

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
TOWN OF CRESCENT
MINUTES FOR
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 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 Waksmonski to approve the agenda. Seconded by Knutson. All aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Pazdernik to approve the minutes from the Monthly Town Board Meeting of August 18, 2021. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye. Motion carried.

FIFTEEN MINUTES OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION –

- Janet Appling stated that it is nice to see more people attending the board meeting.
- Lakeland Times Reporter introduced herself – Kelly Volm
- Steve Jensen requested that the minutes are changed to state a report was “given” by Treasurer Carla Fletcher.
- Dan Butkus thanked the Crescent Volunteer Fire Department for making room for the Squash Lake District Annual Meeting.

TOWN CHAIR REPORT – Chair Knutson reported that he submitted a grant request to the Lumberjack Grant in the amount of \$10,000 for developing pollinator areas in Crescent. Knutson also reported that at the last meeting the board discussed the PFAS concerns and the implications for the Town of Crescent residents. Knutson reported that in the River News there was an article about Senator Tammy Baldwin visiting Rhinelander and having a discussion with the City of Rhinelander regarding PFAS and Crescent wasn’t invited to be at the table for the discussion. Knutson expressed frustration with being excluded from that discussion and he will be contacting the individuals involved regarding this oversight.

TREASURER’S REPORT - A written report was given by Treasurer, Carla Fletcher.

LIBRARY REPORT - Update on the library board meeting and upcoming programs being offered at the library – None.

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 all county departments are preparing for the 2022 budget. Thome reported that the auditor provided the 2020 audit to the Administration Committee this week. The county had a net positive of approximately \$1.7 million dollars. The sales tax revenue exceeded expectations by almost \$750,000. Thome reported that there is an ad hoc committee meeting to

determine how best to propose spending the \$6.9 million awarded through the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF). Thome reported that the UWEX Committee continues to work towards an ordinance for CAFO's. Thome reported that the transfer station request on Highway 47 was officially denied.

CRESCENT LAKE DISTRICT REPORT- Thome reported that the first electors meeting was held on August 21st with over 90+ people in attendance of which 74 were electors. Tim Kilgore was elected as Chair, Jim Gehrke was elected as a Commissioner, Jim Ketterson was elected as the Treasurer, Maria Rudesill (Town of Crescent Representative) was elected the Secretary and Bob Thome is the County representative. Thome reported that the proposed tax levy of \$86,127.47 was approved by a vote of 71 in favor, 1 against and 1 abstained. Thome reported that the next meeting is scheduled for October 21st.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASES - Monthly Call update, purchases update, training update, fundraiser update – Fire Chief Mahner presented a written and oral report to the board. Mahner reported that during the month of August the fire department was dispatched for 2 calls. Mahner reported that the fundraiser for this year fell through and future plans have not been set.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Generator for Town Hall – Mahner reported that he has met with Nick from In Control Technology to create a proposal. The current estimate to install the lines for the generator is \$2500. Nick is working to get an estimate on the generator cost and will provide this at the next meeting. WPS will be coming out next week to look at the hookups and help determine what type of meter is needed.

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 the two road projects left to finish are Timber Lodge which should be completed next week and chip seal on Boyce Dr which should be done this week or next week. Lundt reported that a resident on Green Bass Road put a driveway in without a permit. The driveway has a silt fence that is blocking a culvert and causing water issues on the road. The road crew is continuing to clean up washouts and cleanup ditches. Gerdes is working to repair all vehicles and getting them ready for winter season. Knutson reported that they are still waiting to hear from the Friends of Townline park to meet and discuss the road.

TOWN PLAN COMMISSION REPORT – Guide to permits in the Town of Crescent (UDC, Zoning, Driveway) - Updates and future plans – Mike Pazdernik reported that he is working with Harland Lee to see about working with North Central Regional Planning Commission to discuss working on updating the Crescent Comprehensive Plan. Pazdernik would like to look at holding plan commission meetings the week before the Town Board meeting. He would like to hold the first meeting on October 6th at 6:00 p.m. Knutson reported that he and Clerk Hartman received a call from an attorney inquiring about the Shoreland Protection Ordinance in relation to the County Ordinance. Knutson would like to see the commission address the town ordinances and bring them up to date. Knutson would like to see the town come up with a "one stop source" guide to permitting in Oneida County of where different permits can be applied for and how the different government agencies work together.

UNIFORM DWELLING INSPECTOR'S REPORT – Written report received from the Rhinelander Inspection department. There was one permit issued for a single-family dwelling on Bunting Lane.

SQUASH LAKE DISTRICT REPORT – Dan Butkus stated that the annual meeting was held and the 2022 budget and mill rate was passed and will be dropping to 0.221 due to a grant from the DNR.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Siverling Driveway/Easement

Request – Knutson gave a history of the Siverling Driveway/Easement request. Knutson stated that he has met with the County Land Information office, and they can't find any platting showing that Bay Road was going to be extended and therefore the town doesn't have any rights to Bay Drive beyond what has been blacktopped. Knutson stated that the town can't grant an easement for something we don't own the rights to. Knutson stated that the Silverlings will need to go through the driveway permitting process. Discussion regarding the driveway process and meeting with the Crescent Road Crew Leader Ted Lundt.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Wisconsin Information System for Local Roads (WISLR)

Knutson reported that the Town of Crescent needs to go through the state process of rating the pavement of all of the Town of Crescent miles of roads. Knutson reported that after some research it has been determined that the North Central Wisconsin Regional Plan Commission assists towns with road ratings and it is completed at no cost to the towns. Knutson has been in contact with the NCWRPC regarding this process and they will add the Town of Crescent to the list of towns to work with. Knutson would like the town to become self-sufficient on rating the roads. Discussion regarding the need to have an outside person come and rate the town roads.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Complaint process for residents - Streamlining resident county-level complaints through Town

– Knutson stated that he would like to create a consistent measure of being able to track what is happening in the town relative to complaints and issues and which ones need to be turned over the county. Knutson stated that examples of a few issues that have come up recently are parking on road right of way, shoreland permitting, speeding on town roads. Knutson would like to encourage residents to use the towns resources for highlighting issues and contact members of the board if concerns arise. Knutson stated that another issue that has come up recently are tourist rooming houses and residents not getting the proper permits through the county. Knutson would like to include some language in a future newsletter regarding guidance for residents regarding complaints. Discussion regarding a complaint form being created and on the website for resident use. Bob Thome stated that he receives 5-10 reports of tourist rooming houses per week and shoreland protection complaints that he researches and turns over to the county. Thome will include Chair Knutson on future complaints.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Crescent Parking Ordinance

– Knutson reported that he has received several concerns of residents parking on the sides of town roads which are creating issues. Knutson reported that there is parking ordinance from 1978. Knutson would like to look at updating this ordinance and coming up with guidance for parking. Knutson would like the ordinance to include guidance that parking will only be allowed on one side of a road and that there are time restrictions to when parking may occur. Knutson will work on

language for updating the ordinance for a future meeting. Discussion regarding how to handle concerns with parking in the future. Knutson will look into what can be done and if the Sheriff's Office is able to help with enforcement.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Engine braking in town areas –

Knutson stated that he has received several complaints coming in regarding heavy truck traffic engine braking on County N and County K. Knutson is working on having a conversation with businesses in the area.

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

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Approve Driveway Permits - None

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE – Letter from Oneida County denying the Conditional Use Permit for JBM Howard Companies and a copy of a letter and citation to Darin and Sarah Kojis for failing to comply with the conditions of an Administrative Review Permit.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS/ADJOURN - Motion by Pazdernik to approve vouchers as submitted and adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Hartman
Municipal Clerk