

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
TOWN OF CRESCENT
MINUTES FOR
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 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: Chair 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 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 July 14, 2021. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye. Motion carried.

FIFTEEN MINUTES OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION –

- Janet Appling asked if there were any plans to tar the cracks in Peninsula Road.
- Connie Anderson thanked the Board for getting a property on the corner of S. Rifle Road and Hwy 8 cleaned up.

TOWN CHAIR REPORT – Knutson stated that there will be no report today.

TREASURER'S REPORT – A written report was received by Treasurer, Carla Fletcher. Knutson reported that there is a further breakdown on the reserve account balance.

LIBRARY REPORT – Update on the library board meeting and upcoming programs being offered at the library – A written report was received from Harry Whidden. Whidden reported that they have had a number of building committee meetings in the last month. Whidden gave an update on donations received and the budget process.

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 – Supervisor Thome was not present, however, a written report was received and Chair Knutson reviewed the report with the board and with the public present.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASES – Monthly Call update, purchases update, training update, fundraiser update – Fire Chief Mahner reported that during the month of July the Fire Department responded to 8 calls. Mahner reported that they have purchased additional tools for the jaws of life using fundraiser money. Mahner discussed future fundraisers and grants for thermal imaging cameras. Mahner reported that all equipment is in service and reviewed repairs to the equipment. Mahner gave an overview of training that has been held and is planned and gave an overview of membership. Mahner reported that there will

be a memorial parade on September 11, 2021 beginning at Trig's and finishing at the Oneida County Courthouse.

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 Fahrner has completed the chip seal and scrub seal from last year and it looks nice. Lundt reported that Hat Rapids road has been completed, Timber Lodge Road will begin this week and Boyce Drive will begin in the next week. Lundt reported that they have been cutting firewood, mowing, patching and repairing trucks. Janet Appling stated that last year she was told that crack sealing would be done this year. Lundt reported that he will look at it and bring it back to the board if there is an issue that can not be addressed through the current crack seal contract.
- Discussion/Possible Decision Regarding: Welder Purchase – Lundt reported that they would like to purchase a refurbished welder from Ace Welding Supply. Discussion regarding the budget, Hartman reported that this is covered in their budget. Motion by Knutson to move forward with a proposal from Ace Welding Supply for the equipment. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye; motion carried.
- Discussion/Possible Decision Regarding: Pomeranian Road Patch – Knutson reported that he visited the site and is concerned with the proposed patch. Knutson would like to see this handled under the 2022 budget. Discussion regarding the concerns and the potential causes for the damage to the road. Lundt encouraged the board to repair the road this year using the funding that was not spent. Lundt expressed concern with the road not holding up next spring during the thaw. Lund reported that Musson's will honor the proposal for the road repair. Knutson stated that he would like to try to have a more triaged approach to road repair and would like to focus on the main thoroughfares. Discussion regarding the residents that are driving heavy equipment and trucks on the road during road limits. Knutson would like this tabled for another month and have a discussion with the resident.
- Discussion/Possible Decision Regarding: Hat Rapids Road Invoice – Knutson reported that the Hat Rapids Road work was completed and came in \$4000 over what was bid. Knutson reported that this was due to the amount of gravel that was used on the project. Knutson expressed concern with the bid coming in overbudget and how this has been handled in the past. Discussion regarding the washout of some of the gravel. Lundt reported that Pitlik and Wick went wider on the shoulder than what was proposed. There should have been a 2 foot shoulder and it appears that they have 3 foot and 3 ½ foot shoulders on this section of road. Discussion regarding the final bill and past practice with paying bills that come in over the bid amount. Knutson reviewed the available options: 1) pay original bid amount only 2) pay the full billed amount 3) pay the Musson bid amount, which was the next lowest bid. Motion by Pazdernik that Pitlik and Wick is paid the bid amount of \$80722.00 as submitted. Seconded by Knutson. All aye; motion carried.

TOWN PLAN COMMISSION REPORT – None

UNIFORM DWELLING INSPECTOR'S REPORT – Knutson reported that there was a written report from the Rhinelander Inspection Department.

SQUASH LAKE DISTRICT REPORT – A written report was received from Bob Thome.

CRESCENT LAKE DISTRICT REPORT – A written report was received. Connie Anderson reported that the annual meeting is this weekend.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Crescent Lake Memento – Glen and Mary Peterson – Jim Gehrke reported that over the years he has gotten to know Glen Peterson and Glen was the President of the Crescent Lake Association and involved for a number of years. Glen Peterson recently passed away and Gehrke received a number of donations from residents of the lake and the family of Peterson requested that a picture of Glen's boat be placed at the Crescent Town Hall. Gehrke presented a framed picture of Glen Petersons boat as a memorial. Knutson spoke about his interactions with Glen Peterson and expressed support for having the memorial placed on the town hall wall. Motion by Knutson that the town graciously accepts the generous donation on behalf of the Peterson family to the betterment of Crescent Lake and to our Town Hall. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye; motion carried.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: PFAS Update – Knutson stated that Todd Troskey is present and has in the past helped the Town with the Crescent Spring water quality issue. Knutson gave an overview of the PFAS issue in the Crescent Spring area. Knutson reported that he has attended zoom meetings with City officials regarding the PFAS issue. Waksmonski gave an overview of PFAS and how it can impact the human body and some of the studies that have been completed. Troskey reported that he has been the lead person on PFAS issues at the County Health Department. Troskey reported that he has sampled the Crescent Spring for PFAS in 2019 and 2020. Troskey reported that the compounds that have been detected at the Rhinelander Wells and the Crescent Spring are a little bit different, so it is unknown if they are from the same contaminating source. Troskey reported that the city is working with a consultant to look at the flow of ground water in the area of the well and at this time the results of that are not know. Troskey reported that he spoke with Northern Lakes Service and there are now two methods of collecting PFAS samples. The old method which was used in 2019 and 2020 costs \$350 per sample and the new method approved by the State of Wisconsin is \$450 per sample. Troskey reported that there should be two samples taken each time that the spring is sampled for PFAS. Knutson reported that the bacteria and nitrate levels were negative this year. Knutson stated that he foresees having special meetings in the future to discuss the PFAS concerns. Discussion regarding the cost of the testing to residents if they chose to have their personal well tested. Troskey stated that the residential well would cost the same and there are additional water samples for bacteria, metals, etc. that can be added onto the PFAS test.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Squash Lake Landing/Dock – Knutson reported that the town board has expressed a general favorability to having a landing and accessible dock at Squash Lake boat landing. Knutson reported that this is potentially a complex issue that has a number of factors that will play into the decision. Knutson reported that the

retaining wall at the boat landing will need to be repaired in the future. Knutson reported that there are potential grants available for expanding accessibility at boat landing, other governments may be able to help and user fees may be implemented. Knutson asked the board if this is something that the board would like to continue to look into. Pazdernik stated that finding the boundaries is the first item that needs to be addressed. Russ Tenneson stated that there continues to be soil erosion on the North side of the landing and a communications cable has been uncovered and a DNR marker has also been unearthed during the erosion. Tenneson reported that the Town Road was discovered partially on his property during a survey. Discussion regarding the history of the boat landing and the land that was donated by Mr. Gudis about 70 years ago.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Townline Park Road Maintenance –

Knutson reported that earlier town boards were asked by the County whether or not the town would continue to maintain Townline Park Road. Knutson reported that he has been approached by the Friends of Townline Park about the town maintaining the road. Knutson stated that he feels there needs to be a future meeting with the Friends of Townline Park and the Board to look at the park and the future plans and what the town will approve completing in the future. Knutson reported that the Friends of Townline Park meet every Thursday around 5:30 p.m. and would like the board to consider meeting with them. Knutson stated that when a meeting is planned it will be posted.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Roadside Pollinator Project Proposal

– Knutson stated that he has been working with residents in the area to collect monarch caterpillars and eggs and they have had over 200 successful monarch releases. Knutson would like the board to investigate the possibility of grants for developing pollinator habitat stands to create spots for pollinators and interesting areas for families to see while out in the town. Knutson would like a motion to endorse researching the possibility of additional grants for 2022 for future budgeting. Lundt reported that they found a hummingbird injured at the town shop today that appeared to be injured and Gerdes found a thistle under the wing and was able to remove it and the hummingbird was able to fly away. Knutson gave an overview of invasive species on the road way and how they impact local plants and animals. Motion by Waksmonski to explore the roadside pollinator project and any sort of side branches that might be impacted. Seconded by Knutson. All aye; motion carried.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Purchase Generator for Town Hall –

Knutson reported that it has been requested that a generator for the town hall be purchased. Lundt suggested that In Control Technology should be contacted to look at the hall and what would be needed to run the hall and fire department. Knutson requested that Lundt, Mahner and Pazdernik work together to come up with estimates for a generator to present to the board at the September meeting.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Town Plan Commission appointments

– Pazdernik reported that he received interest in the plan commission from 7 individuals. Lindsey Nowak, Janet Appling, Dave Holperin, Connie Anderson, Johathon Jacobson, Rob Bosjnak and

Andrea Metz have all expressed interest in serving on the plan commission. Discussion regarding who to appoint and what length terms to appoint the members. Knutson made the following appointments to the Town Plan Commission with the terms listed by their names: Lindsey Nowak (2-year term), Janet Appling (3-year term), Dave Holperin (1-year term), Connie Anderson (1-year term), Jonathan Jacobson (3-year term), Rob Bosjnak (2-year term) and Mike Pazdernik to the Town Plan commission.

Motion by Knutson to appoint Connie Anderson for a 1-year term on the Town of Crescent Plan Commission effective August 18, 2021. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye; motion carried.

Motion by Knutson to appoint Dave Holperin for a 1-year term on the Town of Crescent Plan Commission effective August 18, 2021. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye; motion carried.

Motion by Knutson to appoint Lindsey Novak for a 2-year term on the Town of Crescent Plan Commission effective August 18, 2021. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye; motion carried.

Motion by Knutson to appoint Rob Bosjnak for a 2-year term on the Town of Crescent Plan Commission effective August 18, 2021. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye; motion carried.

Motion by Knutson to appoint Jon Jacobson for a 3-year term on the Town of Crescent Plan Commission effective August 18, 2021. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye; motion carried.

Motion by Knutson to appoint Janet Appling for a 3-year term on the Town of Crescent Plan Commission effective August 18, 2018. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye; motion carried.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Set Dates for Budget Workshops –

Knutson reported that this board is planning to take a more involved approach to the budget in the future. Discussion regarding dates for budget workshops. The first budget workshop will be held on September 15th at 6:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Upgrade to service/WiFi Router at

Town Hall – Knutson requested that Charter be contacted to determine if a new router is an option. Knutson requested that Mahner and Hartman contact Charter to come out and test the lines and speeds of the internet.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Salt Shed Repairs – Lundt reported that

the salt shed had some siding come off during a storm and at that time it was discovered that there was a lot of rot under the siding due to a lack of overhang and J channel being installed on the roof. Discussion regarding the damage and repairs that may be needed. Lundt had Fletcher Construction look at it and Dave would like to meet with Knutson to discuss options.

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

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Approve Driveway Permits – Driveway

permit received for Mike Goelden on Timber Lodge Road. Motion by Knutson to approve the driveway permit for Mr. Goelden. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye; motion carried.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE – None

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS/ADJOURN

Motion by Knutson to approve vouchers as submitted and adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Hartman
Municipal Clerk