

Township of Bloomington
Monday June 15th, 2020
Special Board Meeting Minutes

A Special Town Board meeting of the Town of Bloomington was called to order on Monday, June 15th, 2020 at 7:00 PM by Chairman Greg Patterson. Members present were Chairman Greg Patterson, Town Supervisors William Erdenberger & Joe Kirschbaum, Clerk Jane Patterson and Patrolman Andrew (Buck) Crubel. Public members in attendance were residents of Jay's Landing and River of Lakes. Pearl Worden, Conservation Warden- Bureau of Law Enforcement of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources joined the meeting via Zoom. Motion (Bill Erdenberger), seconded (Joe Kirschbaum) was made to approve posting of the Special June meeting/agenda notice, motion carried.

Chairman Greg Patterson started the discussion with explaining the Town's Slow-No Wake Ordinance and the Wis DNR Waterway Marker Application and Permit. The Town of Bloomington has jurisdiction over the water where the Slow-No Wake markers are needed. The Wis DNR approved the Town's Ordinance, issued the application/permit and assigned latitude and longitude coordinates as to where each buoy was to be placed. This was done back in Oct. 2010. Ed Hermsen stated that Jay's Landing donated money towards three buoys that were purchased by Bill Jeidy in 2010, so three of the buoys should be placed on their end. Greg Page stated that when he purchased River of Lakes from Bill Jeidy, all six buoys were part of the purchasing price, so the buoys belong to River of Lakes. According to DNR Pearl Worden, private citizens cannot place Slow-No Wake buoys on a state waterway without a permit, and only a municipality has the authority to obtain a permit and place the buoys, and buoys must meet Federal regulatory standards. Ownership of the buoys remain with River of lakes. Michelle Newhouse commented that she knows of other places that are having the same problem with buoys not getting placed correctly, these places then hire/contract companies to install the buoys for them. The Township is responsible for the maintenance and placement of the buoys, but can contract with individuals to place the buoys.

At the request of public members, the Town Board will move the Slow-No Wake sign at Jay's Boat Landing closer to the boat dock.

There was further discussion on purchasing more buoys and redoing the permit, but DNR Pearl Worden said the DNR probably would not approve more buoys or two permits in such a short distance, a compromise should be worked out. The members of the public agreed that more buoys were not needed at this time as long as the buoys were placed where they use to be. Greg Page was asked if he would place the buoys in front of Jay's landing if he was compensated for doing so, he agreed to place the buoys down by Jay's if compensated. Chairman Greg Patterson then asked Greg Page how much he would want to place the buoys, he said \$150.00. Motion (Greg Patterson), seconded (Joe Kirschbaum) was made to contract Greg Page for \$150.00 per year to place the buoys according to the DNR coordinates, on a voice roll call, Yes-3, No-0, motion carried. Clerk Jane Patterson will write up a contract, have the board and Greg Page sign it, and attested by the Clerk.

Motion (Greg Patterson), seconded (Joe Kirschbaum) to adjourn, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Jane Patterson-Clerk