

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
TOWN OF CRESCENT
MINUTES FOR
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024
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 Waksmonski. All aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Jensen to approve the minutes from the Monthly Town Board Meeting of December 13, 2023.

Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye. Motion carried.

Public Comment –

- Ryan Frahm commented on the previous agenda item regarding the auto aid agreement with the City of Rhinelander. Frahm reported that he is the Crescent Safety Officer, and his role is to ensure the safety of the members of the fire department and the residents. Frahm stated that he is in support of cancelling the agreement as it is wasting a resource that is not needed in Crescent. Frahm discussed concerns with safety while at scenes on the highway. Frahm gave an overview of the calls that Rhinelander Fire Department has responded to. Frahm stated that he felt the board should have stayed out of this situation as the board is not trained to think about the safety of residents the way that the fire department members have been trained. Frahm stated that as a Rhinelander resident he does not want the Rhinelander Fire Department to put his family at risk by leaving the city limits.

Announcement and Town Chair Report – Jensen provided a written and oral report to the 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 – None

County Board Supervisor's Report - Review of County Board meeting and Review of County Board meeting and County Committee meetings – Jensen provided a written and oral report to the board.

Fire Department Report and Approval of Purchases

- **Monthly Call update, purchases update, training update, fundraiser update -** None

First Responder's Report and Approval of Purchases – Jonathon Hess stated that they have a training coming this month for Narcan.

Town Road Crew Report - Road Projects update, update on vehicle repairs and shop repairs – Gerdes gave an overview of the work that has been completed during the last month. Gerdes stated that there is a Crescent Resident that would be willing to remove the Beaver Dams and trap the beavers for \$600/year. Gerdes reported that there is an issue on Hat Rapids right now and it is at risk of undermining the culvert. This

will be put on a future agenda. Gerdes gave an update on the heater installation at the shop. Gerdes stated that he will be closing the dump for the winter due to garbage being dumped.

Town Plan Commission Report – Pazdernik stated that the plan commission is discussing the minimum lot size requirements and that will be on the agenda next week.

Uniform Dwelling Inspector's Report - None

Crescent Lake District Report – Rudesil stated that there was a meeting last Thursday and they have applied for a water surface grant and that will determine what types of surveys need to be completed on the lake and treatment options. Rudesil stated that currently they are waiting on the grant before applying for their permit. They are also looking for a clean boat/clean waters coordinator which is a paid position.

Squash Lake District Report – None

BLB Liquor License Application – Wally's South 17 LLC – 3220 Boyce Dr. – Hartman reported that there were no concerns with the application. Motion by Waksmonski to approve the liquor license application for Wally's South 17 LLC. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye; motion carried.

S. River Road Bid Specs, Set Bid Opening Date and Advertising Requirements – Jensen gave an overview of the bid specs and the publication process. Hartman will publish the notice next Friday and the following Friday with bids to be opened at the February 14th town board meeting. Discussion regarding the bid document. Motion by Jensen to approve the Bid specs for the South River Road Resurfacing Project – 2024. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye; motion carried.

2024-25 DOT LRIP TRI and LRIP D Projects – Jensen gave an overview of the Tri project that Crescent was approved for on Airport Road for \$90,000 with the town being reimbursed for \$27,846. Jensen reported that an application for a TRID grant was submitted for Davenport St and Crescent was ranked 3rd in Oneida County and this will now go to the WisDOT for consideration.

WISLR Town Road Inventory/Non-Town Road Inventory/Winter Maintenance – Jensen gave an overview of the WISLR program, the town roads that gas tax is received for and a list of the roads in Crescent that are not town roads or are town property that gas tax is not received for. Jensen reported that the Crescent Lake Boat Landing is a water point and even though it is a State DNR Boat Landing the Town of Crescent needs to plow the boat landing to keep the water point access open. Jensen reported that there have been requests to plow non-town roads. The insurance company has cautioned against that due to liability. Jensen stated that he would have a concern with the staffing levels as our current road crew is very busy keeping the Crescent Roads maintained. Discussion regarding the non-town road listing. Discussion regarding putting salt/sand at the Crescent Lake Boat Landing so that the fire trucks are able to get out. Frahm reported that they need to get the engine truck to the water point and if they need to park the other trucks on the highway and close the highway in order to fill the pumpers then they can do that and they can deal with getting the engine out at a different time.

Operator's License Applications – Operator's License applications presented for Russell Fisher and Walter Thiede. Motion by Pazdernik to approve the operator's licenses as presented. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye; motion carried.

Driveway Application - None

Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items: February 14 – Beaver contract approval, S River Road Bids

Review Correspondence – None

Approval of Vouchers/Adjourn -

Motion by Jensen to approve vouchers as submitted. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye. Motion carried.

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 6:52 p.m. Seconded by Waksmonski. Jensen, aye; Waksmonski, aye; Pazdernik, nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Jensen to go into open session at 7:44 p.m. Seconded by Waksmonski. Jensen, aye; Waksmonski, aye; Pazdernik, nay. Motion carried.

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 while in closed session.

Jensen adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Hartman
Municipal Clerk