

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
TOWN OF CRESCENT
MINUTES FOR MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2022**

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

Board Members 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: Knutson reported that he will be moving the Heal Creek Project Update to after Town boat landings. Motion by Pazdernik to approve the agenda as modified. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Pazdernik to approve the minutes from the Monthly Town Board Meeting of January 12, 2022. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye. Motion carried.

Fifteen Minutes of Public Discussion: None

Town Chair Report: Knutson reported that he will be having an update on the solar farm on Boyce Drive at a future meeting and there will also be a future meeting to address the PFAS concerns.

Treasurer's Report: A written report was provided 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 – Supervisor Thome gave an oral and written report to the board. Thome reported that the solar farm in Crescent went live last week. Thome reported that there has been discussions regarding the ARPA funds and how those will be used. Thome reported that as of January 1st the Oneida County Fair has been privatized. Thome gave an overview of the Administration Committee, Conservation Committee, Planning and Development Committee and Tourist Rooming House Operations Task Force activities during the last month. Thome gave an overview of a proposed broadband expansion in Oneida County.

Fire Department Report and Approval of Purchases

- Monthly Call update, purchases update, training update, fundraiser update – Mahner reported that during the month of January there were 4 calls. Mahner reported that they are looking at purchasing thermal imaging cameras at this time. Mahner reported that all equipment is in service. Mahner reported that training during the month of January was on ropes and knots and bloodborne pathogens. Mahner reported that they continue to work on the by-laws.

First Responders Report and Approval of Purchases - None

Town Road Crew Report

- Road Projects update, update on vehicle repairs and shop repairs – Brad Gerdes reported that they have been working on plowing, sanding and pushing back the banks on the Crescent flats. Gerdes reported that the bumper of the older plow truck fell off today and needed to be repaired. Gerdes reported that they are getting an estimate for insulating the town shop and Gerdes reported that the wood burner has a leak that can not be repaired. Gerdes introduced Rick Vanney as the recent hire for the road crew.
- 2022 Road Projects – Knutson reported that there is a second wave of infrastructure grants coming available on April 1st. Knutson would like to schedule a road tour as soon as possible. Road tour scheduled for March 3rd at 10:00 a.m. Discussion regarding some of the grants that will be available.

Town Plan Commission Report – Pazdernik reported that they had a zoom meeting with Dennis Lawrence from the NCWRPC and discussed updating the land use plan. Pazdernik reported that they received information regarding what will be needed to complete the land use plan. Pazdernik reported that the timeline to complete this is approximately 10 months. Pazdernik reported that at the next meeting there will be another tourist rooming house application.

Uniform Dwelling Inspector's Report - None

Squash Lake District Report – Dan Butkus reported that there is no new information to report.

Crescent Lake District Report – The Crescent Lake Association gifted \$25,000 to the Lake District to be used for AIS and this will be used in correspondence with the tax levy and a grant that was received for AIS. Maria Ruesdill, Crescent Lake District, reported that this will allow for more acreage to be handled over the summer.

Town Park – Crescent Town Hall/Fire Department – Knutson reported that there was some land purchased by the Town of Crescent a number of years ago that was to be used for a park. The Fire Department has completed some work on clearing the land and getting it ready for a park. Knutson would like to see the board take the lead on the park completion and would like Supervisor Waksmonski to head up the project. Motion by Waksmonski to approve that the Town Board transition the park planning from the Fire Department to the Town Board. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye; motion carried. Robb Jensen suggested working with Nicolet and Rhinelander High school to see if there are classes and groups that would be able to help with the project.

RH Community Foundation Grant – Knutson would like to present a proposal to the RH Community Foundation for a grant up to \$5000 with the idea to get started on the Town Hall/Fire Department roadside lawn. Knutson reported that signage and plantings are ideas for that area. Motion by Knutson to apply for a Rhinelander Community Foundation Grant for park phase I with details to be determined. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye; motion carried.

Town boat landings: Squash, Julia and Emma Lakes – Knutson reported that the Town of Crescent controls the Squash Lake Boat Landing, Lake Julia Boat Landing and Emma Lake Boat Landing and the topic of improving those boat landings has been a frequent discussion at board meetings. Knutson would like to consider applying for grants to install docks at the boat landings. Knutson has been in contact with staff at the DNR to discuss grant options and what

match would be needed from the town. Knutson reported that in addition to looking at adding docks at each of these landings there are also retaining wall issues at Squash Lake and there would be multiple grant applications that would need to be completed. Knutson reported that this will be a future topic.

Heal Creek Project Update – Knutson reported that Dr. Lee Swank recently donated 413 acres to the City of Rhinelander which connects to the Heal Creek property. Knutson reported that the City is applying for a \$3 million grant for a professional revamping of a portion of Heal Creek and the Lee Swank land. Knutson would like the Town to issue a letter of support from the town for the grant, however, it will be made clear that the Town of Crescent is not committing funding to the project. Discussion regarding the proposed grant process and the proposed project. Motion by Knutson to issue a letter of support per the City’s request in support of their phase I proposal. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye; motion carried.

Review Correspondence –

- Letter to Niina Threlfall-Baum regarding a Tourist Rooming House.
- Letter from the City of Rhinelander requesting permission to test the Town Hall well for PFAS. Chair Knutson expressed concern with the lack of communication on this issue.

Approval of Vouchers/Adjourn - Motion by Waksmonski to approve vouchers as submitted and adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Hartman
Municipal Clerk