

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
TOWN OF CRESCENT
MINUTES FOR
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011
7:00 P.M., CRESCENT TOWN HALL

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman William Treder called the Monthly Town Board Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken. Members present were:

William Treder, Chairman
Grady Hartman, Supervisor I
Adrian Turgeon, Supervisor II

Tracy Hartman, Clerk
Carla Fletcher, Treasurer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by G. Hartman to approve the agenda. Seconded by Turgeon. All aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Turgeon to approve the minutes from December 14, 2010. Seconded by G. Hartman. All aye. Motion carried.

Clerk will complete the sentence under old business, assessor to state that Jim Danielson wanted to make certain that the Schnautz Contract offered services equal to the contract proposed by Accurate.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Carla Fletcher gave a written report to the Board. Report accepted as presented.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASES

Ken Orton was present and gave an oral and written report to the Board. There were three calls in the Town of Crescent last month. They had 60 calls during 2010. G. Hartman stated that there was an accident about a month ago and wanted to make certain that we billed the insurance. Orton stated that he hasn't been able to get the policy number but once he gets that he will bill the insurance company.

FIRST RESPONDER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASES

Greg Zeske gave a written report to the Board. There were seven calls in the month of December.

COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Jack Young was not present, however, Treder has spoken to him a couple of times regarding a new ordinance regarding raising chickens and as worded Young will not vote for the resolution. Currently, there is no rule for keeping them penned and therefore, chickens could just run free. G. Hartman and Turgeon both agree that the concerns expressed are reasonable.

LIBRARY REPORT

Harry Whidden was not present. The Library Board will be meeting on the 18th.

TOWN PLAN COMMISSION REPORT

None

UNIFORM DWELLING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

G. Hartman sent an e-mail asking that they send a report and there wasn't a response received yet.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/Possible Decision RE: City of Rhinelander, Genisot Associates - Water line on Boyce Dr
Mike Schindhelm, Town & Country Engineering, was present along with Bill Bell, Rhinelander City Administrator and Russ Brown, Genisot Associates. Bill Bell stated that originally they had planned to run water through wells on-site, however, that did not turn out and now this is their back-up plan. They were hoping to go down Cranes Rd, however, due to property ownership they are no longer pursuing this. They are now looking at taking a water line across 17 to Boyce Drive. Coming out of the waste plant they would stay on the South side of the road and then on Boyce Drive they would stay on the East Side of Boyce Drive and then cross to the West side near the lake. On the West Side of the Road there is a gas main and they feel they can get their pipe in between the gas line and the edge of the road. They do not expect to disturb the pavement at all along the road, they would probably have to take out some shoulder and they would repair that. Turgeon asked why they are not following the line that they already have. Mike stated that they have to cross Hwy 17 three times and the DOT is not happy with that, they are also closer to the center of the road than they were planning. There is also some burial grounds off Hwy 17 and that is why they would need to cross over. Resident (?) asked if they go down Boyce Drive would the residents be able to hook up to City Water. Bill Bell stated that currently there is a policy that they have to be annexed to do that, however, that may be a policy change the City would allow. Contractor would be responsible for restoring things back to original standing. Mike stated that they are currently trying to determine what questions the Town would have and determine what would be required for the Town. Don Kress asked what type of warranty will be on the Road. He has seen gas lines put in and 1-2 years later the road is starting to show problems, he also has concerns because it is winter and how will they be able to plow the road. Schindhelm stated that the contractor is responsible to make sure the road is clear and that it is maintained. Kress is concerned that if the shoulder is removed and they get too far over they will break the road up. Schindhelm stated that they will definitely work with the contractors on making sure that they protect the edge. G. Hartman stated that part of what they are hearing tonight is that Crescent residents are not happy that the sewer plant is going out in their neighborhood and they are going to be even more unhappy that we are now disrupting Boyce Drive. Schindehelm stated that City can provide some guarantees for replacement of damages. G. Hartman stated that there is also a concern about the disruption on Boyce Drive and the residents are not going to be happy. G. Hartman stated that there is a time crunch and we are not going to be able to hear from the residents in this short of time crunch. Treder stated that this was previously the talk of the "Town" because they were surveying Boyce Drive and the residents are not happy with what is being planned. Treder asked if they have presented the plan to DOT and Schindehelm stated that they have spoken to them about crossing Hwy 17 and they would like to see it go elsewhere. Bill Bell stated that they are looking for a use of right of way from the Town Board. Schindehelm stated that if it is only the guarantee of the road we can work with that, however, if it is a time issue because of talking to residents then he doesn't know what the City will do with it. G. Hartman stated that if time is of the essence then they are better going down Hwy 17, however, if they want to pursue Boyce Drive it will take some time. Russ Brown asked what the quality of water along Boyce Drive is. Kress stated that it is not very good water. Brown asked if property owners can tap into the water would it help? Bill Bell stated that guaranteeing the pavement is not an issue, this can be worked out with the contractor. Bill Bell

asked if there was a possibility of calling an informal meeting prior to the next meeting. The City would pay to have that put together. Bill Bell stated that if the residents are interested in having City water without annexation then he would enter into an informal agreement with the residents and take it to the City for approval. Bill Bell stated that he can go back tomorrow and talk with the Mayor and if they want to pursue it they will pay for the postage and advertisement for a meeting. The Board would be able to hold a residents meeting February 3 at 6:00 p.m. Bill Bell stated that just for the record the City is not trying to penalize the residents of Crescent or cause hard feelings. The City had to rush to get this done in order to get stimulus \$ and they weren't able to plan for everything.

Discussion/Possible Decision RE: Overlay Districts

Treder stated that there was a letter received from Lake Tomahawk and they are interested in reinstating overlay districts and are wanting feedback from other Towns. Newbold discussed it at their last meeting and Treder is bringing to our Board to see what our feelings are and how to proceed. Treder stated that his understanding of overlay districts is that we could take sections of our Town and limit the size of residence and the type of residence. Turgeon stated that his understanding of overlay is the same as Treder's. He stated that it also gives requirements on what type of overhang they need to have. Treder stated that he can see possibilities that can be looked at, however, he doesn't think that we should move on anything tonight but decide what direction we want to go. G. Hartman stated that his concern is that people who want to build a home but can't afford it and put a mobile home on until they can build then they wouldn't be able to do that. Treder stated that it would be nice to have the Commission weigh in on it and possibly give some explanation of the levels. T. Hartman will e-mail all members asking them to discuss this.

Discussion/Possible Decision RE: Referendum Question on Zoning for April Ballot

T. Hartman stated that we have until February 15 to come up with the wording in order for the question to get on the ballot. Treder stated that he thinks we should use something similar to "do you as a resident want to see the long-range plan for the township move from general use to more specific zoning". Treder stated that we will get something put together before the next meeting and then at the next meeting we can get the wording approved.

Discussion/Possible Decision RE: Woodboro/Harrison FD and FR Contracts

We will not need to renew the contract.

Discussion/Possible Decision RE: Town Plan Commission Member needed

Treder stated that we had a resignation from one of our members of the Town Plan Commission and we need to look at replacing that person. Treder stated that whoever is selected would finish the one year term. Treder's recommendation would be to place an ad that we are looking for a person to fill a position and any interested person should submit a letter of interest with any qualifications they may have. Treder stated that he is interested in having a diverse committee because it doesn't make sense to have people who all feel the same way.

Discussion/Possible Decision RE: Wisconsin Retirement System

T. Hartman has been informed that any town official working more than 600 hours during the year is required to be on the Wisconsin Retirement System. The Clerk and Treasurer definitely meet this requirement and will need to be added to the WRS.

Discussion/Possible Decision RE: Approve Applications for Operator's Licenses, Brett Boehm
Motion by G. Hartman to approve operator's license for Brett Boehm pending receiving the fees. Seconded by Turgeon. All aye. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Decision RE: Approve Driveway Permits

FIFTEEN MINUTES OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Janet Appling asked what the Board has decided about having an appliance recycling setup. The Board will look into this again.

James Sirota, Three Lakes, stated that he has some property off Pommerining Road and he doesn't have legal access to his property because the road ends prior to the property lines. Sirota would like the Town of Crescent to extend the road to the next property lines. Treder stated that he doesn't believe the Town would add more road or blacktop it because we would require the extension to be blacktopped prior to us taking it over. Treder recommended that Sirota request an easement from the other property owners.

Janet Appling asked if the Town has considered the Town Lake Association. The Board stated that they would be willing to consider it but we would need someone to head it up.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

Sign contract for Michael Schnautz.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

ADJOURN 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Hartman
Municipal Clerk