

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
TOWN OF CRESCENT
MINUTES FOR
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016
6:00 P.M., CRESCENT TOWN HALL**

ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken and the meeting was properly posted. Members present were:

William Treder, Chairman

Kurt Metz, Supervisor

Steve Richardson, Supervisor

Tracy Hartman, Clerk

Carla Fletcher, Treasurer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Richardson to approve the agenda. Seconded by Metz. All aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Richardson to approve the minutes from the Monthly Town Board Meeting of June 14, 2016. Seconded by Metz. All aye. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A written report was received by Treasurer, Carla Fletcher.

Motion by Richardson to approve the treasurers' report. Seconded by Metz. All aye. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASES

Jake Lobermeier was present and gave an oral and written report to the board. There were 12 calls in the month June. There will be an emergency vehicle operator training in July, Water rescue in August and Pumper training in September.

FIRST RESPONDER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASES

Dana Wincensten was present and gave an oral report to the board. There were 8 calls in the month of June.

TOWN ROAD CREW REPORT

Mike Bess was present and gave an oral report to the board. Bess stated that they have started mowing but were tied up today cleaning up storm damage. Bess stated that they have been shouldering roads and fixing areas that continually wash out. Bess also spoke with American Asphalt regarding a portion of newly paved Maple Tree road that the truck tires went thru after one week after paving. Bess stated that it was repaired and he feels it is a poor repair job and he will be calling Nick from American Asphalt regarding the repair. Bess stated that the recommended date to start cutting Oak Branches is the 15th of July. Bess stated that he would like to start this on the 13th instead of the 15th due to having the help of an inmate for those 2 days. Bess has spoken with a few people from the forestry department and they have stated that the 15th is a recommended date but isn't set in stone. Richardson stated that he would rather not get the blow-back from allowing them to start trimming early. Treder and Metz stated that they don't have a problem with the road crew starting this a few days early. Treder stated

that he checked and they should be concerned if there is Oak Wilt within a 6 mile radius and there is no concern within the 6 mile radius. Bess also requested permission to work 20-30 hours of comp/over-time over the summer to get caught up on road projects, mowing etc that they are falling behind on. Treder and Richardson stated that sounds reasonable and as lead worker Mike can make the decision if it is needed.

COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Robb Jensen gave an oral and written report to the board. Jensen stated that they amended the speed on County Highway P and lowered it to 45 MPH. Bruce Stefonek was hired as the new highway commissioner. They also hired a new Land Conservationist, Michele Sadauskas. There were a number of resolutions that have been passed in the last 3 months, see handout. One of the more controversial ordinances passed was a ordinance on boathouses. They have begun discussing 2017 budget and are looking at ways they may be cutting. Margie Sorenson, Finance Director, is going to retire and they will start the process of filling her position.

LIBRARY REPORT

Harry Whidden was present and gave an oral and written report to the board. Whidden passed out fliers regarding the programs being offered this summer. They also looked at the budget to date and they are on budget in all but two areas. The computer repair and replacement have gone over and the elevator repair was more than projected. The library foundation picked up the extra expense in both areas. There were 500 people daily coming into the library during the month of June. There are new computers being installed in the children's library. They also discussed and came up with a new policy on exhibiting art in the library.

TOWN PLAN COMMISSION REPORT

None

TOWN LAKES COMMITTEE REPORT

None

UNIFORM DWELLING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

None

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Squash Lake Association - Lake District

Tom Johansen from the Squash Lake Association was present and gave some history regarding Lake Districts. Johansen stated that they have initiated a discussion regarding approving a lake district. Johansen stated that they have been very successful in getting a grant from the state to help get rid of Milfoil from Squash Lake and have had the grant for the last 8 years and this will be the last year of the grant. They spend approximately \$22,000-24,000/year in diver expenses. They have done fundraising for a number of years and also need to give a substantial amount of volunteer time in order to get the grant. Johansen stated that they don't believe they can raise that kind of money on their own. They had a golf outing recently and only raised \$3000 which is successful for a golf outing but not where they need to be. A lake district would be a district where the lake can raise money thru taxation just for the lake and they would have a charter that would specify what the money would be used for. They have met with the County to determine what they need to do to become a lake district. At the last Lake Association they set the boundaries of where the district would be. Johansen stated that people aren't happy with the boundaries because they were required to include properties that aren't on the lake but have deeded access to the lake. They will now create a legal petition that all property owners will need to sign yes or no to the lake district. They need 51% of the property owners to say yes and then they will go to the County and it can be challenged at the County level. There will be an informational meeting on August 6th to discuss the lake district and give information to residents. Johansen stated that if the Lake District doesn't go thru he believes that they will no longer be able to fund dive teams to keep the milfoil out of the lake. Johansen stated that they have enough funds to get thru next year but they have to get the Lake District completed by November of this year. The charter will describe what the lake district can do but that

charter can be changed by the board every year. Johansen stated that there is a group of no votes on the lake and it is largely due to concerns over that the lake district will do if they get the power. The other concern is the amount that landowners will be taxed. Johansen stated that they are going to tax it based on a flat rate per parcel, this rate would be \$130/parcel and will cover the \$24,000 they need for divers. Richardson stated that he is supportive of the Lake District. Johansen stated that if this goes thru one town board member will need to be on the Lake District Board.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Resolution 2016-01 - Transportation Resolution

Motion by Treder to adopt Resolution #2016-01 which supports Just Fix It which includes a responsible level of bonding and adjusts our user fees to adequately and sustainably fund Wisconsin's transportation system. Seconded by Richardson. All aye. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Lake Julia Boat Landing update

Treder reported that he went to Musson's to get their plan for the boat landing. Treder also spoke with Wendy at the DNR and they have found the original permit for the boat landing. The DNR needs additional paperwork before the boat landing is approved by the DNR and there will be a fee of approximately \$300. Treder will continue to work on this and believes that it still could be completed this year.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Change of date for August Board meeting

The August meeting will be moved to Wednesday, August 10th at 6:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Approve Applications for Operator's

None

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Approve Driveway Permits

None

FIFTEEN MINUTES OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Dennis Southworth wanted to compliment Mike Bess and Ryan Schwanz stating that he believes they do a great job. He also stated that there was a substandard job done on the base for Maple Tree Ln and that is where the issue came in for the paving.

Dennis Southworth also requested if there was anyway the town would consider opening S Rifle and other roads not currently opened up for ATV's. Treder stated that if the Board were to consider that we would need to have another informational meeting.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

Bridge inspections were completed. There were some recommendations that the road crew will need to complete.

Treder received a letter from Toby and Joyce Ackerman. They would like to put a septic line under S. Melody Lane and Treder told them that they would need to submit a document showing they would not hold the town responsible for issues with the septic line. Treder received the notarized letter in the mail.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS/ADJOURN

Motion by Treder to approve vouchers as submitted and adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Seconded by Metz. All aye. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Hartman
Municipal Clerk