

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
TOWN OF CRESCENT
MINUTES FOR
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021
6:00 P.M., CRESCENT TOWN HALL**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Joel Knutson, Chair; Kyla Waksmonski, Supervisor; Mike Pazdernik, Supervisor; Tracy Hartman, Clerk.

ABSENT: Carla Fletcher, Treasurer.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Knutson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Crescent Town Hall. The meeting has been properly posted and distributed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting law and the facility is handicap accessible. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Knutson struck the discussion on the fee schedule. Motion by Pazdernik to approve the agenda. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Pazdernik to approve the minutes from the Monthly Town Board Meeting of November 10, 2021. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye. Motion carried.

FIFTEEN MINUTES OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION –

- Connie Anderson stated that the heaps of dirt at the storage unit have not been resolved and the lighting is too bright.

TOWN CHAIR REPORT – Knutson thanked the board for the work that was completed in 2021.

TREASURER’S REPORT - A written report was given by Treasurer, Carla Fletcher.

LIBRARY REPORT

- Update on the library board meeting and upcoming programs being offered at the library – A written and oral report was received from Harry Whidden regarding library programs, a grant that was received and building committee meeting updates. Whidden reported that the library applies for a lot of grants that help to cover the cost of furniture and building improvements.

COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

- Review of County Board meeting, Administration Committee meeting, Public Works Committee meeting, Conservation and UW-EX Education Committee, Technology Committee meeting and Open Meetings Complaint – Bob Thome reported that there isn’t a meeting this month. Thome reported that the county established a Tourist Rooming House Task Force and the first meeting is next Monday at noon.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASES

- Monthly Call update, purchases update, training update, fundraiser update – None

- DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Updated VFD Handbook – Knutson stated that he has some questions regarding the handbook and would like to speak with them prior to the board approving the handbook.

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 one of the trucks broke down and they are waiting on parts. They know what needs to be done and how to maintain the part in the future. They have been plowing snow and cleaning the roads. Knutson reported that Rick Vanney was hired and started this week. Lundt’s last day is December 31, 2021.
- DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Purchase New Plow Truck 2022 – Knutson reported that he met with the road crew and Dennis Gorman, Quality Truck, regarding the new truck. Gorman gave a quote for the 47X Western Star in the amount of \$106,882 for the truck and \$99,250 for the box and blades that are installed after the truck is built. The truck will be delivered after the entire process is done. There was \$9000 offered for a trade for a total purchase of \$197,132.00. Discussion regarding the loan, the warranty and the cost of the truck. Motion by Knutson to allocate up to \$206,132 for the purchase of the new 47X Western Star plow truck inclusive of the box and blades subject to a potential trade-in of up to \$9,000 for an expected overall sum of \$197,132 with an expected delivery of late summer 2022. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye; motion carried.
- Update TRID/LRIP (Town Road Improvement Discretionary) Status – Knutson met with the committee at the Oneida County Highway Department regarding proposed 2022 grants. Knutson reported that the TRID/LRIP grant was approved without an issue and the Town is eligible to be reimbursed up to \$26,000. Knutson reported that the 90/10 cost share grant was also discussed at the meeting and of the 8 projects submitted to the county the Crescent project was ranked #2 in projects. Knutson stated that there is an option for the town to check a box that we would accept a 50/50 grant if the 90/10 grant isn’t approved. Knutson reported that the estimate for the road is \$1.2 million and if the town received a 50/50 grant the towns portion would be over \$600,000. Knutson is inclined to say no to the 50/50 option.
- TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) Grant – Knutson reported that this is for bike/pedestrian funding for potential improvements. Knutson reported this is due at the end of January and he views this as being more of a planning grant.

TOWN PLAN COMMISSION REPORT – Pazdernik reported that they are looking more at their role with Oneida County and with the North Central Wisconsin Planning Commission. The NWCPC and Oneida County Zoning will have a representative at the December 15th plan commission meeting. They will also meet with the NWCPC at the meeting on January 19th regarding updating the plan commission.

- TRH (Tourist Rooming House) Ordinance and Room Tax- Knutson reported that he would like to look at getting public input on Tourist Rooming houses and a potential town room tax. Knutson would like to see this on a future TPC meeting. Discussion regarding tourist rooming houses.

UNIFORM DWELLING INSPECTOR’S REPORT - None

SQUASH LAKE DISTRICT REPORT – Dan Butkus reported that January 9th is the next meeting.

CRESCENT LAKE DISTRICT REPORT – Thome reported that the next meeting is January 4th.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Renew Uniform Dwelling Inspector's contract with the City of Rhinelander – Robbie Davister, Building Inspector, was present and gave an overview of the services that are provided to the town. Davister reported that the City provides inspection services for 8 towns and gave an overview of concerns that have been expressed since he took over the inspection department. Davister gave an overview of the contract for the City of Rhinelander dwelling inspections. Discussion regarding the TRH inspections. Discussion regarding the fees. Davister reported that the fee is charged to the homeowner and there is no cost to the Town. Davister reported that all permits are available on-line. Motion by Knutson that the town renews the contract with the City of Rhinelander for dwelling inspections for the Town of Crescent for a term of 3 years. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye; motion carried.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Oneida County Ordinance amendment – Placement of Shipping Containers – Knutson reported that there is a public hearing next Wednesday, December 15th to review a proposed ordinance amendment to add County Code 9.59 placement of shipping containers. Discussion regarding the proposed ordinance amendment. Knutson would like to relay that from the Town of Crescent this is not a particularly helpful ordinance, and more guidelines should be provided. The ordinance is lacking in lot size consideration, potential aesthetics guidelines and that the county place a moratorium on shipping container placement until the ordinance is finalized.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: 2021 Budget Reconciliation – Line Item Transfers – Hartman explained the necessary budget reconciliation to the board. Motion by Knutson to accept the 2021 budget transfers and reconciliation as explained and presented by Hartman. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye; motion carried.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Appoint 2022-2023 Election Workers – Hartman presented the list of poll workers. Motion by Knutson to approve the list of election workers as submitted for the period of January 2022 through December 2023. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye; motion carried.

~~**DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Updated Fee Schedule - Removed from agenda -**~~

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Additional Town Board Meeting – Knutson reported that he would like to consider a second meeting. Pazdernik requested that it be kept at one meeting unless there is an excess of items that need to be discussed. Waksmonski and Pazdernik requested that special meetings be called when needed.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Approve Applications for Operator's License - None

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Approve Driveway Permits - None

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE – None

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS/ADJOURN

Motion by Pazdernik to approve vouchers as submitted and adjourn at 8:24 p.m. Seconded by Waksmonsk. All aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Hartman
Municipal Clerk