

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
TOWN OF CRESCENT
MINUTES FOR
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

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

Board Members Absent: Kyla Waksmonski

Call to Order: Chairman Jensen called the meeting to order at 5:17 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 Jensen 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 October 11, 2023 Budget Workshop; October 11, 2023 Board Meeting and October 18, 2023 Budget Workshop. Seconded by Jensen. All aye. Motion carried.

Fifteen Minutes of Public Discussion – None

Town Chair Report – Jensen reported that he attended the WTA annual conference. Jensen stated that he received an email from Chief Deputy Hess at the Oneida County Sheriff's Office that Chief Mahner had sent an email stated that the Rhinelander Fire Department should be removed as an auto aid for the Town of Crescent from both motor vehicle accidents and fire calls. Jensen is working to setup a meeting with all parties to determine if this needs to come before the town board.

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 reported that there was a meeting today and the 2024 budget was discussed. Whidden gave an overview of the programs that are occurring in the library. Whidden reported that there was a 9% increase in foot traffic this year. Jensen reported that there was arbitration and the district municipalities voted to decrease the budget request from a 3% increase to a 1% increase.

County Board Supervisor's Report - Review of County Board meeting and County Committee meetings – Jensen reported that the board continues to look at the Human Service Center transition and completing the move by 2025. Jensen reported that there was a strengths weaknesses opportunities and threats analysis completed to look at the administrative structure at the county and determine if there should be changes made.

Fire Department Report and Approval of Purchases- Monthly Call update, purchases update, training update, fundraiser update – Mahner reported that there were 7 calls in the month of October and reviewed the calls. Mahner gave an overview of equipment updates. Mahner stated that Brad Gerdes will be completing some of the work on the vehicles this winter and that Gerdes is also a certified DOT inspector and will be taking over some of the certification for the vehicles. Mahner gave an overview of the training that is scheduled. Mahner reported that they are working on updating the by-laws to allow a City of Rhinelander Fire Fighter to be on the Crescent Volunteer Fire Department. Mahner reported that they are purchasing 2 – 40 foot shipping containers to create a burn building. Mahner gave an overview of the events that they have

participated in during the last month including Downtown Trick or Treating, Homecoming Parade and fire safety education at Crescent Elementary School. Mahner reported that he has cut out the Auto Aid agreement with the Rhinelander Fire Department due to incidents where Rhinelander Fire comes to a call and is then asked to leave the scene. Jensen stated that prior to any changes being made there needs to be a meeting between the Chair and the Chief. Jensen requested that in the future Mahner provide a written report to the board prior to the meeting so that the board can review the report. Mahner reported that the Fire Department has received a 50/50 grant with the department receiving \$5000. Mahner expressed a concern with the Crescent Lake Boat Landing not being plowed during the winter. Jensen will reach out to Oneida County to determine who will handle plowing the boat landing.

First Responder's Report and Approval of Purchases – Hess gave an overview of the calls during the last month and equipment that is being purchased.

Town Road Crew Report - Road Projects update, update on vehicle repairs and shop repairs – Gerdes provided a written report to the board. Jensen gave an overview of road projects that have been completed during the last month. Gerdes asked that the town put on a future agenda selling the old tractor.

Town Plan Commission Report – Update and Future Plans – Pazdernik reported that they continue to work on the comprehensive land use plan and the next step is to schedule a public hearing. Pazdernik reported that at tomorrow's meeting they will be discussing the minimum 5-acre rule for subdivisions.

Uniform Dwelling Inspector's Report - None

Squash Lake District Report – None

Crescent Lake District Report – None

2024 Tax Bill Insert – Hartman presented an updated tax handout for tax bills. No changes were made.

Motion by Jensen to approve the 2024 tax bill insert as presented. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye; motion carried.

Directional Bore – Charter - Motion by Jensen to postpone the Directional Bore, Lumberjack Grant Request and LRIP-D West Davenport to a meeting scheduled for November 29th. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye; motion carried.

Lumberjack Grant Request to Extend - Postponed

Town Shop Heater Proposal Approval and Funding Source – Jensen presented two quotes for the town shop unit from Premier Heating & Cooling (\$4960.00) and Rappley Plumbing & Heating (\$6128.73) Motion by Jensen to approve the Premier Heating and Cooling Quote in the amount of \$4960.00 with funds to come from the 2023 Road Construction Budget and the Chair will verify with Premier Heating and Cooling that all aspects are covered. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye; motion carried.

Comprehensive Land Plan Resolution and Public Hearing – Jensen would like to see this brought back on the 30th also. Jensen asked that Pazdernik verify what needs to occur at the next meeting.

Back-up Winter Snow Plow Drivers – Jensen would like to see an ad placed looking for applications. Discussion regarding what the wages for the back-up plow driver would be. Motion by Jensen to advertise for backup winter plow drivers with a pay range between \$22-\$27 depending on experience. Seconded by Pazdernik. Jensen will contact past back-up plow drivers. All aye; motion carried.

Request to Plow Private Road – Jensen reported that there has been a request received to plow a private road. Fletcher reported that in the past the insurance company has discouraged the town from plowing private roads and private driveways due to liability. Discussion regarding plowing private roads. Concern was expressed with the ability of the crew to take on additional roads. At this time the board expressed a lack of interest in taking on plowing private roads.

LRIP-D West Davenport Street - Postponed

Operator's License Applications - None

Driveway Application - None

Discussion Items

Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council Adolescent Recovery and Wellness Center & Town of Cassian

Resolution 2023-01 – Jensen received a request from the Town of Cassian for the Board to support the resolution against the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council Adolescent Recovery and Wellness Center. Jensen stated that at this time the Crescent Town Board does not wish to weigh in on the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council Adolescent Recovery and Wellness Center.

Oettinger Reconfigure two 5-acre parcels – Jensen has received a request from Greg Oettinger to reconfigure two lots. The lots will stay 5-acres, however, the lot lines are being moved slightly. Jensen reported that the Planning and Zoning department doesn't feel that this needs to go through the Plan Commission for approval.

Crescent Volunteer Fire Department/Town Park – Joshua Raith stated that they would like to have the property surveyed again to find the boundaries to help determine where they can make plans. Discussion regarding the survey that was completed when the town purchased the property.

Future Meetings Dates – November 29th which will include the topics postponed from tonight's meeting along with Comprehensive Plan.

Review Correspondence –

- Letter from WPS requesting notice of 2024 constructions plans.
- Oneida County Planning and Zoning Department regarding a Tourist Rooming House at 2984 Wausau Rd.

Approval of VouchersMotion by Jensen to approve vouchers as submitted. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye. Motion carried.

Jensen adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Hartman
Municipal Clerk