

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
TOWN OF CRESCENT
MINUTES FOR
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022
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/Pazdernik to approve the amended agenda. All aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Pazdernik/Waksmonski to approve the minutes from the Monthly Town Board Meeting and Special Town Board Meeting of May 25, 2022. All aye. Motion carried.

Fifteen Minutes of Public Discussion –

Connie Anderson asked what happened to Sanford and Sons at 3113 S Rifle Road.

Town Chair Report – Knutson reported that he was able to attend a walk-thru of the Solar Farm in Crescent this morning and what able to see the progress that has been made and the buffering that has been installed and remedies that are planned for areas that have failed.

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 – Whidden gave an update on the building committee meetings that have happened in the last month.

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 there were 13 conditions on the CUP for the Solar Farm and most of them have been completed. Thome reported that the original plan was for 70 acres of solar panels, however, it was decreased by 10 acres. Thome reported that may cause issues with the buffer zone in one area. Thome reported that the Conservation Committee will be meeting on Monday and will be giving an update on the solar farm.

Fire Department Report and Approval of Purchases -

- Monthly Call update, purchases update, training update, fundraiser update – Mahner reported that there were six calls during the month of May. Mahner reported that several of the calls were downed power lines. Mahner reported that July 16th there will be an open house and brat fry.

First Responder’s Report and Approval of Purchases - None

Town Road Crew Report

- Road Projects update, update on vehicle repairs and shop repairs – Knutson reported that the road crew is working on chipping and brushing.

Town Plan Commission Report – Pazdernik reported that there is a meeting on June 15th and June 29th.

Uniform Dwelling Inspector's Report – Written report received.

Squash Lake District Report – None.

Crescent Lake District Report – Thome reported that there was a meeting on May 30th. The dash boat was looked at and it was determined that there were some concerns and there would not be divers hired this year. This will be subcontracted out.

Open 2022 road bids - Oak Lane – Knutson reported that there were three bids received.

Northeast Asphalt – 20 foot repave \$91,185.22

Musson – 20 foot repave - \$77,704.32

American Asphalt – 20 foot repave \$72,421.40

Knutson gave an overview of the LRIP project and stated that the state would like to see the road widened to 22 foot, however, Oak Lane is not able to accommodate 22 feet. Knutson reported that looking at the bids the specs are comparable. Knutson reported that the LRIP was a \$26,000 cap and within that context there is the option to move this to a future year.

Discussion regarding the difference in estimates between American Asphalt and Musson. Motion by Pazdernik to accept the bid for Oak Lane from American Asphalt for the price of \$72,421.40. Seconded by Knutson. All aye; motion carried.

Approve 2022-2023 Liquor Licenses and Cigarette License – Motion by Knutson to approve the Liquor Licenses for Henkel Town Pump, Shady Sue, Fireside and Westside Shell. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye; Motion carried.

Motion by Knutson to approve the cigarette license for Westside Shell. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye; motion carried.

Approve 2022-2023 Applications for Operator's License – Motion by Knutson to approve the Operator's License as presented for staff at Henkels Town Pump and Fireside Supper Club. Seconded by Waskmonski. All aye; motion carried.

Lake Julia Boat Landing Parking – Knutson reported that there are concerns with parking on Lake Julia at the boat landing. Knutson reported that the town is not able to enforce the parking at the boat landing. Becker reported that the Crescent public access is hazardous at times with people staging boats. Becker reported that the town created issues when trees were removed along the road creating areas to park in the residential area of the boat landing. Becker expressed frustration with the parking that is occurring in front of the homes near the boat landing. Becker reported that Oneida County Code 9.77 (E)(9) addresses boat landings and parking. Becker read the DNR water rules regarding parking standards. Becker reported that Lake Julia falls within the 1-5 parking spaces size for lakes. Cooper stated that parking is occurring on the side of the road that lists no parking and room for emergency vehicles does not exist. Becker stated that they have been speaking with DNR employees about opening up the boat landing in Pelican to alleviate some of the overparking on the Crescent boat landing. Knutson stated that he will have a conversation with the Sheriff's Office and Planning and Zoning to look at enforcement of no parking on town roads. Knutson stated that he is willing to speak

with the Town of Pelican to look into opening up the Pelican boat landing. Discussion regarding DNR regulations, parking regulations and County regulations. Pazdernik expressed concern with emergency vehicles being able to access the lake. Knutson stated that the town will look into adding signs for parking.

Discussion/Decision on PFAS Update and Water Supply Issue – Knutson read a statement (see email from Joel). Knutson reported that there are two homes on Fox Ranch Road that have high PFAS numbers and at this time no government entity is helping the homes with a safe water source. Knutson reported that his goal for tonight is to see what the town can do to help the residents in Crescent that are affected. Knutson gave a brief overview of the history of the PFAS contamination.

- 2013 – City of Rhinelander records first significant PFAS at municipal well 7.
- 2019 Rhinelander municipal wells 7 and 8 are deemed to be in excess of acceptable standards and are taken off-line. City formed a water task force.
- 2019 the DNR began a phase of looking for the responsible party which will require the responsible party to remediate the damages. The DNR has identified 3 joint, yet separate parties – Oneida County, the City of Rhinelander and the Airport Commission.
- 2019-2020 Crescent Spring was found to have elevated levels of PFAS and the well was posted as “Do not drink”.
- Fall of 2021 Knutson has been able to participate in a few meetings and at the invitation of City of Rhinelander Knutson was able to attend a joint meeting with AECOM and learned about the plan to sample residents in certain areas of Crescent.
- January 2022 Hinterberg and Ross families were contacted by someone about sampling their wells and in March 2022 the wells were sampled by AECOM representatives.
- April 14 Knutson was informed that S Fox Ranch Rd samples were a disaster.
- April 18th the two families received a delivery of one case of bottled water, a gallon jug of water, a 2 ½ gallon with a spout and received a note. Knutson stated that he is infuriated with the lack of response and apologized to the Hinterberg and Voss families.

Knutson stated that this is a complete and reprehensible collapse of government. Knutson victims of a slow-moving tornado and when a tornado hits everyone jumps into action, however, PFAS is slow moving. The impact is the same and this has hit the residents, their families and their homes and the Town needs to find a way to help. Knutson stated that he would ask for action by the board to dip into reserve fund to help with water supplies for the families. Hinterberg reported that they have purchased over 200 gallons of water between the two homes. Hinterberg reported that they have been told that this will be reimbursed by “somebody” however, they are not sure who “somebody” is. Hinterberg stated that they have 3 dogs that go through 8 gallons of water per week and expressed concern with keeping up with the need with a pitcher. Discussion regarding what they need to use bottled water for and ideas for getting clean water. Knutson stated that he would like the Town of Crescent to help provide water to assist for a short-term until the responsible parties take action.

Motion by Knutson to allocate up to \$1000.00 to come from reserve funds for the one-time allocation of potable safe drinking water to be provided through the town to the Hinterberg and Ross families specifically, on the occasion of the failure of the DNR and the designated responsible parties, to provide them with safe potable drinking water in a timely fashion.

Seconded by Waksmonski. Discussion regarding this \$1000 to cover both families and this will come before the board if the cost gets close to \$1000. All aye; motion carried. Thome asked for clarification on who is going to setup the water delivery and how that will be taken care of. Hartman will contact water companies on Thursday, June 9th to setup a water delivery.

Americorps Worker Hiring – Waksmonski reported that the financial obligation for full-time is \$5000 and for half-time is \$2750. Knutson would like to see the Community Development Fund used for the Americorps Worker. Waksmonski stated that the Town will need to apply to be a host site and if Marshfield Clinic will need to approve the town and at that time the town will need to recruit for an americorp volunteer. Waksmonski stated that the town isn't financially obligated if we don't locate a volunteer. Waksmonski stated that the period would be from September 2022 through August 2023. Waksmonski stated that the town may need to provide a workspace and a computer for the volunteer. Motion by Knutson to apply for a full-time Americorp worker for the 2022 fall into 2023 season with a town match set at \$5000 to be paid from the community development fund portion of the budget. Seconded by Waskmonski. All aye; motion carried.

Fee Schedule/Ordinance Revisions – Knutson will place this on the agenda in July.

Status Updates – DOT Grants – Knutson reported that all DOT grants that were submitted under the BIL were not awarded to Crescent and those grants have been resubmitted under the new funding grants. Knutson gave an overview of the BIL grants and reported that if this is awarded to Crescent the state takes care of the bids and the approval. Knutson reported that he has submitted an application for Fire Tower Rd at 2 million, Crescent Road at 1.2 million, S. Rifle and Green Bass at \$930,000. Knutson reported that he hasn't officially heard on the TAP grant, however, he was asked to increase the ask to \$80,000 which gave the impression that the town will be awarded the grant. The TAP grant includes full facilities planning of assessing routes on town roads and incorporating safe routes to school, right-of-way planning.

Hwy 8 Construction Update – Knutson reported that the Highway 8 reconstruction has been locked into happening in 2023 and the final plans will be set later this year. Discussion regarding widening it for a bike/walking lane.

Driveway Application – Jeffrey Pederson application from 2022 will be revisited by Knutson.

Review Correspondence –

- Planning and Development will be holding a public hearing on July 13, 2022.

Approval of Vouchers/Adjourn -

Motion by Knutson to approve vouchers as submitted and adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Hartman
Municipal Clerk