

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
TOWN OF CRESCENT
MINUTES FOR
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16TH , 2014
6:00 P.M., CRESCENT TOWN HALL**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bill Treder called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was properly posted.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken. Members present were:

William Treder, Chairman
Joel Knutson, Supervisor
Adrian Turgeon, Supervisor

Tracy Hartman, Clerk
Carla Fletcher, Treasurer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Knutson to approve the agenda. Seconded by Treder. All aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Treder to approve the minutes from September 17, 2014. Seconded by Knutson. All aye. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A written report was received by Treasurer, Carla Fletcher.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASES

Jake Lobermeier was present and gave an oral and written report. There were six calls in the month of September. Most of them were during the bad thunderstorm. There was a call of glass on Hwy 8 and an accident in Woodboro. The training in October is Pumper and Water operation. In November it will be Chimney Fire and in December the training will be Ice Rescue. All equipment is in service. Engine 1 has a gash in the tire and will need to be replaced. They are looking at replacing the snowmobile with the money they have received from their fundraising efforts. They are going to upgrade it to a tracked ATV and would like to look at a UTV with an extended box. It was fire prevention month in October and a number of volunteers went to Crescent and took the kids through the firehouse.

FIRST RESPONDER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASES

Greg Zeske gave an oral and written report to the board. There were 2 calls in the month of September and no purchases.

TOWN ROAD CREW REPORT

Mike Bess was present and gave an oral report to the Board. Nick Hallas from In Control Technology was present and spoke to the Board about installing a converter so that the shop could use a generator if the power goes out again. The generator would be able to run the boiler, wood stove, garage door and lights. The cost would be \$600. The proposal includes the parts (except cord) and the labor. Bess stated that the bridge on Palamino Road needs to be hot patched next year and the first section of Prune Lake Road is bad. They have been working on vehicle maintenance and fire wood. They have been bringing in a lot of wood from storm damage to supplement what we have at the shop. The town dump will be open October 20-27th for leaves.

COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Robb Jensen was present and gave an oral and written report to the board. The resolution for County Administrator failed. The resolution recommending changing from 22 supervisors to 9 failed. The capital improvement program review committee made recommendations for projects to be completed. There 6 projects that were approved that will be taken out of the general fund, 4 projects that will come directly from department budgets and two other projects that will be completed if there is money remaining in this years budget. There are a few committees that are working on the County Shop and Kwik Trip offer (looking at building new, remodeling existing, consolidating departments).

LIBRARY REPORT

Harry Whidden was present and gave an oral report to the Board. There was mold found in one of the rental properties and that has been fixed. Tom Hurlbutt applied for an received a mead whittier foundation grant of \$10,000 that will fund purchase of books, cd's, meeting room chairs and tables, and shelving. There is a meeting on October 28, 2014 for arbitration with the towns for the 2015 budget. The Rhinelander women's club made a donation to the children's library and to the traveling library.

TOWN PLAN COMMISSION REPORT

Bill Treder gave an oral report to the Board. The Town Plan commission met on Monday to look at the proposed CSM for Gaetan Riopel. He would like to take lot that is over 50 acres and divide a 10 acre lot from it. The Town Plan commission will be recommending approval of the CSM.

TOWN LAKES COMMITTEE REPORT

Joel Knutson gave an oral report to the Board. There was no meeting during the last month. The state hasn't released the specifics on the Healthy Lakes Proposal and so they are not able to apply for grants yet. Joel has received compliments regarding the boat landings and thanked the town road crew for their work.

UNIFORM DWELLING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

None

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Oneida County Humane Society

Karla Ortman and Bria Swartout gave a presentation to the board regarding the Oneida County Humane society. Ortman stated that they are in the same building that the Rhinelander Animal Shelter was in. The city continues to own the building and allows the humane society to use it. The city has approved a 2 year agreement with the city giving a \$50,000 budget to the humane society. The County has budgeted \$43,000 for the past two years and that has allowed the humane society to not bill the Towns for the services. The County is proposing a decrease to \$35,000 for the 2015 budget. The City and County provides approximately 35% of the budget and they raise the rest through fundraisers and private donations. Bria Swardout gave an oral presentation of the services that are provided. They are the county wide dropoff for all stray animals. They keep an animal for 7 days and if the animal is not claimed they are adopted out. The humane society provides 24 hours support to the sheriff's office to help remove animals and they also work with the health department to remove animals from condemned buildings. They are also a rabies quarantine center. Knutson asked if the County reduces it's budget share will the humane society need to come back to the towns for a share of the budget. Ortman stated that they are hoping to get that amount restored, however, if it isn't they will need to revisit and decide where to make up the funds.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: MSA, Jim Bollmann - N Rifle Rd project

Jim Bollmann from MSA presented a proposal for the engineering of the North Rifle Road project. The state sent a municipal agreement that lays out the terms of receiving the grant for N Rifle Road. Bollmann stated that it is very important that the town follow the agreement exactly or the State will not reimburse. There are regulatory requirements for Trans 204 and Trans 75 that need to be met in order to get reimbursed and would need to be stamped by a professional engineer and needs to have an engineer design it. MSA has provided the same service for the Town of Three Lakes and Arbor Vitae. The proposal is for the design fee and for the construction services fee. Joel Knutson stated that it is his understanding that this project is geared towards reconstructing the road to handle heavy truck traffic. Treder stated that we did receive the grant under heavy traffic. Knutson stated that what we are principally looking at is a weight increase from the gravel pit to the existing road. Bollman stated that this is 50/50 grant. The town would need to front the entire amount and the state would reimburse the 50% after the project is completed to specifications. The state has a fund available to towns to help front

the money and the town can then pay it back as money comes available. Treder thanked Jim Bollmann for his help in completing the application for this project. Knutson stated that he does not have any objection to MSA's work to date. Knutson stated that he is concerned about going into heavy debt to change a largely residential road into a heavy truck road. Knutson stated that he has spoken with the director of OCEDC in regards to the need to make this road a heavy truck road. The answer was that in his opinion there isn't a need. Knutson stated that if we are looking at a 1/2 million dollar project he believes that the benefit should be more than for a few businesses. Knutson has concerns about making the north end of the road heavy traffic capable in the future. It is Knutson's opinion that we should not jump into this tonight and should take some time to research and get some questions answered. Turgeon stated that this road has taken a beating and needs to be changed. Turgeon stated that he feels that this needs to be done soon but we need to take some time to evaluate it. Treder stated that we will re-address this in November.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Certified Survey Map, Gaetan Riopel

CSM for Gaetan Riopel. Treder stated that the property is off of Hwy N and was 50 acres. They are asking that 10.54 acres be divided from the 50 acres. This property does not have any water that would affect it and the Town Plan commission recommends approval.

Motion by Knutson to approve the preliminary CSM of Gaetan Riopel contingent to the Oneida County Zoning requirements. Seconded by Adrian Turgeon. All aye. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Budget Resolution 2014-01, transfer to fire department

Motion by Treder to approve Budget Resolution 2014-01 to transfer DNR grant to the Fire Department Budget. Seconded by Turgeon. All Aye. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Emerald Ash Borer

Knutson asked Rosie Page to give a presentation to the Board regarding Emerald Ash Borer. Rosie stated that last week Emerald Ash borer was discovered near James Williams Middle School. This is a species regulated by federal and state agencies. This can kill all untreated ash trees within 3-5 years. It is predominately moved through firewood. An estimated 20% of all public trees are ash. Rosie recommended that the town look at creating an emerald ash borer plan. She would recommend that the town map the Ash trees and determine what to do and if they are worth saving and if it is within the budget to treat the trees. John Bilogan is currently planning a workshop for timber producers, larger businesses. Rosie's department, land and water, will be holding a workshop in November for the public. Marcus Nesman asked what citizens can do to help. Rosie stated that right now they want to focus on preventing the spread. Residents should not be transporting firewood and monitor their ash if a resident knows they have some on their

property. Residents can go to www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov or <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/invasives/>. for more information regarding Emerald Ash Borer.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Nuisance Property

Joel Knutson stated that back in June the Board received a complaint regarding a nuisance property and discussed creating a pathway of how to deal with these properties. Knutson stated that as he believes we as a board need to stay responsive to residents concerns. Knutson has spoken to the WTA regarding what options the Town would have if an ordinance is passed and he has been told that some towns have an agreement with the County DA for enforcement. There is a home on the corner of Wausau and Crescent that has previously had complaints about it regarding junk cars in they yard. The home has now been arrested meth and guns were involved. Alli Kotilla stated that her biggest concern if there are drugs would be safety in the neighborhood and property values will drop. Knutson's hope is that a member of the public could contact a board member and a board member could establish contact with the homeowner.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Approve Applications for Operator's: Kasey Kull, Valerie Oberg-Bishop, Mellie Buelow

Motion by Turgeon to approve the operator's licenses from Mollie Buelow, Valerie Oberg Bishop and Kasey Kull. Seconded by Turgeon. All aye. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Approve Driveway Permits None

FIFTEEN MINUTES OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Squash Lake Association requesting that the Board consider allocating \$2500 in the budget to help the lake association with the invasive species. Treder stated that this is a worthwhile consideration, however, our budget can't support this at this time.

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 Bill Treder to go into closed session at 9:05p.m. Seconded by Turgeon. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Bill treder to return to open session at 9:42 p.m. Seconded by Turgeon. All aye. Motion carried.

During closed session there was a discussion regarding employee promotions and compensation.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS/ADJOURN

Motion by Treder to approve vouchers as submitted and adjourn at 9:43 p.m.
Seconded by Turgeon. All aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Hartman
Municipal Clerk