

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS  
TOWN OF CRESCENT  
MINUTES FOR  
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 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 Jensen. All aye. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Jensen to approve the minutes from the Monthly Town Board Meeting of May 8, 2024. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye. Motion carried.

**Public Comment –**

- Jensen presented an email from Marybeth Mack regarding the wake ordinance topic.
- Paul Coleman thanked the board for the S. River Road project and asked when the road crew will be removing the brush.
- Dave Brinkman asked about the truck rental. Jensen stated that will be discussed during the topic on the agenda.
- Mark Patulski provided a handout on the nonconforming lots and the comprehensive land use maps.
- Connie Anderson again expressed a desire to see the junkyard ordinance.
- Gary Coleman thanked the fire department and DNR for some work on the brush. Coleman expressed concern with neighbors that were living in tents.

**Town Chair Report –** Jensen provided a written 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 – Harry Whidden provided an oral report to the board. Whidden reported that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the expansion of the library happened today with a number of notable people in attendance. Whidden gave an overview of the circulation numbers for 2024.

**County Board Supervisor’s Report -** Review of County Board meeting and Review of County Board meeting and County Committee meetings – Jensen provided a written 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 - None**

**Town Road Crew Report - Road Projects update, update on vehicle repairs and shop repairs –** Written report received from Brad Gerdes. Jensen reported that the storm caused a number of trees to come down which has caused issues with the brush removal this year.

**Town Plan Commission Report** – Update and Future Plans – Pazdernik reported that during the last meeting they discussed the future map and land use plan. The Plan Commission agreed that the future map should be removed from the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Pazdernik reported that the Plan Commission reviewed the subdivision ordinance and determined that it would be put off to a future meeting.

**Uniform Dwelling Inspector’s Report** - None

**Squash Lake District Report** – None

**Crescent Lake District Report** – None

Motion by Jensen to suspend the rules and take up items 9A and 9B. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye; motion carried.

9. Discussion Items

- a. **Town of Crescent Zoning – Karl Jennrich, Oneida County Planning and Zoning Director** – Jensen stated that he asked Jennrich to come and speak about the zoning that is currently in place in the Town of Crescent. Jennrich presented the current Town of Crescent zoning map. Jennrich stated that towns have the option to opt in or out of zoning. The Town of Crescent is zoned with the majority of Crescent falling into general use with a few lakes falling into Single Family residential, recreational or business. Jennrich gave an overview of the districts including Shoreland Zoning. Discussion regarding the zoning districts. Jensen asked Jennrich how the town would change zoning in sections of the town. Jennrich stated that the Zoning Department would like to see zoning changes made within the legal descriptions. Jennrich stated that there may be some areas in Crescent that may want to be protected and zoning would help with those areas. Pazdernik stated that more restrictive zoning protects the rights of the property owners. Jennrich stressed that it is up to the Town to decide how to proceed, however, residents may also apply for a rezone petition if they would like to see their property zoned more strictly.
- b. **Junkyard Ordinances – Karl Jennrich, Oneida County Planning and Zoning Director** – Jensen stated that Oneida County handles junkyards through the County ordinance and Jennrich was invited to speak regarding the concerns in the Town of Crescent with the junkyard concerns. Jennrich stated that administering a junkyard ordinance at the town level by the board would be difficult. Todd Troskey, Planning and Zoning Assistant Director, reported that Oneida County has an enforcement policy that outlines the types of steps that are taken for each potential violation. In regard to a junkyard complaint the county needs to work with the property owner regarding what needs to be completed for there to be no violation. Troskey reported that it can eventually make it to the courts, however, voluntary compliance needs to be tried first with stepped enforcement (citations) being tried if voluntary compliance is not successful. Troskey reported that if the citations don’t work the department will go through the courts where the judge will intervene and determine what the property owner needs to complete and what the forfeiture will be if not completed. Troskey reported that they are in the process of updating the enforcement policy to reflect current concerns and expectations. Troskey reported that this is a process and is very slow to ensure that all efforts have been made to work with the property owner prior to the courts getting involved. Jennrich reported that there are some properties on S. Rifle Road where the owner has passed away and that has made it difficult to determine how to handle those properties and the complaints. Jensen stated that for some of these properties the community may need to help as the individuals aren’t against cleaning the property, however, they aren’t able to physically or financially complete the work. Pazdernik asked for a time table on how the complaints are handled. Troskey reported that once a complaint has been

received a letter is typically sent within a week requesting a response within 10 days, if a response hasn't been received then an affidavit of mailing is sent and if that doesn't work then a certified letter is sent and paper service is the last resort. Discussion regarding the visits that occur to the properties and what is asked of the land owners. Connie Anderson expressed concern with the length of time that it has taken to get the properties on N Rifle Road handled.

#### 8. Discussion/Action Items

- a. **Truck Rental for Brush Pick-Up** – Jensen reported that the town crew has been having difficulty cleaning up the brush along the town roads along with piles that residents have created. Jensen stated that Gerdes has reported that the chipper isn't able to clean up all of the brush that has been put out. Gerdes would like to rent a grappler truck to assist with removing the brush from the sides of the road. Jensen reported that to rent the truck is \$5600 with delivery over \$2650. Pazdernik asked if tree companies in the Town of Crescent have been contacted to see if they are able to assist. Discussion regarding the equipment and funding to come from the road maintenance budget. Motion by Jensen to approve the rental of equipment to assist the road crew in removing the brush piles in the Town of Crescent for an amount not to exceed \$8000. Seconded by Waksmonski. Pazdernik will contact Foley, Aspen and Flannery to see if they are able to assist. All aye; motion carried.
- b. **Comprehensive Plan 2024-2044 Land Use Map and Implementation Plan** – Jensen presented the current zoning and asked if the plan commission is recommending that map number 6 "Future Land Use" in the comprehensive plan be replaced with the current zoning map. Jensen stated that based on state statute 66.1001(3) it appears that the future land use map would need to be adopted by the town board. Jensen will speak with the North Central Wisconsin Regional Plan Commission to determine if the current land use map can replace map #5 "existing land use". Patulski stated that the future land use plan has districts that are not a part of Oneida County Zoning. Jensen will verify if the comprehensive land use plan requires a future land use plan and determine what can be done to make the changes recommended by the annual meeting. Pazdernik stated that the commission verbally approved to change the comprehensive land use plan to follow the recommendations made at the annual meeting.
- c. **Subdivision Ordinance #04-03 Annual Meeting Recommendation** - Jensen stated that at the annual meeting the residents expressed a desire to see the Town Subdivision ordinance follow the County ordinance and State statutes and to not be more restrictive. Discussion regarding the subdivision ordinance and the changes that may be necessary to follow the County and the State. Jensen clarified that the town can be more restrictive. Patulski stated that the current ordinance makes some properties in the Town of Crescent nonconforming. Joe Kennedy stated that the rules should be standardized throughout the entire state. Patulski reported that nonconforming lots are only allowed to update based on 50% of the value of the property. Jensen will speak with planning and zoning regarding the implications of nonconforming and will determine what sections of the ordinance may need to be changed.
- d. **LRIP-S West Davenport Street Implementation Plan** – Jensen presented the LRIP-S grant for Davenport Street that was received in 2023. Jensen gave an overview of Davenport Street and the maintenance. Jensen reported the grant that was received was for \$260,000 with the state reimbursing the town for 70% of the cost. Jensen stated that this road should be built to handle the traffic that travels it without a need for weight limits. Waksmonski would like to see this looked at for next year with coordination with the City of Rhinelander. Jensen will work on timelines for the project and what will be needed.

- e. **2024 Town Road Construction Projects/Funding and WISLR Rating** – Jensen stated that due to not being able to use the ARPA funds for S. River Road he would like to look at adding a construction project to 2024. Jensen would like to consider Crescent Road.
- f. **2024-2025 Liquor Licenses and Cigarette License** – Motion by Jensen to approve the 2024-2025 liquor licenses as presented. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye; motion carried. Motion by Jensen to approve the cigarette license for Wegner’s Westside Shell as presented. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye; motion carried.
- g. **Approve 2024-2025 Applications for Operator’s License** – Motion by Jensen to approve the 2024-2025 operator’s license as presented. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye; motion carried.
- h. **Approve 2025 Contract with Michael Schnautz Assessment** – Motion by Pazdernik to approve the 2025 contract. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye; motion carried.
- i. **Driveway Application** - None

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- c. **Enhanced Wake Ordinance** – Jensen reported that a number of towns have created an ordinance on enhanced wakes. Jensen stated that he is looking for guidance on what the town would like to see with enhanced wakes. Pazdernik stated that while the town can create ordinances there is nobody around to enforce them and he would like to see the town put pressure on the state legislatures to create legislation to regulate the wake. Waksmonski stated that she has heard complaints about these types of boats and would like to see the town have some type of restriction on the boats. Jensen expressed hesitancy to pass an ordinance that the town is not able to enforce. Butkus stated that an ordinance helps to change social norms as it gives people the backbone to approach others about things they are doing that are wrong. Butkus reported that the town could transfer the authority to the lake district to enforce rules on the lake and the lake district can tax to create or hire an enforcement authority. Discussion regarding an ordinance and changes to legislation. Discussion regarding enforcement. Jensen would like to see the town pass an ordinance that will encourage people to use wake boats in an appropriate manner without an enforcement handle.
- d. **Ordinance Preparation and Enforcement – No discussion.**

**Other**

**Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items** – The next meeting will be July 10. Town shop updates, speed limits, comprehensive land use plan.

**Review Correspondence** – None

**Approval of Vouchers/Adjourn** -

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

Jensen adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tracy Hartman  
Municipal Clerk