

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
TOWN OF CRESCENT
MINUTES FOR
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022
6:00 P.M., CRESCENT TOWN HALL**

Board Members Present: Joel Knutson, Chair; Kyla Waksmonski, Supervisor; Mike Pazdernik, Supervisor; Tracy Hartman, Clerk.

Absent: 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 Waksmonski to approve the minutes from the Monthly Town Board Meeting of December 8, 2021. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye. Motion carried.

Fifteen Minutes of Public Discussion

- Harry Whidden complimented the road crew for the job that has been done during the last two snow falls.

Town Chair Report – Knutson expressed condolences to Town Treasurer, Carla Fletcher, on the loss of her son and spoke about the Fletcher involvement in the community. Knutson stated that it is important for residents to call the board when there are concerns with roads. Knutson stated that he has received concerns regarding wolf sightings in Crescent and it is important for residents to notify the board if they have concerns. Knutson also reported that there were a number of illegal deer dumpings in Crescent and that was where some of the wolf sightings occurred.

Treasurer 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 – An oral report was received from Harry Whidden. Whidden reported that he has attended two building committee meetings in the last month. Whidden reported that the library has been using the dome for children's programs. Whidden reported that they will be looking for a project manager for the proposed addition at the library. Whidden reported that the money for an addition will not come from the towns but will come from donations.

County Board Supervisor 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 reported that there was no county board meeting in December. Thome reported that the ARPA Funds have been a frequent discussion at the Administration Committee. Thome gave an update on a manure storage ordinance that is being proposed at Oneida County. Thome reported that the Conservation Committee has a meeting on January 21 to discuss the proposed manure storage ordinance. Thome reported that permitting at Planning and Zoning is still at a

high level. Thome reported that he is chairing a Tourist Rooming House Operations Task Force to look at how to administer permitting for TRHO's.

SQUASH LAKE DISTRICT REPORT – Peggy Jansen, Squash Lake District, reported that at the latest meeting they discussed grants and a possible grant to purchase a boat. Peggy reported that there was a report given to the board about the divers and future needs. There was a discussion regarding tourist rooming houses on the lake and how to educate the renters about AIS and the divers.

CRESCENT LAKE DISTRICT REPORT – Thome reported that Crescent Lake District had a meeting by zoom yesterday and largely dealt with AIS and how to treat the lake in 2022. Thome stated that they also focused on Tourist Rooming Houses.

Fire Department Report and Approval of Purchases

- Monthly Call update, purchases update, training update, fundraiser update – Mahner reported that during the month of December the Crescent Fire Department was dispatched to 6 calls. Mahner reported that all equipment is in service. Mahner reported that new turnout gear has been ordered. Mahner gave an overview of equipment that they are looking at purchasing this year. Knutson reported that the fire department should work with Mike Pazdernik to look at getting the generator completed for the building.

First Responder Report and Approval of Purchases - None

Town Plan Commission Report – Pazdernik gave an update on the town plan commission meeting. Pazdernik reported that they received a presentation from the Planning and Zoning department on the role they play with zoning. Pazdernik reported that the TPC recommended approval of the below CUP and ARP being discussed at tonight's meeting. Pazdernik reported that at the next meeting they will be meeting with the North Central Wisconsin Regional Plan Commission to discuss updating the Crescent Comprehensive Plan.

Uniform Dwelling Inspectors Report - None

Conditional Use Permit Application – Mark and Sherry Roffers, 3611 Hwy 47 – Knutson reported that this property is being proposed to be operated as a Uhaul rental business. Knutson thanked the Roffers for attending the Town Plan Commission meeting and bringing this to the board early in the process. Knutson gave an overview of the proposed use. Motion by Knutson to approve the CUP for 3611 Hwy 47 as applied for by Mark and Sherry Roffers as submitted with no adds. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye; motion carried.

Administrative Review Tourist Rooming House Permit Application – Eric Jensen, 2984 Wausau Road – Knutson gave an overview of the tourist rooming house application and the plan submitted by Eric Jensen. Pazdernik reported that the TPC shared concerns about guests partying and how it might affect surrounding residences, possible use of fireworks, post-sunset noise levels, watercraft use and potential abuse, notifying guests about invasive species issues, dock use, and the potential for blocking the fairly narrow road used by those located further down the drive. The TPC recommended adding a condition that the property owner provide each renter with specific information on the previously mentioned issues prior to arrival and to fully educate them when they are checking in for their stay. Motion by Knutson that per the recommendation of the TPC the Tourist Rooming House Application for Eric Jensen at 2984 Wausau Road is approved as submitted with no additions. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye; motion carried.

Town Road Crew Report -

- Road Projects update, update on vehicle repairs and shop repairs – Knutson reported that they have been doing maintenance on the vehicles. Knutson reported that the road crew has been moving back snowbanks and sanding the roads. Knutson reported that during storm season residents should contact the Board with concerns instead of the road crew as the crew needs to focus on the task of clearing the roads. Knutson reported that there is a water leak on the wood stove boiler. Discussion regarding efficiencies on plow routes.

- South River Rd TRID Update – Knutson reported that the Town of Crescent has submitted a grant application for South River Rd TRID. Knutson reported that he has received many letters of support.

Weather Emergency Procedures – Knutson reported that the board is going to look into developing emergency procedures. Knutson would like to see the hall be available to use as an emergency capacity building. Knutson would like to see the fire department and road crew work with the board to create the procedures so that the town can help its neighbors out during emergencies.

Hat Rapids Road right-of-way deed from Oneida County – Hartman explained the request from the County regarding deeding property on Hat Rapids Road to the Town for road right-of-way. Motion by Knutson to decline any right-of-way in excess of 25' and approve the Hat Rapids Road right-of-way deed from Oneida County as proposed. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye; motion carried.

Operator's License Applications - None

Driveway Application – Driveway application presented for Jeffrey Pederson. Knutson requested that this be moved to the next meeting and he will speak with the road crew about this.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE –

- Thank you card from Troop 660
- Letter from Oneida County Planning and Zoning for the public hearing scheduled for January 19th for the Roffers.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS/ADJOURN

Motion by Waksmonski to approve vouchers as submitted and adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Hartman
Municipal Clerk