

## Special Meeting

Tuesday, December 1, 2020 9:00 am  
E913 Prairie View Ln  
Waupaca, WI 54981  
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**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. Chair Caroline Murphy presided. The opening statement was given. Notices were properly published and posted.

**Roll Call:** Town of Farmington Caroline Murphy-Chair, Craig Nelson-Supervisor I, Mark Jensen-Supervisor II, Town of Dayton John Miller-Chair, Jeff Barlow Supervisor, Jim Peglow- Supervisor, Waupaca County Sheriff's Department Tim Wilz-Sheriff, Dan Lewinski-Patrol Deputy, Carl Artz-Chief Deputy, Todd Rasussen-Captain, Danielle Taggart Clerk-Treasurer, and 15 citizens.

**Approve Agenda:** A motion by Jim Peglow to amend the agenda seconded by Jeff Barlow to include the pledge of allegiance. A motion by Jim Peglow seconded by Jeff Barlow to approve the amended agenda to include the pledge of allegiance. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **New Business:**

- 1) Discuss/Approve optional plans with Sheriff Wilz and Deputy Dan Lewinski regarding water patrol presence on the Chain O'Lakes.
  - Jim Peglow: Why are there 2 different hour totals on the 2 sheets? Sheriff Wilz stated they didn't bill anything over and above the 40 hours.
  - Jim Peglow asked how many hours are put in on the Wolf River? Dan Lewinski said Wolf River is over 1000 hours but they start two months earlier than they do on the Chain.
  - Jim Peglow asked if the Communities on the Wolf River have an agreement and if they pay anything? Sheriff Wilz states there is no agreement.
  - Mark Jensen: How many boats do you run on the Wolf River? Dan Lewinski said they run 2 boats on the Wolf River. The difference is the boats have to be launched every time they go out on the Wolf River. There is no slip or shore station to dock them.
  - Mark Jensen: Who owns the boats used on the Wolf River? Sheriff Wilz said the Sheriff's department owns the boat.
  - Caroline Murphy states she has had no cooperation from Crestliner on warranty regarding the cracks that happened on the white boat.
  - Caroline Murphy asked if they prefer 2 boats or if they can manage with one boat on the Chain? Dan Lewinski said on holidays they run 2 boats, but it is best to have 2 for safety purposes. If you go down to 1 boat then you will be putting a lot of hours on the motor and it will need to be replaced quicker.
  - Caroline Murphy asked Jim Peglow and Jeff Barlow if they were in favor of getting a second boat? Both Jim Peglow and Jeff Barlow said they are not in favor of getting another boat.
  - Jim Peglow asked who is ultimately responsible for patrolling the waterways? Sheriff Wilz said the DNR is responsible. The DNR doesn't have the staffing for the enforcement.
  - John Miller stated that on high activity days it's always nice to have a backup or secondary officer. The need for a second boat or a second officer is due to the separation of the lakes.

- Caroline Murphy would like the Sheriff's department to set aside time to attend the Town Board meetings in June, July and August to go over what's happening on the Lakes.
- Caroline Murphy asked if we took the boat in to have it repaired again, would you use it? Would Dayton be amicable to have the boat repaired again so that it can be used again? Jim Peglow would entertain the idea depending on the cost of the repair.
- Jim Peglow thinks the county sheriff's department does a phenomenal job and that this falls into their wheel house.
- Jim Peglow thinks we should hold a meeting at a later time.
- John Miller doesn't know that the boat that has cracked a second time is good. Would you be interested in a jet ski? So, there is a secondary support available.
- Sheriff Wilz said we do need 2 boats for the Chain. If the county board would approve the purchase of boats, it wouldn't just be the towns that pay, it is the entire county.
- Caroline Murphy asked if nothing is done with the second boat, do we sell it as is? Do we take that motor and put it on the other boat? Repair or sell as is? Jim Peglow said that with the agreement that is in place, we need to do something for 2021. Looking into the repair of that boat would be an option.
- Mark Jensen said another option could be patching it versus welding it. Mark Jensen and Craig Nelson both think it can be patched.
- Mark Jensen's opinion is fixing the boat and go with the current agreement for another year and have another meeting or 2.
- Craig Nelson agrees we should repair and then have a meeting in the future.
- Jim Peglow agrees to get the boat repaired and then meet again to decide what to do for 2022 on.
- Jeff Barlow is fine with repair and then meeting to go over how we are going to move forward.
- Jim Peglow recommends we meet in January and start to go over options/ideas.
- Dan Lewinski said we have a superb set up with the boats being in the shore stations.
- Sheriff Wilz wants all deputies to be familiar with the boats.
- Jim Peglow is in favor of transitioning the boats to the sheriff's department.
- Jim Peglow thinks the county would benefit from having the boats if there is a need to utilize them for an incident somewhere else.
- Sheriff Wilz would like to know what the Town of Dayton wants for enforcement versus what Farmington wants?
- John Miller said he doesn't think he can split the two. How do we participate financially in the situation? Town of Dayton board members need to agree with Farmington on the type of enforcement.
- Dan Lewinski thinks having the same guy out there 5 days a week is beneficial because then they are more familiar with the situations out there.
- Caroline Murphy is concerned that if we get away from an agreement that limits what the town can say as far as hours and supervision.
- Jim Peglow's big issue at hand what are we doing? Repairing, scraping or going to 1 boat?
- Jim Peglow said there is a place in Manawa that can possibly repair it. Mark Jensen thinks we should take it back to the original welder.
- Dan Lewinski said he would be willing to get estimates but thinks Waupaca Machine did a good job on the original weld and we should ask them.
- Sheriff Wilz said we should let the Sheriff's department take care of this

A motion by Mark Jensen seconded by Craig Nelson to bring the second boat back to Waupaca Machine to get estimates on repair and, if feasible, repair the boat and have future meetings. Jim Peglow wants to point out the value of the boat is roughly \$9,000. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

-Caroline would like to be able to recommend dates when we need someone out on the chain. Dan Lewinski said he thinks it is beneficial for someone to be out there every day in July and August. The sheriff's department used to lease a jet ski.

-Dan Lewinski was able to lease a jet ski this year. A jet ski is a good backup but you cannot arrest and transport someone with a jet ski.

-Sheriff Wilz said the average time to process an OWI is 2-3 hours.

- 2) Discuss/Approve formation of a Chain O'Lakes Committee. Motion by Caroline Murphy seconded by Jim Peglow to table indefinitely the formation of a Chain O'Lakes Committee. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- 3) **Adjournment:** A motion by Jeff Barlow seconded by Mark Jensen to adjourn at 10:22 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Submitted by Danielle Taggart

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