

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS  
TOWN OF CRESCENT  
MINUTES FOR  
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 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 Knutson to approve the minutes from October 16, 2014. Seconded by Turgeon. All aye. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

A written report was received by Treasurer, Carla Fletcher.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASES**

Jack Lobermeier was present and gave an oral report to the board. There were 6 calls in October. There were 4 vehicle accidents, 1 vehicle fire and one search and rescue for an elderly person with dementia. The November training was chimney fires and ladders and in December they will be training on ice rescue. All vehicles are service.

**FIRST RESPONDER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASES**

Greg Zeske was not present but submitted a written report for the board. There were 9 calls in October and no purchases.

**TOWN ROAD CREW REPORT**

None

**COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Robb Jensen gave an oral report to the board. They are having their annual budget meeting tomorrow night. There have been committee meetings for the highway facility and the biggest challenge at this time is determining if they can improve the existing facility and if it is worth putting the extra money into it. They are also looking at relocating the highway department to a new location on a 40 acre lot that the County already owns. There is subcommittee looking at a TIF district and what the financial impact would be if the County Shop is not in that location.

**LIBRARY REPORT**

None

## TOWN PLAN COMMISSION REPORT

None

## TOWN LAKES COMMITTEE REPORT

Knutson stated that the healthy lakes granting that has been discussed in the past that enables individual home owners to received grants for fish habitat is starting to move forward. Knutson has spoken with the WTA and they are starting to incorporate more lake association websites on the WTA website.

## UNIFORM DWELLING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

None

## DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: MSA - North Rifle Road Project

Jim Bollman was present again. Bollman spoke with someone at the State Infrastructure Bank Loan DOT. Bollman stated that the money is not currently available, however, they believe that there will be money available in 2015. Treder stated that he also requested that Bollman look at N Rifle Road and give an estimate on what it would cost to repave that road using our normal road construction specifications. Bollman stated that he believes it would cost \$272,000-\$275,000 to rebuild the road without the grant using our normal road paving. The cost to repave the road meeting the specifications of the grant would cost us approximately \$270,000 with a total reconstruction, wider shoulders (safety), culverts, thicker pavement, etc. Knutson asked Bollman if he has any experience with Road Maintenance Agreements and Bollman stated that he does not have any experience with that. Bollman stated that due to the snow it will be more difficult to survey the project, it is still possible to do that. Bollman stated that he would still like to do the field work before the real cold winter sets in and the ground freezes. Due to the snow it will also take longer to survey and there will be extra expense. Treder stated that he would like to move forward for this project in 2015. Turgeon stated that he believes that it would be a plus for the Town and we should move forward with it. We will be getting a bigger, better road for the same amount of money. Knutson stated that he isn't opposed to the project and he sees the need for doing it, his concern is how do we pay for our portion and needing to come up with a plan. Knutson stated that he is against moving forward in 2015 and would feel more comfortable delaying it until 2016. Knutson stated that his concern is with heavy truck traffic in N. Riffle road and making it more user friendly for them and he already hears complaints about that. Treder stated that we won't be placing a tax burden on the residents because 50% of this project is paid for by a grant and the other 50% can be built into our road budget over the course of a number of years due to a low interest rate loan.

Treder made a motion to move forward with the N. Rifle Road project for 2015 contingent upon finding acceptable financing for the project. Seconded by Turgeon. Aye -2 Nay - 1. Motion carried.

Treder made a motion to approve the amended proposal submitted by Jim Bollman with a design contract fee of \$44,000. Seconded by Turgeon. Aye - 3, Nay - 0. Motion carried.

## DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Recreation/Road Use Survey

Knutson has spoken with folks at the WTA and the extension office about capturing data from residents to see what their expectations are and one way to do that is to include a survey that would go out to residents in their tax bills and an on-line survey through the UW extension survey monkey account. This would provide us with an opportunity to hear from residents regarding their experiences in Crescent in regards to town roads. Knutson presented the board with a draft survey that he has created. The survey looks at what roads residents are traveling the most, what concerns they have regarding maintenance of the roads, if they use the roads for non-commuting activities (ie: walking, biking, atv, etc) and what they would like to see more of. Knutson would like to have a final survey ready for the December tax bills if the board approves it. Robb Jensen stated that the challenge is getting residents to respond and get valid results and he believes that in order to get valid results the town would need to hire a marketing firm. Knutson stated his desire is to get more voices into the mix regarding town roads, the town is

not in a position to hire a marketing firm for this purpose. Jensen stated that his fear is that people will take the results and use it when it is not statistically valid. Knutson stated that he isn't looking to get a statistically accurate survey but wants to open it up to residents as a way to give opinions regarding what are some of the issues that are being dealt with. It is one of taking the pulse of residents and showing residents that we value their opinions. Treder stated that he isn't comfortable sending out random questions asking people about the roads when they already have an avenue to speak to the board through phone calls. He is concerned that once the surveys are in residents will expect some sort of action to be taken based on the survey. Treder believes it is too soon to throw these in the tax bills and there isn't time to get a final survey created. Knutson stated that he believes there is time and if the board likes the concept there can be changes made before the tax bills go out. Knutson stated that his main area of interest with the survey is to learn hotspots of concerns that we are not aware of and if residents are using roads in non-commuting ways. Knutson's expectation would be that a final could be sent with the tax bills in December. Knutson stated that two options are it could be approved in concept with the chairman having final approval before the tax bills go out and the other option would be to approve it at the December meeting. Knutson stated that he has a few ideas based on the remarks so far and it can be revisited at the December meeting and if it works out with the tax bills great, however, if it doesn't work out we can revisit it in another year.

#### DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Hwy 8 Plan

Knutson stated that we received a letter last spring from the hwy commissioner with closing the railroad crossing at Crescent Road. Knutson requested that the DOT keep in touch with him regarding any Hwy 8 project. The DOT is currently looking at improving Hwy 8 at the Crescent road intersection and they are looking at addressing the westwardly exits on hwy 8. Knutson has also asked the DOT about the possibility of improving the shoulder from where Crescent Road crosses Hwy 8 to the Boat Landing. Knutson stated that the Crescent section of Hwy 8 is currently slated to receive 5 foot shoulders with the possibility of 7 foot shoulders with fog-line rumble strips.

#### DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Woodboro/Harrison Fire and First Responder Contracts

Motion by Treder to approve the Woodboro/Harrison fire and first responder contracts as presented. Seconded by Turgeon. All aye. Motion carried.

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

None

#### DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Approve Driveway Permits

Motion by Turgeon to approve the driveway permit for John Fransiskakis with a culvert required. Seconded by Knutson. All aye. Motion carried.

#### FIFTEEN MINUTES OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

#### FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

None

#### REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

None

#### TOWN BOARD TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN CLOSED SESSION PER State Statute

19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

Motion by Knutson to go into closed session at 7:53 p.m. Seconded by Treder. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Turgeon to return to open session at 8:36 p.m. Seconded by Turgeon. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made in closed session to appoint Supervisor Joel Knutson to represent the town in exploring opportunities with regards to the Oneida County Heal Creek property.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS/ADJOURN

Motion by Treder to approve vouchers as submitted and adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Seconded by Knutson. All aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tracy Hartman  
Municipal Clerk