

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
TOWN OF CRESCENT
MINUTES FOR
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2020**

Chairman Steve Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The meeting was properly posted.

Roll Call was taken. Members present were: Steve Richardson, Chariman; Kurt Metz, Supervisor; Tracy Hartman, Clerk; and 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 October 14, 2020. Seconded by Metz. All aye. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A written report was received by Treasurer, Carla Fletcher.

LIBRARY REPORT

- Update on the library board meeting and upcoming programs being offered at the library - Whidden reported that a number of donations have been received. Whidden presented a newly approve mission statement and gave an overview of the projects.

COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- Review of County Board meeting and County Committee meetings – Bob Thome gave an update on the County Budget that was approved during yesterday's budget hearing. Thome gave an overview of changes to the budget. Thome reported that the sales tax was budgeted for \$4.8 million and this year it is projected to be over \$5 million. Thome gave an overview of the other revenue sources in Oneida County for 2020. Thome reported that the Land and Water Conservation Department continues to work with Crescent Lake to form a lake district.

FIFTEEN MINUTES OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION -

- Connie Anderson stated that the Lodhua property was cleaned up however, there is a fair amount of garbage that is still present on the property. Mahner reported that the property will be cleaned up more in the spring.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASES

- Monthly Call update, purchases update, training update, fundraiser update – Mahner reported that there were 3 calls in the last month. Mahner reported that there are 3 new junior members and 1 new member. There is also one member that is currently being trained to be a trainer which will help with certification in the future. Mahner reported that they are discussing fundraising and if they will be doing a letter in 2021. Mahner reported that they are looking into holding zoom meetings for trainings and asked if the board would be interested in helping to fund a projector and screen for remote meetings. Mahner reported that all equipment has been serviced and no concerns were noted. Mahner reported that he has spoken with the vendor of the SCBA's and they have locked in the price for the SCBA's for 2021.

FIRST RESPONDER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASES - None

TOWN ROAD CREW REPORT

- Road Projects update, update on vehicle repairs and shop repairs – Lundt reported that Timber Lodge Road has been completed and the shouldering has been done. Lundt reported that the no parking signs have been placed on Timber Lodge Road. Lundt reported that the culvert on Long Lake Road has been capped. Lundt reported that they have finished cutting the firewood for this year and 40 cords have been delivered for next year. Lundt introduced Brad Gerdes, new road crew worker, to the residents.
- Discussion/Possible Decision Regarding: Purchasing a generator for the Town Shop – Lundt stated that there have been issues in the past when the power is out. The outdoor wood burner needs to be able to circulate the pump and they are unable to easily open the garage doors. Lundt met with In Control Technology, LLC to discuss installing a generator for the shop. Lundt reported that the generator would be able to open the doors, power the lights and run the outdoor wood burner. Lundt presented a proposal for \$10,281.32. Lundt reported that he planned for this in the budget this year and is able to pay for it out of the shop and maintenance budget. Discussion regarding the generator. Motion by Metz to approve the estimate from In Control Technology, LLC for the generator. Seconded by Richardson. All aye; motion carried.

TOWN PLAN COMMISSION REPORT - None

UNIFORM DWELLING INSPECTOR'S REPORT - None

SQUASH LAKE DISTRICT REPORT - None

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Conditional Use Permit application by One Energy Development, Eric Udelhofen, agent and the Dorothy Kopp Living Trust, owner – Eric Udelhofen, One Energy Development, stated that he was approached by John from the Kopp Living Trust and they have been working with WPS about the solar project. Udelhofen reported that they would propose a new access off of Boyce Drive and during the building there would be 30-40 people per day, however, after the project is completed there would only be one person per month at the property. Discussion regarding the lease agreement with the Kopp Living Trust. Richardson expressed concern that the City of Rhinelander would annex the property. Jill Bishop, expressed concern with the property, the aesthetics of the project and how this would impact property values in the area. Udelhofen gave an overview of the project and how the solar panels are built and how they work. Udelhofen reported that this project would generate enough power to operate 1850 homes. Udelhofen reported that there is currently a fence around the perimeter, however, the panels would be visible from the road. There is quite a bit of study that has been completed to ensure that there isn't glare. Discussion regarding how close this will be to other properties and what other properties will be able to see. A number of residents expressed concern with how this project will impact their property. Motion by Richardson that not withstanding some reservations the Board is excited to learn more about this development. Seconded by Metz. All aye, motion carried.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE – Letter from Fahrner Asphalt regarding the Scrub Seal Project.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS/ADJOURN

Motion by Metz to approve vouchers as submitted and adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Seconded by Richardson. All aye, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Hartman
Municipal Clerk