

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
TOWN OF CRESCENT
MINUTES FOR
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 21 , 2015
FOLLOWING ANNUAL MEETING, CRESCENT TOWN HALL**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bill Treder called the meeting to order at 7:58 p.m. The meeting was properly posted. Treder thanked the outgoing supervisors for their years of service. Treder thanked Adrian Turgeon for his 16 years of service. Treder thanked Joel Knutson for his last two years of service.

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 March 9, 2015. Seconded by Metz. 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 to the board. There were four calls in the month of March. There were two calls in Crescent and two mutual aides. There was one chimney fire and three accidents. The fundraiser letter was sent out and they have received a great response and have raised about \$8000. Training this month was on wild land firefighting and in May they will be training on vehicle fires. All vehicles are in service.

FIRST RESPONDER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASES

Greg Zeske gave an oral and written report to the board. There were 8 calls in the month of March and no purchases.

ROAD CREW REPORT

Mike Bess gave an oral report to the board. They attended a training on replacing culverts and they have met with the DNR and gotten approval to replace a culvert on S. River Rd and Cook Dr. They are currently maintaining trucks and have been staying off the roads as much as possible while weight limits are on. Weight limits come off tomorrow and they will start sweeping as soon as they are able. Richardson asked what the time frame is for replacing culverts. Bess stated that they will probably be done in May or June.

COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Robb Jensen gave an oral report to the Board. There was a board meeting today. There were a few resolutions relative to the Governor's budget and two amendments relative to mobile homes. They have requested that Kwik Trip extend their offer to August 1, 2015. There was a resolution to reimburse Tammy Walters for her legal expenses and the motion failed. There was also an offer from Jerry Schidell to purchase a portion of land near Kids Corners pizza for \$14,000. There will be a meeting on May 19 at 6:00 to address the Heal Creek proposal.

LIBRARY REPORT

Harry Whidden was present and gave an oral report to the Board. There was a library meeting on 4-13-15. The new director has been working hard to straighten out some issues. They received a \$15,000 grant to upgrade the computers, the wifi and the computer stations. There was a new brochure created showing all of the available programs at the library. Whidden explained some of the upcoming children's programs and gave the board a listing of the adult programs coming up. Whidden gave an update on the properties that the library owns.

TOWN PLAN COMMISSION REPORT

None

TOWN LAKES COMMITTEE REPORT

Knutson stated that they are seeing a massive decline in state aid that is available to help protect local lakes. Knutson believes that in the future the Town will need to take a more active role in the preservation of our local lakes. Knutson stated that all three major lake associations are getting ramped up for this season of AIS. Knutson stated that we are very fortunate with the three lake associations and their level of commitment to the lakes. Knutson stated that last year he received a grant for bat rescue and he will continue to work with that program through the extension office.

UNIFORM DWELLING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

None

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Heal Creek Update

Treder asked Joel Knutson to give an update on the Heal Creek project. Knutson gave the background on Heal Creek. Knutson explained that the board voted last year to use funds received from some logging on town property to offer to purchase a portion of the Heal Creek property from Oneida County in conjunction with the City of Rhinelander and the Hodag Sports Club. The County received two proposals for the property and in February the County directed the City, Town and Hodag Sports Club to go back to the drawing board and try to come to an agreement on the property. Knutson stated that the question before the Board is if they would like Knutson to continue to represent the Town or if they would like to appoint someone new. Richardson stated that he is a strong proponent of the project and he would like to see Joel continue to represent the town. Metz asked Joel if he believes this will be a large draw for the area. Knutson stated that in February there was an open house and there were over 200 people that came to see the area and in April there were over 350 people that showed up for an open house. Joel Flory stated that they use the Washburn Trail system and there are people that travel from all over the State that stop here when we get the snow. Flory also stated that he and many of his friends will travel a few hours to try a new trail system.

Motion by Richardson to have Joel Knutson continue to represent the Town of Crescent interests in the Heal Creek Discussions. Seconded by Metz. All aye. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Administrative Review Permit - Gillespie Storage Units

Jon Gillespie has submitted an administrative review permit to build more storage buildings.

Motion by Metz to approve the Administrative Review Permit as submitted upon meeting all County requirements. Seconded by Richardson. All Aye. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Conditional Use Permit - Kuczmariski/Bettinger to crush yard waste rock

Treder stated that over the years of running a farm South of Hat Rapids Kuczmariski has picked rocks and they have a huge pile of rocks that they would like to grind up for road gravel. They would bring in a crusher for 2-3 weeks and then haul the gravel out. There will be a public hearing at the County on May 6. Treder stated that the rock is on top of the ground, the County is following up on conditions and he believes that it should be approved. Richardson asked if there will be set hours that they can do this as it will be loud. Treder stated that there are a list of conditions that must be met and one of them is set hours.

Motion by Richardson to approve the CUP pending Oneida County Approval. Seconded by Metz. All aye. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Certified Survey Map - Oestreich Surveying

Treder explained that this is a lot line adjustment to take care of an easement issue.

Motion by Richardson to approve the Certified Survey Map as represented. 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

Janet Appling stated that she is concerned about the internet service in the Town of Crescent. She is not able to get broadband or high speed where she lives. Appling asked if there is anything that the Town of Crescent could do to get better access. Richardson stated that he has looked into this and Scott Walkers proposed budget has a line item for 16 million dollars for this issue. Richardson stated that he will be discussing in May having the Town of Crescent get in on that to try to get some of that funding. Joel Knutson stated that the broadband that is being developed in Oneida County is a series of towers by a private company and they are being tested in western Oneida County.

Joe Priebe stated that he believes the town made the right choice by keeping Joel Knutson as a representative for Heal Creek. Dan Butkus, Squash Lake Assc, stated that he would like to propose the town continue with the Town Lakes Committee. Butkus also stated that they are a strong supporter of Heal Creek. Butkus also stated that they continue to be concerned with the Squash Lake Boat Landing and the retaining walls. They need to be rebuilt and they would like to see them replaced with heavy rock. They have people who will volunteer to do the work they just need money for materials.

Blaine O'Born from the City of Rhinelander thanked the Town for the continued support of Heal Creek and he believes it will be a great asset to the community.

FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Department of Workforce Development

Map from Wayne Wagler of continuing logging

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Motion by Richardson to approve vouchers as submitted and adjourn at 9:26 p.m. Seconded by Metz. All aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Hartman
Municipal Clerk