

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
TOWN OF CRESCENT
MINUTES FOR
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021
6:00 P.M., CRESCENT TOWN HALL**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Richardson, Chairman; Kyla Waksmonski, Supervisor; Tracy Hartman, Clerk; Carla Fletcher, Treasurer.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Richardson 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

Motion by Waksmonski to approve the agenda. Seconded by Richardson. All aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

FIFTEEN MINUTES OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION –

- Hartman reported that Kurt Metz resigned Monday, March 8th due to selling his home and leaving the town.
- Waksmonski introduced herself to the residents present at the meeting.
- Connie Anderson – Reported that there is more junk at the old gas station on Hwy 8. Anderson also stated that she would like the town board to adopt the sulfide mining resolution.
- Mike Pazdernik – Thanked Kurt Metz and Steve Richardson for their years of service to the Town of Crescent. Pazdernik stated that he is running for Town Board.
- Dan Butkus – Thanked Steve Richardson for serving on the Squash Lake District Board. Butkus also spoke in support of the Sulfide Mining Resolution.
- Steve Jensen – Spoke last month about putting a dock on Squash Lake and has been researching that issue. Richardson stated that this would be put on a future agenda to be addressed by the board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A written report was received by Treasurer, Carla Fletcher.

LIBRARY REPORT

- Update on the library board meeting and upcoming programs offered at the library – Whidden reported that the annual report for the library has been completed. Whidden reported on the number of library checkouts, tax forms that have been distributed, funding and programs happening at the library.
- **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Re-appoint Harry Whidden to the Library board** – Motion By Richardson/Waksmonski to re-appoint Harry Whidden to the Library board for a 3 year term. All aye; motion carried.

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 – Thome presented a written report to the Board on the activities happening at the County. Thome recognized the Health Department for the successful COVID vaccine clinics. Thome reported that Bruce Stofenek, Highway Commissioner, will be resigning and the position has been

offered to Alex Hegeman pending approval from the County Board. Brian Desmond, Corporation Counsel, has resigned and Mike Fugle, Assistant Corporation Counsel, has been offered the job pending approval by the county board. There is a citizen group looking at the Townline Lake Park sale and that will be addressed by the Forestry Committee in the next few meetings. Crescent Lake District formation will be presented to the County Board at the meeting next week and voted on at the April meeting. Robb Jensen questioned Thome regarding the two referendum questions that will be on the April Ballot.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASES

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

FIRST RESPONDER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASES - None

TOWN ROAD CREW REPORT

- Road Projects update, update on vehicle repairs and shop repairs – Ted Lundt gave an oral report. Lundt reported that weight limits went into effect today and Lundt encouraged the board to deny any requests for waivers for the roads.

TOWN PLAN COMMISSION REPORT - None

UNIFORM DWELLING INSPECTOR'S REPORT - None

SQUASH LAKE DISTRICT REPORT – Dan Butkus, Squash Lake District Commissioners, reported that they received a milfoil control grant from the DNR through 2022 which will help keep mil rates lower.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Sulfide Mining Resolution – Discussion regarding the resolution. Motion by Waksmonski/Richardson to amend the 7th Whereas to state “Whereas, Any Entity might be planning to conduct exploratory drillings for sulfide minerals, at the Wolf River Deposit, near the upper Wolf River, which is also of great County, Tribal, and regional significance, and”. Discussion regarding the motion. All aye; motion carried. Motion by Richardson/Waksmonski to approve the resolution as amended. All aye; motion carried.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Conditional Use Permit Application – JBM Howard Companies, Inc. – 3611 Highway 47 – Junior Howard was present to represent JBM Howard Companies, Inc. Richardson explained that the town board will advise the County on any concerns the town may have. Howard explained that a transfer station collects garbage and has to transport the garbage to a landfill within a set amount of time. JoAnne Rajek, Birch Lane Resident, questioned if there will be measures taken to minimize traffic issues on highway 47 and also expressed concern about landowners and fencing to help protect neighbors. Howard reported that there will be fencing and/or trees added to help with concerns. Howard reported that all garbage is contained. Rankin Fleming, Sunset Lane, spoke against the CUP and agrees with the previous concerns addressed with traffic congestion. Fleming also expressed concern with vermin that may be found at the transfer station. Robb Jensen expressed concern with the odors that may occur. MOTION by Richardson/Waksmonski that the Crescent Town Board is opposed to granting a conditional use permit for a transfer station at 3611 Hwy 47 for the following reasons: Odors and noise can become noxious to nearby residents more specifically on Birch Lane. Visibility, such a facility on a major highway that is at the entrance to Crescent and Rhinelander will not reflect favorably on a clean and natural aesthetic that we try to promote and does not give the best impression to visitors. Future growth, being on a major commercial corridor, future businesses will view it negatively to locate near such a facility. The proposed facility is located within the watershed of several wetlands including Hanson Lake and poses an unacceptable risk for contamination. Waksmonski stated that the need for a transfer station is recognized and asked that another location be looked at. All aye; motion carried.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Reschedule the April Town Board meeting –

Richardson proposed that the Annual meeting occur at 5:00 p.m. on April 20th and the Town board meeting will immediately follow the annual meeting.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE –

- Letter from TC Energy regarding the Wisconsin Access Project

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS/ADJOURN

Motion by Richardson to approve vouchers as submitted and adjourn at 6:59 p.m. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Hartman
Municipal Clerk