

SAWYER LAKE VILLAGE DISTRICT  
MONTHLY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
July 20, 2023

Present: Rich Adams, Dave Lebeouf, Janice Tkacek, Bob Dow, and Paula Adams

Meeting came to order at 6:00 PM The Minutes of the June 15, 2023, meeting were read and accepted and seconded.

Rich thanked Bob, Frank and Mickey Daigle for the work they did unselfishly to get Laurel Avenue open. Also he thanked Dave and Tom who have over the past three weeks have removed and replaced the boards at the dam several times to stop the water from going over.

- Dam: As far as the grant goes, the engineering team is together and they are doing whatever they do. Nothing will be physically done until the lake is drained. The lake may need to be drained a few weeks early for the work to start on the repairs. Rick Cardillo lives near the dam and was keeping an eye on it and letting the commissioners know if the water was going over the boards. Luckily the beaver dam broke during the day or the wall of water could have easily breached the boards and we would have lost the lake for the rest of the summer.

The Commissioners will be sending a letter to the landowners of the beaver dam as they are responsible for its care. The state offers help and information for its care.

- Roads: Bob has been busy everyday repairing roads. We are in pretty decent shape considering some of the other towns and municipalities. What Bob can drag back onto the roads is getting pretty thin. He's dragging back rocks and roots. We have to keep our fingers cross that we don't have any more washouts. As mentioned earlier, the washed out road was repaired with a bigger culvert. Dave also wanted to thank Bob for the quick work to get Laurel Avenue passable on the fourth of July weekend. It took 16 truck loads of fill.

- Roads Continued: The biggest obstacle was getting pipe. Bob called four places trying to get culvert. Bob wanted to get a four footer, but would have had to wait three weeks and of course, he could not. Bob put in a 36 inch pipe as this was the biggest he could find. The infrastructure was greatly improved. They put a lot rock and gravel down. Bob was able to repair Rose Avenue the day before.
- Beaches: Bob repaired Beach 5 the following Thursday as the boat launch was totally washed out. The other beaches took a pounding but didn't wash out. The drain on Beach 2 is washing out. Bob brought a load of stone to put down about three weeks ago trying to slow things down. The water bubbles up from the ground. The only way to fix it is to trench it and put a six inch pipe with some stone and try to get the water to run through the pipe. Hopefully it would prevent that area from washing out. Bob estimates it would cost about \$700 to repair.

Dave is concerned with amount of vehicles that are driven on the beaches even though there are signs stating "not do bring vehicles onto the beaches." He has spoken with people on Beach 2 that had a four wheeler in the middle of the beach to remove it and they stated "they didn't care!" Also a dirt bike tore up Beach 2. He's not sure what the solution is, but many people just don't care and are going to do what they want. After the beaver dam breach, signs were put up not to use the beaches. Beach 3 the sign was taken down. When Dave went to take the signs down after the state okayed the use of the beaches, Beach 2 signs were already down. A person said his son took them down. The commissioners are not sure what the solution is. They are not police and are not going to police the beaches. We are a district of the town, so when this happens the police should be called.



- **Treasurer's Report:** All June invoices that were received have been paid. The Bond payment due in July and the payment to Mici for landscaping have not cleared. A \$15,000 payment was made to the Capital Reserve Fund for the dam. The bills for repairs from Bob, Daigle, and Nutter, that were made on Laurel Avenue, came to about \$13,000. Rich and Janice filled out the claim for the insurance company. Janice received an email that they received it. There is a \$1000 deductible. Rich also uploaded the pictures of the damage done to the road.

Janice Transferred \$15,000 from the General Fund to cover the payments for the bond and the Capital Reserve. The Commissioners went over and approved all the bank statements and new bills. The bills for the dam are being kept separate.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted and seconded.

- **Open Forum:** Dave received a call from the town about the storage of travel trailers on residents' property. The simplest solution is adding the Sawyer Lake District to the town Article 6 as a Warrant Article. This would allow residents to store their trailers on their property.

There was question asked if there would be any reimbursement from the owners of the property where the beaver dam is located? Probably the only way would be to sue. The beaver dam owners are being notified that they are responsible for the upkeep of the dam. Dave said the Fire Chief was going to see if we are able to get any FEMA money. But with all the rain we've had, he hasn't gotten back to him. The state does offer a program to help monitor beaver dams. Fish and Game also has an apparatus that prevents the dams from breaching.

There was a complaint from Paul Dion's sister, Estelle, that water from the road is running onto their property in two places. She stated that there was a berm there to prevent this, but it isn't there now. They stated that they will

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Open Forum Continued: be putting a new house on the property. Bob said when this happens and they apply for a driveway permit, they can then put a culvert in and this should prevent water from running on their property.

Other residents explained that this is done around them also to prevent the roads from washing out.

A resident also thanked Bob and the Commissioners for their fast response to the road wash outs, especially on a holiday weekend.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM. This was accepted and seconded.

Paula Adams  
Clerk



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