

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS  
TOWN OF CRESCENT  
MINUTES FOR  
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2021  
6:00 P.M., CRESCENT TOWN HALL**

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

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 April 20, 2021. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye. Motion carried.

**FIFTEEN MINUTES OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION –**

- Russ Tenneson – Requested that if the town pursues a dock on Squash Lake that a survey be completed prior to the dock being installed.
- Lindsey Novak – Spoke in support of the Friends of Townline Lake Park and the proposed gathering place.

**TOWN CHAIR REPORT –** Knutson reported that he plans to begin holding office hours at the town hall next week and he plans to try to do that on Thursdays. Knutson stated that he is gathering information for a destination spot for motorized vehicles in the Town of Crescent and plans to place this on a future agenda. Knutson reported that the Planning and Development Committee continues to look at allowing a transfer station off of Hwy 47. Knutson stated that he is also working on the PFAS concerns in the area and has met with the City of Rhinelander leadership to discuss the mutual concerns.

**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 gave an oral report to the board. Whidden reported that friends of the library is giving \$20,000 for equipment for computer storage and upgrades and another \$5,000 for rewiring for the internet. Whidden reported that they have a new library representative from the Town of Pine Lake, Diana Harris. Whidden reported that they are requiring masks to enter the library. Whidden gave an overview of the programs being offered at the library.

## **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 was meeting last week for the planning and development committee and the CUP for the transfer station has been delayed to a future meeting. Thome stated that numerous concerns have been expressed regarding the CUP. Thome reported that the Crescent Lake District formation was addressed by the County Board in April, however, it was sent back to the Conservation Committee to review concerns that were brought up. Thome reported that this will go back to the County Board next week. Thome reported that there is also a moratorium on CAFO's (concentrated animal feeding operation) that will be expiring in August and the conservation committee is looking into this and how to extend it.

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

- Monthly Call update, purchases update, training update, fundraiser update – Mahner was present and gave an oral and written report to the board. Mahner reported that there were 8 calls in the month of April. Mahner reported that they need to purchase new hose and they have been applying for grants to help with purchases. Mahner reported that the fundraisers have been suspended at this time. Mahner reported that all apparatus is in service, however, there are repairs that continue to be needed. Mahner reported that April training was EVOC (Emergency Vehicles and Operations Course) and May training will be on setting up a landing zone. Mahner reported that he was re-elected as Chief in April. Knutson requested that a meeting occur between the board and the fire department. Mahner reported that business meetings are on the first Monday of every month.

## **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 all roads have been swept. Lundt reported that they have begun working on low shoulders. Lundt reported that the lawnmower has been having issues with starting and was taken into Bob's Power Center to be fixed.
- Road Projects tour and special board meeting to set 2021 road project list and Road Budget update – Lundt presented the board with his proposed project list and budget. Lundt reported that the budget for the roads will be tight this year. Knutson reported that the town board will be touring the roads with the road crew tomorrow morning and the public is invited to attend. Knutson also reported that there will be a special meeting next Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m. to address the road projects.
- Damages to salt shed siding and need to repair – Lundt reported that there is an issue with the siding on the salt shed and repairs are needed. This was turned into the insurance company for a claim and approximately \$1300.00 was received.

**TOWN PLAN COMMISSION REPORT** – Knutson reported that the Town is looking to resume the Town Plan Commission and Supervisor Michael Pazdernik has been appointed the Chair of that Commission.

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

**SQUASH LAKE DISTRICT REPORT** – Knutson reported that he received a message from Tom Johansson, Squash Lake District President, and there was nothing new to report. Knutson reported that he will be looking for a member to replace Steve Richardson on the district board.

**DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Townline Park Resolution** – Knutson reported that he received a request from the Friends of Townline Park to consider a resolution to be presented to the County Board in opposition to the sale of any of the Townline Park property. Tracy Beckman, Friends of Townline Park, was present and gave an overview of the Friends of Town Line Lake Park goals. Discussion regarding the current state of the park. Lindsey Novak spoke in support of the resolution and of the Friends of Townline Park. Steve Jensen questioned how much land is being sold by the County. Beckman reported that the county is looking at selling approximately 8 acres and these are the most usable acres. Beckman reported that they have been approved for a lumberjack grant for \$10,000 to build a new pier at Townline Lake Park. Beckman reported that a resolution to sell part of Town Line Lake Park will be going before the County Board at the meeting next Tuesday. Tony Rio spoke in support of the resolution being presented tonight. Knutson expressed concern with the sale of Town Line Lake Park property. Beckman reported that the City of Rhinelander approved this resolution on Monday night and the Town of Newbold will be looking at this resolution tomorrow night. Waksmonski stated that the lack of opposition at the Town Board meeting speaks volumes and she is in support of keeping this property public. Pazdernik spoke in support of keeping the Town Line Lake Park public property. Steve Jensen stated that there needs to be more discussion about how to maintain the property and bring it back to what it used to be. Motion by Pazdernik to move to adopt Resolution 02-2021 in it's entirety. Seconded by Waskmonski. All aye; motion carried.

7:30 p.m. Waksmonski excused from meeting.

**DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Oak Lane Culvert Damage** – Knutson reported that a few weeks ago the road crew founds a culvert on Oak Lane that was intentionally plugged and damaged. Knutson reported that he has filed a criminal complaint regarding the damage.

**DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Zoom Option for future meetings** – Discussion regarding the zoom option and the equipment that would be needed. Tony Rio spoke regarding equipment and suggested a "boundary" microphone in the ceiling. Knutson stated that he would like to come up with a budget amount to be used and allow the clerk to move forward with the project. Knutson made a motion for the Town of Crescent to allocate up to \$2000.00 for the acquisition of an owl system and laptop at the discretion of the clerk. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye; motion carried.

**DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: 2021 Open Book set for June 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Board of Review set for June 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Knutson gave the dates of the Open Book and Board of Review. Knutson stated that June meeting will be rescheduled to Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE** – Thank you cards from the Boy Scouts and the Cub Scouts for the use of the town hall.

## **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS/ADJOURN**

Motion by Pazdernik to approve vouchers as submitted and adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Seconded by Knutson. All aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tracy Hartman  
Municipal Clerk