

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
TOWN OF CRESCENT
MINUTES FOR
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016
6:00 P.M., CRESCENT TOWN HALL**

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 the Monthly Town Board Meeting of December 15, 2015. Seconded by Metz. All aye. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A written report was received by Treasurer, Carla Fletcher.

Motion by Richardson to approve the treasurers report as presented. Seconded by Metz. All aye. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASES

Jake Lobermeier was present and gave an oral and written report to the board. During December there were 5 calls. One structure fire, two fire alarms, one down power line and one vehicle in ditch. Training this month is Winter Rescue training with the UTV, they are going to do another more extensive training this Saturday with the first responders. February training is the annual fit testing and in-door search and rescue and the wild land fire training in March. They had their annual appreciation dinner this past weekend. All vehicles are in service.

FIRST RESPONDER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASES

Greg Zeske gave an oral and written report to the board. This will be Greg Zeske's last report to the board, Dana Wincensten will be taking over as First responder coordinator. Bill Treder expressed appreciation to Greg for all of his work with the first responders.

TOWN ROAD CREW REPORT - TimberLodge Road Plowing

Treder explained that there is an issue with plowing on TimberLodge Road. David Feigen stated that in 1994 he came to the town board and asked if he could extend TimberLodge Road to include his driveway. He extended it to the towns specifications and the town has been plowing it until this year. Feigen brought in a copy of the easement that was issued. Treder stated that he did speak with the land information office and the survey map still indicates that the easement is private property, however, the county mapping system shows the road goes thru all of the way. Treder stated that the Town stopped plowing this year because it is our policy not to plow private roads and this was not showing up as our road. Feigen brought a copy of a title search showing that this is a town road. Treder stated that we will resume plowing this portion of a town road.

Bess reported that the 15 foot double ladder is here so that we will be able to maintain the heaters and change the filters monthly. Bess also stated that he is taking the steam cleaner to Appleton tomorrow to be fixed. This is used to keep the salt, snow and grease off of the trucks to prevent rusting. Bess also

stated that they have been cleaning up intersections this winter and need to chip the branches they have cut, during the winter they are not able to take the chips back to the shop. Bess was looking for permission from the board to blow the chips into the ditch. Bess also stated that we need to look at doing something with some of our equipment. For example the salt has eaten thru the rear of one of the boxes on a dump truck, this will cost approximately \$2000/truck. Metz stated that this is something that is only going to continue to get worse. Bess stated that his truck is a 2002 and hasn't been washed properly in the past, they are currently washing the trucks after every plow trip to keep the salt off and try to prevent it from getting worse. Metz recommended immediate repairs on two of the trucks.

Motion by Richardson to get the repairs as described by Bess on the 1992 and 2002 trucks. Seconded by Metz. All aye. Motion carried.

Janet Appling stated that the end of the road (Pennisula Rd) hasn't been getting plowed. Bess stated that the new worker is plowing that and it was missed. He will address this on Thursday.

Whidden stated that the trucks were not maintained by the previous workers and now the road crew is having to pick up the pieces and bringing the equipment up to par.

COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

None

LIBRARY REPORT

Harry Whidden gave an oral report to the board. He stated that they came in under budget in 2015 and the money that was left over was used to upgrade the heating system and the computer system. They hired a new adult librarian that will handle the adult programs.

TOWN PLAN COMMISSION REPORT

None

TOWN LAKES COMMITTEE REPORT

None

UNIFORM DWELLING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

None

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Eagle's Way Subdivision

Treder stated that the subdivision was approved in November. When the County looked at it the subdivision would be North of an existing subdivision off of Hat Rapids Road. Jim Lemke is working with the existing subdivision to get a maintenance agreement that is required by the County. This is going to be addressed again in February after the county gets some more information on the maintenance agreement.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: 2 Lot minor land division - Bonnie Canavino and Susan Luchsinger

Treder presented the map from the County. This is a 25 acre lot that is being split into two. There is an easement road going thru the first lot giving the second lot access. The County needs the town to address that easement road in the motion.

Motion by Richardson to approve the minor land division of Bonnie Canavino and Susan Luchsinger as presented with the contingency that there is documentation that the easement complies with the Crescent Ordinance that all private and easement roads serving two to four lots shall have a 66' right-of-way, a driving surface of 20" and adequate turnaround for all emergency vehicles. Seconded by Metz. All aye. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Squash Lake Association

Dan Butkus was present and stated that the last two years the lake association requested funding from the town board. Butkus stated that they are in the middle of a 3 year grant and the grant value is \$42,000 with \$35,000 being reimbursed by the DNR, \$7,000 of that comes out of the Lake association treasury and they volunteer the equivalency of \$7,000 in labor. Butkus stated that in Crescent there are 83 private

parcels that account for around 1% of the acreage but account for 11% of the tax value. Butkus stated that property values on lakes that have eurasian milfoil decrease by approximately 20% according to information out of Minnesota. Butkus stated that they are asking for \$2500 to help offset the costs of the eurasian milfoil. Butkus stated that Crescent lake found eurasian water milfoil this year, he is unaware if Lake Julia has any invasive species. Richardson asked what they are spending the grant money on. Butkus stated that they pay for divers to harvest the milfoil manually. If left unpicked it will grow and create a mat at the top of the lake. Richardson asked if there has been progress in getting rid of the milfoil. Butkus stated that you can't get rid of it but they are in a standoff with it and are keeping up with it. Richardson asked if they have approached Woodboro for money. Butkus stated that he will be talking to them also. Treder stated that we do not have the money right now, it's not that we don't want to support the lakes. Treder stated that we would have a hard time erasing something out of the budget to move money to the lakes association. Butkus stated that he didn't expect an answer today but he wanted to make sure the board has the real numbers on how our taxes could be affected if this isn't dealt with. Richardson stated he is very sympathetic towards the lake association and he doesn't plan to let this fade away. Terry Goldbach, Crescent Lake Resident, stated that Eurasian Milfoil is very nasty and very hard to get rid of. The Board needs to consider the financial impact upon the residents can be significant. Richardson asked if we could look at a landing fee for non-property owners to help with the milfoil removal. Treder stated that it's a per time fee regardless of residency. Goldbach suggested that the board discuss what the options are for the future, it's not getting any better. Joel Knutson, Crescent Lake Resident, stated that Oneida County has the 2nd largest amount of fresh water lakes in the State of Wisconsin and the state budget doesn't even come close to addressing the amount of money that is needed on local lakes. Knutson stated that he thinks the town needs to come up with some sort of plan for the what the next 5 years look like. Richardson suggested that the three lake associations come together to get the town lakes committee started again. Butkus stated that they need a board member that is willing to serve on that committee and be an advocate for that committee. Knutson stated that the Town Lakes Committee works better when a member from the town board is a part of it. Connie Anderson pointed out that they have spent 12 years in maintaining the lakes and if the Board ignores this issue we are going to have problems. Treder stated that we aren't ignoring the issue but it's dollars and cents and we as the board have to provide the necessary services to the whole town.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Lake Julia Boat Landing

Treder stated that an email was received from Andy Hendrickson requesting that the town board redesign the boat landing on Lake Julia. They are asking for \$1250 from the town to improve the boat landing. The lake association has spoken with Mussons to put in cement slabs, right now it is sand and gravel. The association has raised \$3000 and a dock with the project estimated at \$4250. Richardson would like us to look at this coming out of the road maintenance budget contingent upon the board being presented with plans. Treder stated that he would like to see us request the plans from Lake Julia and have the opportunity to look at the budget to see if there are any areas where we can pull money from. Janet Appling expressed concern over the fact that the board is considering this request but didn't even consider the request from Squash Lake Assc. Richardson stated that in his opinion this project is a little closer to the ground because it is on town property and the milfoil isn't the same type of a project. Roger Degris stated that the Squash Lake Association has requested the money in the past to help with their boat landing. Treder stated that this discussion can continue in 15 minutes of public discussion.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Green Bass Road Stop Sign

Richardson stated that the right turn no stop on S. Rifle Rd/Green Bass Rd continues to cause problems for S. Rifle Rd after the stop sign. Richardson suggested that we remove the Right Turn No Stop sign from the Stop Sign and make it an all way stop sign. Treder stated that in addition to removing the Right Turn No Stop sign we would need to add a different sign so that people are aware of the change that is made.

Motion by Richardson to remove the Right Turn No Stop sign at the corner of Green Bass and S Rifle Road to make the intersection a full stop for all direction and replace it with a cautionary sign as deemed fit by the town crew. Seconded by Metz. All aye. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Child Life Jacket Bill - Greg Bohn

Treder presented a request by Greg Bohn to support a bill that would require children to wear a lifejacket in a boat. Bohn would like to have the town board support this bill.

Motion made by Richardson to support Act 30.68(1) requiring all children to wear a lifejacket. Seconded by Metz. All aye. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Oneida County Recycling grant renewal contract

Motion by Richardson to approve the renewal of the Oneida County Recycling Grant Contract. 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

John Ostrowski stated that Mike Bess is the best snowplower that we have ever had. He stated that Bess cares about his job and its nice to not have his lawn torn up.

Dan Butkus requested that he is put on the agenda in March as a property owner relative to the Squash Lake Boat Landing. Treder stated that we will take that into consideration. Richardson stated that he looked at the boat landing and it appeared to be safe and the materials appeared to be in good condition. Butkus requested copies of the permits that were pulled when the boat landing was put in because he believes that the town didn't follow correct permit process.

Knutson thanked the board for working with the Lake Julia boat landing. He doesn't want to see squabbling between the lakes and create concern for the board with helping a lake association.

Connie Anderson asked who the members of the plan commission are and if they met on the two issues presented today were discussed. Richardson listed the members of the plan commission.

Mrs. Ostrowski asked if we are going to consider charging a boat landing fee for people using the boat landing to help with these added expenses. Treder explained that we can only charge boat landing fees on the two boat landing that the Town owns (Squash Lake Association and Lake Julia).

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS/ADJOURN

Motion by Richardson to approve vouchers as submitted and adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Seconded by Metz. All aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Hartman
Municipal Clerk