

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
TOWN OF CRESCENT
MINUTES FOR
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2015
6:00 P.M., CRESCENT TOWN HALL**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bill Treder called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. The meeting was properly posted.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken. Members present were:

William Treder, Chairman

Kurt Metz, Supervisor

Steve Richardson, Supervisor

Tracy Hartman, Clerk

Carla Fletcher, Treasurer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Richardson to approve the agenda. Seconded by Metz. All aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Richardson to approve the minutes from the monthly town board meeting of July 14, 2015. Seconded by Metz. All aye. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A written report was received by Treasurer, Carla Fletcher.

Motion by Metz to approve the report as presented. Seconded by Richardson. All aye. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASES - Town Shop/Fire Bay Discussion

Lobermeier was present and gave an oral and written report to the board. There were 5 calls in the month of July. Two were cancelled in route, one vehicle hazard, one rescue at the Crescent Boat Landing and one vehicle accident. Training in August will be EVOC, September training will be Pumper training and hose testing and October will be vehicle extrication. Treder asked Lobermeier if the fire department is using the bay at the town shop. Lobermeier stated that they currently use one of the bays for the snow mobile and the boat and the other bay is used for tanker 2 and he would like to maintain both bays. Lobermeier stated that if we removed the truck from the bay that may affect residents ISO ratings and insurance rates. Lobermeier stated that they have to have 4 firefighters assigned to that station and a pumper that can pump a set amount of water in order to be considered valid. Lobermeier stated that he doesn't think it would be wise to decide this issue tonight as there needs to be a lengthy discussion regarding need. Metz stated that the bays have been empty since March and the shop could really use the space. Metz also called the ISO rating office and was told that we are currently at 9 and the only way we would drop to a 10 would be to get rid of the fire department completely. Metz stated that he thinks this is a simple decision and doesn't need to be tabled. Lobermeier expressed concern over making this decision and affecting the towns ISO rating. Metz stated that the ISO rating can not further be affected by moving the truck out of the town shop. Lobermeier stated that he believes that if that truck is removed it will go from a 9 to a 10 iso rating for some residents. Metz stated that there are very few insurance companies that even use the ISO rating any longer and that it will not affect many residents. Metz asked Lobermeier if he has called Terry Williams at the City of Rhinelander. Metz stated that Williams stated he hasn't spoken with Lobermeier yet. Lobermeier presented his phone showing that on August 7, 2015 at 14:35 and spoke for 34 minutes with the Rhinelander Fire Department. Richardson stated that he would like to volunteer to be the liaison between the fire department and the shop to discuss space issues at the town shop.

FIRST RESPONDER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASES

Zeske was present and gave an oral and written report to the board. There were 7 calls during the month of July. Zeske also reported that he is currently looking for someone to replace him as EMS Coordinator.

TOWN ROAD CREW REPORT

Bess gave an oral report to the board. Bess stated that he is behind on mowing due to the tractor having been broken down. He is done shouldering in most areas, there are some small areas that need attention. Bess also stated that he has both culverts installed and it went well. He has had help this summer and all firewood is cut up. Bess also stated that the OCHD took more samples from the spring and one out of three came back as positive for bacteria. They took two more samples today and if they come back negative we will be ok, however, if one is positive the spring will need to be closed and we will have to remove the lid again. The samples will be received tomorrow.

COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Robb Jensen gave an oral and written report to the Board. There was a special board meeting on July 21 with the primary focus being the kwik trip offer. There were three presentations regarding the 3 options available for the County shop. The kwik trip offer was rejected. Jensen stated that the public works committee will be looking at what types of upgrades need to be made to the county shop. The capital improvement committee is looking at all capital improvement projects and graded them and have forwarded them to the administration committee. They added to the capital improvement projects 1/2 million dollars for road improvements. They have asked department to start getting their 2016 budgets ready and budget hearings are scheduled for Oct 6-8. There are also a number of road projects that they will be putting out for bids.

LIBRARY REPORT

Whidden was present and gave an oral and written report to the board. Whidden handed out a new brochure created for the library expansion. Whidden stated that they won't begin with the addition until they have raised the funds. Whidden stated that there was a building committee meeting today and then had the library board meeting. The city balance sheet shows that 58% of the budget is gone. There are a number of entities that have stated they are going to raise their fees for the library and they are looking at how to cover those expenses.

TOWN PLAN COMMISSION REPORT

There will be a meeting before the September board meeting.

TOWN LAKES COMMITTEE REPORT

None.

UNIFORM DWELLING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

None

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Road Project Update

Treder stated that he received a call from the State Infrastructure Bank Loan and they were looking for more information and Treder referred them to MSA. It is on track to start at the end of August.

Richardson stated that he has been receiving a number of complaints from residents regarding a spot on Hat Rapids Road right before the bridge and a dip that is getting worse over the summer. Bess stated that he will look at it and believes that he could fix that area this summer yet.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Mechanic for town shop

Bess stated that the other day the loader broke down and there was a mechanic nearby that came over and fixed the loader for \$25/day. Treder expressed concern regarding being locked into using that mechanic for a set number of hours. Bess reassured the board that it would be on an as needed basis.

Motion by Treder to use Ken Kurth as a mechanic as needed with approval by the board. Seconded by Richardson. All aye. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Town Equipment for sale

Bess stated that the shop would like to see a sweeper, grater and dump truck sold as they are no longer using it. Richardson stated that there would be some auctions that would be good to look at for selling. Treder stated that Bess has some ideas for where to go.

Motion by Richardson to sell the sweeper, grater, dump truck and snowmobile. Seconded by Metz. All aye. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Approve Applications for Operator's

None

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Approve Driveway Permits

None

FIFTEEN MINUTES OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Roger Pond stated that he is putting in for his retirement. Pat Klunder stated that he would like to thank Roger for his service for the last 25 years. Treder congratulated Roger on his retirement and asked Roger what his effective date will be. Roger stated that his effective date will be tonight and Sept 1 he will receive his first check. Treder stated that on behalf of the board he wanted to let Roger know how much the board appreciates his time with the Town and wishes him the best in his retirement.

TOWN BOARD TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN CLOSED SESSION PER State Statute 19.85(1)© Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility

Motion by Treder to go into closed session at 7:31 p.m. Seconded by Richardson. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Richardson to return to open session at 9:21 p.m. Seconded by Metz. All aye. Motion carried.

While in closed session the board discussed the retirement of Roger Pond and the compensation and performance of a shop employee and a fire department employee.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE
APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS/ADJOURN

Motion by Richardson to approve vouchers as submitted and adjourn at 9:38 p.m. Seconded by Metz. All aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Hartman
Municipal Clerk