

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
TOWN OF CRESCENT
MINUTES FOR TOWN BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025
6:00 P.M., CRESCENT TOWN HALL**

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

Absent: Kyla Waksmonski, Supervisor

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 Jensen to approve the agenda. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye. Motion carried.

Public Comment –

- Connie Anderson – S. Rifle Road. – Expressed concern that the meeting isn't being held on the 2nd Wednesday.
- Dennis Southworth – Stated the minimum depth recommendation of 15 feet does not follow recommendations by other agencies of 20 feet. Southworth explained his concerns and requested that the recommendation of 20 feet is followed.
- Amy Peterson – Requested the full report by the Enhanced Wake Committee and how the questions were created. Peterson expressed concern that research wasn't used to create the recommendation.
- Darrel Mack – S. Rifle Road – Expressed concern with the depths that were suggested. Mack stated that Eurasian Mil Foil grows to 15 feet depths and therefore the recommended depths of 15 feet is not enough.
- Mary Beth Mack – S. Rifle Road – Thanked the committee for their work. Expressed disappointment with the results of the committee. Mack would like to see the depth increased and the distance from shore increased. Mack stated that the lake districts have put surveys to the property owners and they have expressed a desire to have a more restrictive resolution. Mack stated that she felt the committee was disproportionately represented by wake boat owners. Mack expressed concern with the length of time that this decision has taken to be made.
- Jerry Barnett – Long Lake Rd – Expressed concern with migration to the lakes in the Town of Crescent due to other towns having enhanced wake ordinances in effect. Barnett is concerned that wake boats will just keep getting larger creating a larger wakes.
- Donna Stone – Wausau Road – Donna stated that Newbold, Harrison and Lake Tomahawk have enacted wake boat ordinances and listed a number of municipalities in Vilas County that have ordinances. There are over 40 towns in Wisconsin that have an enhanced wake ordinance. Stone read a letter from the Crescent Lake District Chair, Tim Kilgore, regarding the wake boat recommendation. Kilgore expressed a concern that non-resident wake boat owners will use the lakes in Crescent as other towns have passed wake boat ordinances. Kilgore reviewed the committee's recommendations and stated that these recommendations are less restrictive than other municipalities. Kilgore stated that in a survey 70% of Crescent Lake Property Owners wanted a ban on wake boats. Kilgore stated that the minimum restrictions are not adequate to protect the lakes.
- Maria Rudesil – Bible Camp Rd – Rudesil stated that when the wake boats are passing through it overwhelms the swimmers and creates a safety risk for the swimmers. Rudesil reviewed a number of issues that have occurred at Crescent Lake Bible Camp due to wake boats. Rudesil stated that this not only impacts the bible camp but the residents of the lake that have children.
- Mary – Asked if the brush site will be open.

Town Chair Report – Jensen stated that serving as the Crescent Chair has been a pleasure. Jensen thanked the residents for the comments on the enhanced wake recommendations and stated that he would pass the concerns onto the next board. Jensen encouraged residents to continue to stay involved.

Discussion/Action Items

Enhanced Wake Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations – Jensen gave the history of the committee and what the intent of the committee was. Jensen stated that what has been found is that this is a difficult topic to come to a consensus on. Pazdernik stated that wake boats shouldn't be allowed on lakes that are under a 1000 acres. Pazdernik stated that any future votes will go along those lines. Jensen stated that he will follow-up with Supervisor Waksmonski regarding the process. Mack expressed concerns with the studies that were used by the committee. Jensen stated that one of the concerns is how to enforce an ordinance. Jensen acknowledged receipt of the report and stated that it will be forwarded to the new town board for consideration. Motion by Jensen that the summary for Town Board – Enhanced Wake Ad Hoc Committee is received and that the report be forwarded to the new town board for immediate consideration. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye, motion carried.

Oneida County Long Range Plan Town Input – Jensen stated that Oneida County is looking for Town input on the long range plan. The Town of Crescent has no input at this time.

Engine #2 Reconsideration – Jensen stated that at the last board meeting the town board made a motion to reconsider the sale of engine #2, however, he has since found that there are other issues with engine #2. Motion by Jensen to put engine two up for sale through an auction. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye; motion carried.

2025 Capital Improvement Project Quotes – Jensen stated that there were a number of capital improvement projects that were approved for 2025. Jensen has received quotes for the projects.

1. Town Hall Air Conditioning – Jensen stated that there were three bids for air conditioning the town hall and reviewed the two different options for the air conditioner. Bids Received were:

- a. Dahlquist – New Home for \$10012.00 or Replacement for \$8315.00
- b. Premier – Four options
 - i. Mini split air conditioning heat pump for \$6885.00
 - ii. 4 options for an air conditioner unit connected to the furnace and duct system with the cheapest option being \$6646 up to \$9680.00
- c. Rappley Pumping and Heating for \$12,302.

Motion to accept the quote for a standard ac unit from Premeier not to exceed \$6,645.00. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye; motion carried.

2. Squash Lake and Lake Julia Piers – Jensen provided quotes on the piers from:

- a. Squash Lake Pier
 - i. Badger Dock - \$5228.00 + \$688.00
 - ii. Dock Shop - \$9114.00 + \$15173
 - iii. Lakeside Docks \$6743 + \$409
 - iv. Northland Dock and Lift \$8136
 - v. Northland Docks and Lift (5') \$8729
- b. Lake Julia
 - i. Badger Dock - \$5228.00 + \$688.00
 - ii. Dock Shop - \$11805.00 + \$12815
 - iii. Lakeside Docks \$6743 + \$409
 - iv. Northland Dock and Lift \$8136
 - v. Northland Docks and Lift (5') \$8729

Jensen expressed a concern with what the quality of the docks would be. Motion by Jenen to accept the bid from Lakeside Docks for Squash Lake for \$6743.00 and Lake Julia for a bid of \$6743.00 pending a visit from one of the Crescent Town Board members. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye; motion carried.

3. Dump Trailer – Jensen stated that he has received two quotes for the dump trailer. Quotes were received from:

- a. JP Trailers for \$10,022.50
- b. King Company for \$10,499.99

Jensen spoke to a Crescent resident that handles trailers and that resident spoke highly regarding the King Company trailer. Motion by Pazdernik to accept the bid from the King Company for a price of \$10499.99. Seconded by Jensen. All aye; motion carried.

Crescent Volunteer Fire Department Constitution and By-Laws – Jensen stated that a few years ago the fire department had put together the Crescent Volunteer Fire Department Handbook. The handbook was comprised of four parts. Jensen has separated the by-laws and the constitution from the handbook and made a number of recommendations. Jensen asked that the State Fire Coordinator review the by-laws and Peck stated that the document is well written and covers the necessary items. Jensen reviewed the by-laws. Motion by Jensen to approve the constitution and by-laws as presented. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye; motion carried.

Innovation Planning Grant Update – Jensen stated that in March the board approved submitting an innovation planning grant. Jensen submitted a grant application for the Town of Crescent Fire Study for a total of \$46,236.00 which includes \$33,500 for consultant proposal, \$6000 for legal and \$6736 for wages, benefits, travel and miscellaneous office. Jensen gave an overview of the grant and what it would encompass. Jensen stated that when the study is completed there is no requirement to follow through on the recommendations. Jensen is looking for approval on the professional services agreement. Motion by Jensen to approve the professional services agreement with the Innovative Public Advisors. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye; motion carried.

Other

Pazdernik stated that he is against going into closed session. No motion to go into closed session.

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: March 2025 Fire Training at 3046 Crescent Road). It is anticipated that the Town Board will return to open session by roll call vote to consider the rest of the agenda. 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 adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Hartman
Municipal Clerk