

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS  
TOWN OF CRESCENT  
MINUTES FOR  
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021  
6:00 P.M., CRESCENT TOWN HALL**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Clerk Tracy Hartman called the meeting to order at 5:15 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.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joel Knutson, Chairman; Kyla Waksmonski, Supervisor; Michael Pazdernik, Supervisor; Tracy Hartman, Clerk; Carla Fletcher, Treasurer.

**SWEARING-IN OF CRESCENT CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS** – Town board was sworn in by Clerk Tracy Hartman.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**FIFTEEN MINUTES OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION –**

Connie Anderson stated that she would like to see the board look to create an ordinance regarding junk yards to include junk cars. Anderson stated that she would also like to see the plan commission revised.

Harry Whidden spoke in support of a junk yard and junk car ordinance.

Dennis Southworth spoke about being careful if a junk yard ordinance is passed because the owner in that situation is also a taxpayer and the “junk” may have value to that person.

**TOWN CHAIR REPORT** – Knutson stated that he will be using this time to give an update on any projects that have been worked on in the future. Knutson stated that tonight he would like to thank his immediate predecessors for their commitment to the town. Knutson stated that he hopes to have regular office hours in the future and to be available for Crescent residents throughout the month for concerns and discussions.

**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 – Harry Whidden introduced himself to the board and gave an oral and written report. Whidden stated that he believes he will be president of the library board within the next

year. Whidden stated that the library did open the doors again to the community. There are rules for residents to enter and time limits on how long a patron is allowed to stay in the library. The library will be cleaned thoroughly at the end of the day. Whidden gave an overview of the programs that are being offered at the library and an update on the budget.

#### **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 was unable to attend the meeting, however, he submitted a written report to the board. Knutson reviewed the written report.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASES**

- Monthly Call update, purchases update, training update, fundraiser update – Keven Mahner gave an oral report to the board. Mahner gave the Chair a copy of the Crescent Emergency Plan. Mahner reported that there were 3 MABAS calls during the month of March. Mahner reported that there were 3 wildland fires and 1 rollover calls also during the month of March. Mahner would like to see the purchase of a generator placed on a future agenda. Mahner reported that Rescue 1 is out of service. Mahner gave an update on training and stated that there are 18 members of the fire department. Discussion regarding the current vehicles used by the fire department and the age of the vehicles. Knutson would like to schedule a meeting with the board and the fire department to look at current equipment and future needs.

#### **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 last month they received a call that there was a collapsed culvert on Lassig Road and they needed to do an emergency replacement. They were able to complete the culvert replacement within 24 hours after receiving the call. Lundt reported that they have finished several projects in the shop and continue to get it cleaned up and organized. Lundt reported that they began brooming the roads this week and the trucks are ready for summer. Lundt reported that they will do a brush chipping the week after memorial day. There is no need for residents to call as long as they have their brush pile by the road by Memorial Day. Lundt also reported that leaves and brush can be taken to the town dump and there is some mulch available from the old leaf piles.
- Schedule Road Inspections/Upcoming Road Projects Discussion – Lundt presented a suggested project list and estimated cost to the board. Lundt reported that Bay Road is beginning to collapse in one area and blacktop will need to be replaced. Lundt reported that there is also a culvert on S. River Road that is causing issues and Musson is writing an estimate to patch that area. Musson is also preparing an estimate to re-blacktop Lassig road where the culvert was replaced.

**TOWN PLAN COMMISSION REPORT** – Knutson reported that he would like to empower the board to restart the Town Plan Commission. Knutson appointed Mike Pazdernik as the chair of the town plan commission. Pazdernik requested that he receive the names of the last plan commission members and information about the last meeting. Pazdernik gave an overview of his experience with the plan commission.

#### **UNIFORM DWELLING INSPECTOR'S REPORT - None**

**SQUASH LAKE DISTRICT REPORT** – Tom Johannson, Squash Lake District Chair, was present and gave an oral report to the board. Johannson stated that the district continues to work towards controlling the milfoil in the lake. Johannson gave an overview of how they manage the milfoil in the lake, their grants and the divers that hand harvest the milfoil. Johannson stated that they mailed a letter today to all of the lake district electors giving an overview of the lake. Johannson reported that they have been awarded a grant for approximately \$30,000 that will help lower the mill rate for residents. Johannson stated that the board wanted to thank Steve Richardson for his service on the Lake District. Johannson stated that there does need to be a replacement on the board to replace Steve Richardson. Johannson stated that there are two options for the representative appointed by the town board, the board can appoint one of it's own members to serve on the district board or can appoint a resident of the lake district. Johannson stated that Peggy Jensen, Woodboro Resident, has expressed an interest in serving on the board. Knutson stated that this will be considered at a future meeting.

**DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Shimek Administrative Review Permit CR 162-1 – to construct a 16-unit storage building –**

**DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Shimek Administrative Review Permit CR 162-5 – to construct a 16-unit storage building**

Knutson reported that there were two ARP applications received from Tim Shimek to build storage units on two parcels on Overland Drive. Shimek was present and gave a description of what they are looking at building on the properties. Shimek reported that they get 12-15 calls per week for storage units in Rhinelander and they are looking at building 30 foot deep storage units for larger items. Discussion regarding the property and the proposed storage units. Motion by Knutson to approve Mr. Shimek's Administrative Review Permit to construct a 16 unit commercial storage building on CR 162-1 and CR 162-5 in the Town of Crescent. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye; motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Dock on Squash Lake** – Steve Jensen stated that he has been finding it increasingly difficult to get in and out of his boat at the Squash Lake Boat Landing and would like to see the town look into placing a dock at the landing. Jensen stated that the Town of Crescent owns the landing and would need to give permission for a dock to be placed. Jensen is looking for approval from the board for the dock and he will gather information once he knows that it is something that the board would consider. Jensen stated that an estimated cost would be approximately \$5,000 based on conversations that he has had. Knutson expressed support of the idea, however, this would need to be looked into further to determine what is feasible.

**DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Update on the proposed Conditional Use Permit by JBM Howard Companies, Inc. to develop and operate a waste transfer facility** – Knutson expressed appreciation to the prior board for the stance that was taken by the town board at the March board meeting. Knutson gave an update on the hearing that was held at the County regarding this CUP. Knutson reported that the Airport has taken an official stance in opposition to the transfer station due to the potential hazards this may pose to the flights coming into and out of the Rhinelander Oneida Airport. Knutson reported that this has been tabled by the planning and development committee and there is another hearing scheduled for Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Motion by Knutson to state continued opposition to this permit. Knutson withdrew the motion to allow residents to speak. JoAnne Rajak was present and expressed concern with the impact the proposed CUP will have on traffic on Hwy 47. Rajak

stated that where the scale is proposed is a short distance to the road and there is potential for backups on Hwy 47 of traffic waiting to get on the scale. Rajak also stated that this would present a potential problem for emergency vehicles. Alan Jensen spoke about the potential impact this would have on the ground water and that ground water would get to the lake. Motion by Knutson that the town reiterate it's opposition to the CUP of the Transfer Station at Hwy 47. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye; motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Crescent Spring monitoring, PFAS, and town wells** – Knutson stated that he wants to encourage residents to bring concerns with groundwater and wells, particularly those near the contaminated City of Rhinelander wells. Knutson stated that he would like to see the water movement mapped out to help determine where areas of concerns may be. Knutson stated that he will begin gathering information so that the town can begin making decisions about how to move forward with this issue. Knutson hopes to have some information beginning in May. Knutson would like to see the PFAS testing delayed for a few months but would like to see the bacteria testing move forward and would like to consider having that testing completed more frequently.

**DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Zoom option for future meetings** – Knutson stated that he would like to consider moving forward with this issue. Discussion regarding the zoom option and how the board would like to proceed. Hartman will research zoom equipment options.

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

**DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Approve Driveway Permits** - None

**REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE –**

- Letter from TC Energy

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS/ADJOURN**

Motion by Pazdernik to approve vouchers as submitted and adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tracy Hartman  
Municipal Clerk