

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
TOWN OF CRESCENT
MINUTES FOR
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023
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 Knutson to approve the agenda. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Pazdernik to approve the minutes from the Monthly Town Board Meeting of January 11, 2023. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye. Motion carried.

Fifteen Minutes of Public Discussion –

- Greg Fielhauer – S River Rd – Stated that he is against the ORV park and the additional noise that would result from the ORV Park. Fielhauer stated that he has spoken to a number of neighbors that are also against the park that couldn't be at the meeting tonight.
- Pat Karaba – Indian Hill Trail – Questioned how many people in the town are interested in the park. Karaba stated that they can hear vehicles on South River Road and would request that the property is used for something else.
- John Grettinger – Indian Hill Trail – Spoke against the ORV park and the additional noise that would happen.
- Justin Ernst – Pine Lake Resident – Spoke in favor of the ORV park and stated that the perception of the noise is worse than what will be heard.
- Sandra Geisler – Indian Hill Trail – Spoke against the ORV park. Geisler stated that the gun club is very loud all day long, especially on the weekends.
- Maryann Newman – S. River Road – Questioned who is benefiting from this and who will make money on the park.

Town Chair Report –Knutson stated that the Dog Dash will be next weekend and they are anticipating it will be better than last year. Knutson informed the audience that he will be attending a PFAS meeting at the Town of Stella and was able to speak to some people at the DNR regarding the Town of Crescent residents and the water being provided by the Town of Crescent. Knutson reported that the town received the full grant from the Lumberjack Foundation for roadside plantings. Knutson informed the board that the next round of BIL grants is coming up and he hopes to present plans at the next meeting. There are also bridge replacement programs being made available to towns and small municipalities, however, Hat Rapids scored too high last year to be eligible for the grant at this time. Knutson has spoken to the City of Rhinelander regarding Davenport Street and the City is planning to apply for an LRIP grant for Davenport. Knutson spoke about the broadband project. Knutson is working with Planning and Zoning about a junk yard property in Crescent and assisting the owner in cleaning up the property.

Treasurer's Report - None

Library Report - Update on the library board meeting and upcoming programs being offered at the library – Whidden gave an oral and written report to the Board. Whidden reported that there have been a number of building committee meetings and two library board meetings during the last month. Whidden gave an update on programs being offered at the library.

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 – Thome presented a written and oral report to the board. Thome spoke about the Bug Tussle broadband project and a Planning and Zoning shoreland protection proposed ordinance amendment. Thome spoke about foodshare and changes that will be happening in the next two months and anticipated concerns.

Fire Department Report and Approval of Purchases - Monthly Call update, purchases update, training update, fundraiser update – Mahner presented a written and oral report to the board. Mahner stated that there were 13 calls during the last month with a number of them being accidents on highway 8. Mahner reported that the volunteers did a great job and they had a number of them respond to the calls that occurred during the day. Mahner gave an overview of equipment that they are looking at purchasing using fundraiser money. Mahner informed the board on upcoming fundraising efforts and grants that are being researched. Mahner reviewed training for the last month and upcoming trainings that are scheduled. Discussion regarding state requirements for volunteer fire departments and changes that are coming.

First Responder's Report and Approval of Purchases – Mahner reported that all first responders have completed the refresher course.

- 2022 Budget rolling forward to 2023 – Hartman reported that the board approved rolling over remaining fire department budget each year. At the time that it was approved the First Responder budget wasn't addressed. Motion by Knutson to extend budgetary rollover previously approved for the Fire Department from 2022 to 2023 for the First Responder budget. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye; motion carried.

Town Road Crew Report

- Road Projects update, update on vehicle repairs and shop repairs – Knutson gave an update on road conditions and current projects. Knutson encouraged residents to get a bucket of salt/sand from the shop if needed. Knutson spoke about equipment needs that will be brought to a future meeting for discussion.

Town Plan Commission Report – Pazdernik reported that Denis Lawrence attended the last meeting and gave an overview of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and what the next 6-9 months will look like. Pazdernik reported that the public will have opportunities along the way to participate in the plan.

Uniform Dwelling Inspector's Report - None

Squash Lake District Report – None

Crescent Lake District Report – None

AmeriCorp Update – Nick Gorenson reported that he spoke with the Tomahawk Parks Department regarding the splash pad that is being proposed in Tomahawk and there is a community group that is working on an all-inclusive park that will be with the splash pad. Gorenson reported that he received helpful information from Tomahawk. Gorenson has spoken with the DNR and due to the wetlands in the area the DNR will need to come out and survey the lands. Gorenson has spoken with a few local residents regarding the proposed park.

Town of Crescent Comprehensive Plan Public Participation Plan – Pazdernik read the Public Participation Plan to the residents in attendance. Motion by Pazdernik to adopt the PPP and move forward on the Land Use Plan. Seconded by Knutson. All aye; motion carried. Pazdernik reported that Dennis Lawrence will be at the April Town Plan Commission meeting.

Proposed Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Park – Knutson stated that Supervisor Pazdernik requested that this item be placed on the agenda. Pazdernik stated that in October the board looked at this parcel of land and passed a

motion to open the parcel for a future ORV park to be determined by a town plan. Pazdernik stated that for the last five months he has listened to residents express concerns with the ORV park and now feels that moving forward with this plan would create noise pollution for the residents in that area. Pazdernik stated that moving forward he will vote no on any future motions regarding the ORV park. Knutson expressed concern with the speculative complaints regarding the noise level at the proposed ORV park. Knutson stated that a number of the concerns expressed by residents revolve around the Sports Club and existing UTV noise on the roads which will not change regardless of whether or not the ORV park moves forward. Knutson gave an overview of how this project came to be and positives to having the ORV park in Crescent. Knutson would like to see this park used as a place where families can go and learn to ride in a safe space. Knutson stated that the grants that are being chased are competitive and show that this town is worth investing in. Knutson would like to have a field day where residents can come and hear what the potential park would sound like. Grettinger stated that the request by the residents isn't to shut down the gun club or ATV routes on the roads and are only requesting that the board doesn't add to the sound in the area. Geisler expressed concern with who will enforce the rules when they aren't followed. Knutson spoke about tracking the noise level and having conversations about how to improve the noise in the area. Discussion regarding the ORV park and proposed hours and days of operation. Waksmonski stated that the ORV park is purely exploratory at this time and there are a lot of frustrations being expressed without enough information. Waksmonski would like to go back to planning and go back to gathering information. Discussion regarding setting a date for a field day in the spring to evaluate noise in the area. Pazdernik stated that there should be a committee to discuss the ORV park and make recommendations. Knutson reminded the board that at the January meeting this issue was sent to the plan commission for review. Ryan Peterson stated that he would be willing to serve on a committee to look into the ORV park, the Crescent Park and make recommendations to the board.

ARPA Funds – Timeline and Invested – Hartman reported that the six month CD has expired and the Town needs to move the money into the checking account or renew the CD. The interest rate for the CD is currently .79% and the checking account is currently getting over 4%. Motion by Knutson to transfer the money from the CD to the Checking Account. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye; motion carried.

Scheduled 2023 Board of Review – Board of Review will be scheduled for June 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Review Correspondence – None

Approval of Vouchers/Adjourn -

Motion by Waksmonski to approve vouchers as submitted and adjourn at 8:37 p.m. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Hartman
Municipal Clerk