

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
TOWN OF CRESCENT
MINUTES FOR
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 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. Chair Knutson offered condolences to family, friends and co-workers of Sergeant Archie Keelin who passed away in an accident a few weeks ago and a minute of silence was held.

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 May 19, 2021. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Waksmonski to approve the minutes from the Monthly Town Board Meeting of June 16, 2021. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Pazdernik to approve the minutes from the Monthly Town Board Meeting of June 23, 2021. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye. Motion carried.

FIFTEEN MINUTES OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION –

- Connie Anderson reported that the transfer station was on the agenda for Planning and Zoning again and it has been tabled to a future meeting.
- Steve Jensen expressed concern with WPS service flickering recently.

TOWN CHAIR REPORT – Knutson thanked the VFD and Harry Whidden for their service. Knutson thanks Supervisor Waksmonski for the newsletter that was sent out to the residents, thanked the new members of the Crescent Lake District and Squash Lake District for their service on the board.

TREASURER'S REPORT- A written report was received by Treasurer, Carla Fletcher. The Town of Crescent received the first deposit of the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds in the amount of \$105,453.57. The remaining funds should be received next year.

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. Whidden gave a brief overview of the library budget and upcoming programs.

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 and oral report to the board. Thome reported that the Planning and Development committee tabled the discussion on the transfer station again. Thome reported that the FAA has not responded to requests for information. Thome reported that Crescent Lake District held their first meeting on June 30th. Thome gave an update on the ARPA Funds that were received and a brief explanation of what it can be used for. Thome reported that the moratorium of CAFO's (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations) is set to expire and the Conservation Committee is looking at extending it.

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** – Lundt reported that he received a call a week ago from a couple that were walking on Hat Rapids road and there was a hole on the side of the road. Lundt reported that a phone line was placed through a culvert on Hat Rapids Road that caused some damage to the culvert. They were able to repair the road and the culvert and Lundt thinks the culvert will last for another 10 years or so. Discussion regarding the phone line that was placed through the culvert and the possibility of other culverts being affected. Lundt reported that they have begun mowing on the side of the road and explained that they need to start now to help find concern areas like the above-mentioned culvert, trim grass back so that deer can be seen and other safety reasons. Discussion regarding an issue on Crescent that has been caused by a contractor working on Charter lines.
- **Pomeranian Road Patch** – Lundt reported that there needs to be a patch on Pomeranian Road. Lundt has received a proposal from Musson Brothers for \$5530.00 for the patch and \$7,890.00 for the excavation. Lundt reported that Oettinger proposed a price of \$3625.00 for the excavation. Knutson expressed concern with the price and would like to see this brought back to the August board meeting so the board has time to look at the proposal.

TOWN PLAN COMMISSION REPORT – Pazdernik gave an overview of the plan commission and what the purpose of the commission is.

UNIFORM DWELLING INSPECTOR'S REPORT – Hartman provided a written report on the UDC Permits that was received from the City of Rhinelander.

SQUASH LAKE DISTRICT REPORT – Tom Johansen reported that they held a meeting and the new commissioner, Peggy Jansen, began at that meeting. Johansen reported that the divers have begun diving and have harvested approximately 220 pounds of milfoil which is more than previous years at this time. Johansen reported that there were some repairs for the boat needed and they will be asking the electorate to repurchase a new boat. Johansen reported that they are working on their lake district plan that is needed to apply for grants and gave an overview of the plan. Johansen reported that the annual meeting will be August 14 and they have a proposed budget that will decrease the mil rate in 2022. This decrease is due to a grant that was received. The Lake district heard a report on the waste transfer station at the last meeting and voted to send a letter in opposition.

Crescent Lake District Report – Connie Anderson reported that today the documents went to the IRS to receive an identifying number so that they can complete the necessary process for the mil rate. Crescent Lake District annual meeting will be August 21 and they are working towards finalizing a budget for that meeting. Discussion regarding the difference between a Lake

District and a Lake Association. Tom Johansen reported that varies by every lake and gave an overview of the Squash Lake District and Association. Connie Anderson reported that Crescent Lake has approximately 12 tons of Eurasian Milfoil to remove. Anderson reported that the main goal of the District is to eliminate the Eurasian Milfoil.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Wisconsin Public Service (WPS) Update – Leah Van Zile – Leah Van Zile introduced herself, Dan Yagodinski, Amy Lemke and Evelyn Weyker from WPS. Van Zile reported that WPS recently purchased property from Oneida County with the intention of installing a natural gas compressor. Van Zile reported that a flyer was sent to nearby residents explaining the upcoming project and giving contact information if the resident has questions. Van Zile reported that the compressor will be used during peak usage time and they will need to get approval from the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) prior to any building being started. Weyker gave an overview of the compressor. Knutson questioned if WPS would be looking at expanding the natural gas in the Crescent area. Van Zile stated that WPS doesn't currently have plans to expand the natural gas lines, however, if a resident wishes to see natural gas in their area WPS suggests speaking to neighbors and getting support from neighbors about switching to natural gas. Van Zile reported that they will then send a team out to determine the feasibility of extending the line to that area. Discussion regarding the compressor station, the purpose, timeline and how it may affect residents in the area. Van Zile reported that as part of the plan there will be an open house with first responders for training.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Ordinance #03-2021 – Town of Crescent Town Plan Commission – Knutson gave an overview of the ordinance and the proposed changes. Knutson reported that the board is looking at amending the plan commission and returning it to a 7-member board with staggering 3-year terms except the Town Board member that will have a two year term. Knutson explained the staggered terms and how that will be implemented. Knutson reported that section 8 will be amended for a per diem. Jonathan Jacobson reviewed the ordinance and asked questions regarding section 7 and vacancies. Discussion regarding section 7, the board did not make any changes from the draft ordinance. Motion by Waksmonski to adopt Ordinance #03-2021 as amended. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye; motion carried.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Appoint Town Plan Commission Members - Pazdernik reported that Connie Anderson, Jonathon Jacobson, Rob Bosjnak and Andrea Metz have expressed continued interest in serving on the Town Plan Commission. Discussion regarding the process and if members should be appointed tonight or wait until more residents express an interest. Knutson would like to see this issue moved to next month which will give more time for a full plan commission to be found. Waksmonski will put together an email to be sent to the town subscribers regarding the plan commission.

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

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Approve Driveway Permits - None

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE –

- WI DOT – Letter regarding payment replacement for Hwy 8.
- Notice of Public Hearing for the Planning and Development Committee for Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS/ADJOURN

Motion by Waksmonski to approve vouchers as submitted and adjourn at 8:13 p.m. Seconded by Knutson. All aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Hartman
Municipal Clerk