

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
TOWN OF CRESCENT
MINUTES FOR
TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2023
6:00 P.M., CRESCENT TOWN HALL**

Board Members Present: Robb Jensen, Chair; Kyla Waksmonski, Supervisor; Mike Pazdernik, Supervisor; Tracy Hartman, Clerk; Carla Fletcher, Treasurer.

Call to Order: Chairman Jensen 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 Jensen. All aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes – None

15 Minutes of Public Discussion - None

Discussion/Action Items

- a. **Directional Bore – Charter Communication for Nursery Road, Green Bass Road and Boyce Drive** – Jensen presented a request from Charter Communications to bore under Nursery road, Green Bass Road and Boyce Drive for utility work. Jensen created a Utility Accommodation Agreement with the intention that it would help to protect the Town of Crescent against future liability if the lines aren't buried deep enough. Jensen would like to see a formal permitting process in the future. Motion by Jensen to approve the Spectrum Communication directional bore application for Green Bass Road, Boyce Drive and Nursery Road and request the signing of the utility accommodation agreement. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye; motion carried.
- b. **Lumberjack Grant Request to Extend** – Waksmonski stated that the integrity of the grant as written would be compromised if the board moves forward without the original author taking on the role of overseeing the project. Pazdernik will look into the grant and this will be on the agenda again in December.
- c. **Comprehensive Land Plan Resolution and Public Hearing** – Pazdernik presented the resolution that was passed by the plan commission. Motion by Jensen to approve resolution #03-2023 as presented by the Town Plan commission. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye; motion carried. Discussion regarding the scheduling of the public hearing. Public Hearing will be scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on January 10th with the town board meeting to immediately follow. Motion by Jensen to conduct the Town of Crescent Plan Commission Comprehensive Long Range Plan Public Hearing for January 10th at 5:00 p.m. with the Town Board meeting starting after the hearing. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye; motion carried.
- d. **LRIP-D West Davenport Street and LRIP-TRI** – Jensen has been working on an application for a TRI-D grant for Davenport Street. Jensen gave an overview of the grant request and the process. Jensen informed the board that there was a traffic count completed and there are over 1500 vehicles per day which is an increase from 500 previously and would mean they recommend a 4-foot shoulder. Jensen informed the board that the reconstruction would go from Highway 47 to Crescent Road and the estimated cost for the pavement is \$250,000. Jensen gave the board an overview of the concerns

noted with the current road. Motion by Jensen to approve an LRIP D for West Davenport Street with an amount not to exceed \$260,000. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye; motion carried.

Jensen reported that he was hoping to apply for an LRIP-Tri for some of the intersections in Crescent, however, that is not possible. Jensen would still like to apply for a grant for approximately \$60,000 and they need to determine what road they would look at. Motion by Waksmonski to allow Jensen to move forward with an LRIP-Tri not to exceed \$60,000. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye; motion carried.

- e. **Fire Department and First Responder Incentive Approval** – Hartman presented the Crescent Fire Department and First Responder incentive amounts for 2023. Motion by Jensen to approve the Fire Department and First Responder incentives for a total not to exceed \$13,000. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye; motion carried.
- f. **Auto-Aid Agreement with Rhinelander Fire Department** – Jensen reported that he received an email from Chief Deputy Hess at the Oneida County Sheriff's Office regarding the Crescent Fire Departments email to remove the Rhinelander Fire Department from the Auto Aid Agreement for the Town of Crescent. Jensen reported that he met with Jake Simkins, Oneida County Sheriff's Office; Amy Pequet, Oneida County Sheriff's Office; Brian Tonnocour, Rhinelander Fire Department; and Keven Mahner, Crescent Fire Chief; to discuss the concerns. Jensen presented the 2016 Auto Aid Agreement. Jensen requested that Simkins give an overview of the concerns that were expressed. Simkins gave an overview of the current situation. Simkins gave an overview of the concern with Chief Mahners request to remove the City of Rhinelander from the Auto Aid agreement and the safety and lifesaving resources that will not be available if Rhinelander is removed from the agreement. Jensen requested that Mahner give an overview of the request and the reason for the request. Mahner reported that when the Auto Aid agreement was established with the City of Rhinelander there were many accidents on HWY 8 and it was determined that Rhinelander would respond to structure fires with unknown inhabitants and to MVA (major vehicle accidents) with unknown injuries and those would be the only times that they would respond. Mahner reported that within the last two years Rhinelander Fire has been called out to minor accidents. Mahner reported that this will only remove Rhinelander Fire from the Auto Aid and they would still be included on the MABAS Box Alarm. Mahner stated that this change will not affect the safety of the residents in the Town of Crescent. Mahner reported that the ESN cards which determine what department will be called out are incorrect at the Oneida County Sheriff's Office. Mahner reported that his decision for doing this is valid and he is going to carry it out. Pequet explained how the auto aid agreements work and how calls are made. Mahner reported that if Rhinelander is removed from the auto aid agreement he still has the ability to call out 13 other departments, including the City of Rhinelander. Waksmonski thanked the fire department volunteers for their work. Waksmonski asked what initiated this request. Mahner reported that the original agreement was set up for major collisions and fires and the less clutter that is on the highway the better. Mahner stated that the resources are not needed and that Rhinelander Fire doesn't do traffic control and doesn't have the equipment to do traffic control. Mahner reported that RFD is being called out for calls they aren't needed on. Tonnocour reported that the RFD does traffic control and reported that they have responded to 9 calls in 2023 in the Town of Crescent and of the calls that they have been dispatched to they have beaten the Crescent Volunteer's all 9 times with Mahner getting there at the same time on a few of the calls. Tonnocour stated that Crescent is not charged for the services. Tonnocour reported that in February he met with Chief Mahner and at that time Mahner requested that Rhinelander also begin responding to calls in the Town of Woodboro and he is unsure what has changed since that meeting. Discussion regarding the Auto Aid agreement. Jensen reported that this will be moved to a future meeting.

Other

- g. CLOSED SESSION. It is anticipated that a motion will be made, seconded and approved by roll call vote to enter into closed session pursuant to WI State Statute 19.85(1) (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has a jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (topic: Potential Internal Investigation). It is anticipated that the Town Board will return to open session by roll call vote to consider the rest of the agenda.

Motion by Jensen to go into closed session at 6:59 p.m. Seconded by Waksmonski. Jensen, aye; Waksmonski, aye; Pazdernik, nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Jensen to go into open session at 7:59 p.m. Seconded by Waksmonski. Jensen, aye; Waksmonski, aye; Pazdernik, nay. Motion carried.

- h. Announcement of action taken in closed session, or take action based on closed session (NOTE: If the announcement of action taken in closed session would compromise the need for the closed session, the action taken will not be announced. Any action taken in closed session may be announced when the need for the closed session has passed) – Jensen reported that there was no action taken in closed session.

Jensen to adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Hartman
Municipal Clerk