at Forestry from May thru October. Motion by Otterpohl, second by Bauman to approve and move forward with this – voting aye – Rayala, Otterpohl & Bauman, voting no – Wiggenhauser.

**Update on Roads, Equipment and Building and Grounds – Roads** – Jarred told the committee that Hwy “G” culvert replacement is complete and the striping on some of the county roads is complete for this year. The “K” construction project is scheduled to begin in a few weeks.

**Equipment** – Jarred told the committee that we need two new loaders – one for Arbor Vitae and one for Boulder Junction. Jarred will get some figures on the cost for this. We should also consider selling some of our old and unused equipment. **Building and Grounds** – Jarred told the committee that we are moving forward with the communications project and that we were able to save almost \$10,000.00 and that it should be completed before too long.

**Approve Payroll Reports & Hwy Committee vouchers** – Motion by Bauman, second by Wiggenhauser to approve as presented – all voted aye.

**Approve Annual County Vehicle Registration Fee** – Jarred told the committee that there are approximately 21,000 registered vehicles in Vilas County and that this money could be used by the Highway Dept. to improve our roads. Motion by Bauman, second by Otterpohl to move forward with this and to have it forwarded to the L& J Committee for their approval – voting aye – Bauman, Otterpohl and Rayala, voting no – Wiggenhauser. Motion carried.

**Budget 2014** – Jarred told the committee that there we are trying to come in under budget depending on how much we have to spend on winter costs.

**Budget 2015** – The committee discussed the budget and future equipment and construction costs on county roads as well as other budget items. Jason Hilger was present to answer questions regarding the proposed 2015 budget. Chairman Rayala had to leave the meeting at 11:11 am. Motion by Otterpohl, second by Bauman to approve the budget as presented – voting aye – Bauman & Otterpohl, voting no – Wiggerhauser. Motion by Otterpohl, second by Bauman to approve the 2015 Revenues and Expenditures. Motion was tabled.

**Dave Gale – Omni Associates** – Dave talked to the committee about the services that are available from Omni. The company offers engineering, architecture, environmental services for resurfacing and pavement replacement.

**Letters and Communications** – Al Bauman told the committee that at the intersection of Hwy 47 and CTH “D” the Lac du Flambeau police reported 11 – No Stops and 4 - Accidents in a short time.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items** – No one from the general public attended this meeting.

Motion by Otterpohl, second by Wiggerhauser to adjourn – all voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 12:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise A. Krus, Secretary