

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
TOWN OF CRESCENT
MINUTES FOR
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, June 10, 2014
6:00 P.M., CRESCENT TOWN HALL**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bill Treder called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. The meeting was properly posted.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken. Members present were:

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

Tracy Hartman, Clerk
Carla Fletcher, Treasurer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Knutson to approve the minutes from May 13, 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 - Discuss Park Project

Jake Lobermeier was present and gave an oral and written report to the board. There were 7 calls last month. Training this month will be boat rescue on Crescent Lake and vehicle extrication in July. All vehicles are in service and there are two vehicles in the July 4 parade. Knutson reported that he attended the officer's meeting last Monday and had a brief discussion regarding the plans for the park that the fire department is working on. Knutson asked what the wish list would be and the officers reported that goals would be: a training tower, a pavilion, tent space. Knutson recommended that a committee be formed to discuss this and Knutson suggested that at least 3 VFD members be a part of it, an architect that had offered pro bono services last year, and opening it up to people that we normally wouldn't hear from. Knutson stated that they would like to move forward with plans to make some training tools at the town dump and they would like to park to serve not only the fire department but also the community at large. Treder stated that the fire department will need to initiate all of the fundraising, the Town can not take that on and therefore, he feels that the fire department should be the ones to form the committee.

FIRST RESPONDER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASES

Greg Zeske was present and gave an oral and written report to the board. There were 16 calls in the month of May, 14 in Crescent, 1 in Woodboro and a mutual aide. They will be purchasing de-fib pads.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: MSA Report for N. Rifle Road Grant

Jim Bollmann from MSA was present to answer questions regarding the N. Rifle Road Grant. Bollman stated that the town should be receiving a State Municipal Agreement. The funds are a biennial grant that will start in 2015 but are available to be used for 5 years. The project will have to be financed by the town, once it is signed off by an engineer it can be submitted to the State for reimbursement. Knutson asked if any municipal towns bundle the financing thru a state trust loans. Bollman stated that he would recommend using the State Infrastructure Bank Loan (DOT), this isn't used very often and is 2% money that is available at this time.

COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Robb Jensen was present and gave an oral and written report to the Board. Jensen gave a brief history about himself to the residents. Thanked the residents for electing him to the County Board. They are looking at whether the County should have a County Administrator and the size of the county board, it has been sent to a committee and the committee will report to the Board in August. There were a number of resolutions presented to the board, they also discussed giving all of the new board members a tour of the county properties and departments, some training on closed meetings and per diems. The final item on the agenda was the Dam Plan and that has been tabled.

LIBRARY REPORT

Harry Whidden was present and gave an oral and written report to the Board. Whidden reported that Ed Hughes has left and Tom Hurlburt has been appointed interim director. They have created an application for the library director and it is very extensive. Hurlburt is also the children's librarian and has created a number of programs available to the children this summer. The Northwoods Lion Club will have their food wagon in the library parking lot again, last year they donated \$1000 to the library from their sales. The Library and the City of Rhinelander are still in discussion regarding the fees that were made to the library. Whidden believed that it has been cleared up for this year, however, believes the fees will be back in 2015 and will be planned for in the budget. They are going to initiate a feasibility study to determine the needs for a library addition.

TOWN PLAN COMMISSION REPORT

None

TOWN LAKES COMMITTEE REPORT - Discuss Boat Landings

Joel Knutson reported that this past Saturday the Town Lakes committee working with the Oneida County Planning and Zoning hosted a public forum that was open to all residents of Oneida County that discussed all forms of POWTS. The goal of the forum was to answer septic questions re: the Counties regulations of wastewater treatment systems, ask questions of septic providers, etc. The meeting appeared to be successful and people left with a better knowledge of the regulations and of what types of questions they need to ask septic providers.

Knutson reported that he would like to look at holding another forum this time addressing fish stick construction (how do we improve habitat).

Knutson met at the Squash Lake Boat Landing with our road crew and discussed the need for more frequent maintenance (monthly pickup of garbage, etc). Knutson is looking at possibly upgrading/replacement of the Squash Lake Boat Landing. He has spoken with a contractor that has expressed a willingness to help with that.

Knutson reported that at the end of May he applied for a bat monitoring grant through the DNR. He has worked with a monitoring group in the past and was unable to get the program off the ground due to the high demand of the equipment. He applied for the grant under the town of Crescent, however, the equipment will not be town property.

UNIFORM DWELLING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

None

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Open Lassig Road Bids, Road Repair Projects including Stop Sign Change and speed limit study at S. Rifle Road and Green Bass and weight limits on Hat Rapids Road.

Open Road Bids for Lassig Road:

Musson Brothers: \$59,714.48

American Asphalt of Wisconsin: \$54,110.29

Northeast Asphalt Inc: \$60,289.15

Motion by Knutson to award the Lassig Road bid to American Asphalt with a bid of \$54,110.29. Seconded by Turgeon. All aye. Motion carried.

The board accompanied the road crew around all town roads to determine current needs for road improvements

Bids to be advertised:

1 - .4 of a mile on Hat Rapids Road

2 - Rangline road - there is a section of road that has begun to look like gravel - 150-200 feet

Fire Tower Road starting at Woodboro town line and traveling east from the line one mile. Bid as 6/10 from line and the another bid of 4/10 from that section to the newly paved section.

Rocky Shores (18 foot wide road) - 2/10 of mile

Cook Drive (18 foot wide road) - .5 mile long

They also looked at North Rifle Road and adding some asphalt over the newly paved section at the same time that we work on the part that falls within the grant. The new blacktop would be approximately 1 mile long. This will not be addressed this year.

Knutson reported that the board has received some concerns regarding the posted speed limit on Green Bass Lake road and South Rifle Road and to change the right hand only stop sign to an all way stop sign. The town has the authority to do this without resident support, however, Knutson believes that the residents that will be impacted by that change should be contacted. Knutson will be speaking to these residents in the next month and will report to the Board next month. Knutson stated that because it is posted as 45 we would be able to lower it to 35 mph. Treder stated that the 45 posting may not have been legally done and therefore we would not be able to lower it to 35 mph.

Knutson questioned whether we should start looking at permanent weight limits in order to maintain that road. Turgeon stated that his concern would be all of the farmers that live down that road driving with their tractors and getting shipments of feed. Steve Richardson stated that it is his belief that most of the larger vehicles are farm vehicles and are not using it as a through road. Richardson's concern is that farmers do not always have a lot of time to request the permit (feed may need to come in the next day, etc).

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Private Road Maintenance agreement request

Knutson reported that a few realtors attended the septic forum on Saturday and following the meeting they asked Joel if Crescent has private road maintenance agreements. Joel informed them that we do not and they asked why we do not offer that. Turgeon and Fletcher stated that we were advised by the town insurance company to discontinue this service due to the liability. Treder stated that the road will need to be maintained by someone and he doesn't believe the Town needs to be the one to do that.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Town Crew Report

Treder stated that we are discussing adding a Town Crew Report to the agenda on a monthly meeting to update the board as to concerns that have been raised, what the road crew has completed, etc. Mike Bess was present and stated that they are sweeping as fast as they can because the roads were wet for so long.

Treder also stated that he has received some complaints regarding chipping that was done. Bess stated that there were two residents that left much more than one hours worth of work. Knutson stated that there appeared to be some confusion by one of the land owners.

Bess stated that he has been working to clean and maintain all of the equipment and believes that this needs to be done more frequently. Bess stated that there are a number of grease fittings that need to be greased and needs a better grease gun to do that. Bess stated that there is an issue with the floor drain not draining. Turgeon stated that preventative maintenance is important but road maintenance is more important. Bess will be working on shouldering the rest of this week. South River Road will be closed on June 18th from 8:00 a.m. thru 3:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Consideration of Trash Ordinance

Knutson is looking into what other towns have done regarding the accumulation of trash, refuse, junkyard, etc. Knutson stated that all of these things can affect the ground water, wildlife and property values. Knutson would like to look at this in the future.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Approve Applications for Renewal of Alcohol Licenses/Cigarette Licenses

Motion by Turgeon to accept the alcohol and cigarette licenses as presented. Seconded by Knutson. All aye. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Approve Applications for New and Renewal of Operator's Licenses

Motion by Knutson to approve to Operators licenses as presented. Seconded by Turgeon. All aye. Motion carried.

FIFTEEN MINUTES OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Connie Anderson wanted to add to the junk yard ordinance and would like to see a letter sent, more than a friendly visit from a supervisor.

Brett Brackob spoke to Jim Adams from Oneida County regarding ATV's and he stated that their main job is to go out on the county trails and maintain safety. Jim Adams told him that if he could get their license plates they would speak to the driver. He stated that there are also UTV's now on the road. He also stated that there is no consistency with the postings on the roads.

FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

-County Plans for Restoration of N Rifle Road cutdowns

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from the state, they have given Wisconsin Central Ltd an extension until 2015 to complete the installation of the railroad gates and flashing lights.

Letter from Oneida County to Charles Day regarding junk in his yard.

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 8:28 p.m. Seconded by Knutson. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Turgeon to return to open session at 9:01 p.m. Seconded by Knutson. All aye. Motion carried.

While in closed session it was decided that the the health insurance for town employees would be changed from Anthem to Security Insurance with a lower monthly cost. It was also decided that one member from the road crew would be asked to attend the monthly town board meeting and would be allowed to leave work early one day the same week for the time they traveled to the meeting, attended the meeting and returned home from the meeting.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS/ADJOURN

Motion by Knutson to approve vouchers as submitted and adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Seconded by Turgeon. All aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Hartman
Municipal Clerk