

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
TOWN OF CRESCENT
MINUTES FOR
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015
6:00 P.M., CRESCENT TOWN HALL**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bill Treder called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was properly posted.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken. 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 October 13, 2015. 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 report as presented. Seconded by Metz. All aye. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASES

Jake Lobermeier was present and gave an oral report to the Board. There were 2 calls in the month of October, a vehicle accident and a public emergency call. There is a training this month on chimney fires and ladders, next month is ice rescue training and January is Winter rescue. Engine 2 is out of service. Pomasl came up and tested the engines and found the heat exchanger had rusted out and can't be used until it is fixed. Without that they aren't able to draft from a tank. Fire prevention in the schools occurred last month. Metz asked Jake if they have made a decision about the Auto Aide from the City of Rhinelander. Lobermeier stated that he needs to speak with Terri Williams again but it sounds like a go they just need to work out logistics with dispatch.

FIRST RESPONDER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASES

Greg Zeske was present and gave an oral and verbal report to the board. There were 10 calls in the month of October. They will be purchasing a basket for the tracked 4-wheeler.

TOWN ROAD CREW REPORT

Mike Bess was present and gave an oral report to the Board. Mike stated that they have finished most of their patches, they are continuing to work on a few areas but the main areas are done. They worked on the bridge approach and he has heard positive feedback. Richardson stated that it is better but needs to be looked at next year for a permanent fix. Bess stated that there are a lot of roads in Crescent that need to shoulder work. He has spoken to Pelican and Newbold road crews and they have a conveyor that attaches to the truck and helps to shoulder the roads. It is a more efficient way of shouldering the roads. A brand new conveyor is \$4500 but he believes we could get a used one for \$2200-\$2500. The County Health Department tested the spring again and all tests came back as negative. Bess stated that they have a fair amount of old asphalt from small road projects. Bess stated that he has spoken to Tom Loduha at Musson Brothers and if we wanted to take our old asphalt to them they would add it to their pile that they recycle. Metz stated that he has received numerous calls from residents happy with all of the small projects that were completed this summer. Richardson asked if the shouldering that needs to be done is a yearly project. Bess stated that this would not be yearly occurrence, there

are a number of roads that have just gone down hill. Richardson asked about the sale of F450. Bess stated that there was someone that looked at it a few weeks ago but the truck was too big. There is another interested party.

COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Robb Jensen was present and gave an oral and written report to the Board. Jensen reported that there was a Board meeting today and they met the New CNRED Agent for UW Extension. They also passed a resolution allowing the HWY Department to purchase a chip sealer. There was a resolution to offer the position of ITS Director to Diane Bulgrin-Veierstahler. The majority of the meeting was regarding the County Budget. There was a small increase in the levy limit, equaling an increase of \$3.00 on a \$100,000 home. All departments were asked to cut 5% from their budget and they were all able to do that. There were three departments that were not asked to cut as they were the tourism council, the library and the human services center. They did increase their hwy budget by \$450,000 for road maintenance.

LIBRARY REPORT

Harry Whidden gave an oral and written report to the board. There were 4 meetings in the last month. There were two regular board meetings, an arbitration meeting and a building committee meeting. Chris Horning, the adult program coordinator, is retiring. The 2016 library budget was approved today and was kept at a minimum. Whidden gave a rundown of the library services that were offered and used in the month of October. Whidden also gave a list of donations that were given. HBM will be sending 4 poster size displays showing the expansion that will be displayed in the library.

TOWN PLAN COMMISSION REPORT

None

TOWN LAKES COMMITTEE REPORT

None

UNIFORM DWELLING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

One building permit was issued for SJM Builders for a new home on Rolling Hills Drive.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Purchase pickup truck

Bess reported that he has found a truck to replace the F450. It is a 1996 Ford 350 extended cab, diesel 7.3L engine with no dump on the back of it with 100,000 miles on it. Bess stated that this truck would get better mileage than the current truck and would be able to haul small equipment easier. Treder stated that he agrees with Bess that this is a needed patrol truck and is a good purchase.

Motion by Richardson to purchase the 1996 Ford 350 for \$8500. Seconded by Metz. All aye. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Oneida County Highway Dept - Freeman Bennett, N Rifle Rd

Freeman Bennett was present and thanked the town for giving the County the opportunity to use the town road with some upgrades. Bennett stated that he has a few concerns with using the town road. The County doesn't want to do anything that would damage the town road and if the board were to change the new board could change the approval. Bennett stated that instead they are going to create a driveway/road on the edge of their property going to Hwy K and will keep it as far away from our road as possible.

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

None

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Approve Driveway Permits

None

FIFTEEN MINUTES OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Dan Butkus asked about an area on Crescent Road (between Bay and Lair) that is dipping and if there are plans to fix it. Bess stated that he is aware of the issue and he will be looking at having a 5 inch overlay put on it next year.

Joel Knutson gave an update on Heal Creek. They are in the process on completing the trail management agreements. They are on-time to where they want to be. They will be beginning to develop a long-term master plan over the course of the winter. Knutson stated that he would expect that he will be coming back to the town to request matching grants.

Knutson also reported that broadband expansion will increasingly happen at the town level. Knutson reported that in the Town of Crescent there is a strong possibility to create a town wide network. Knutson believes it is something to talk about and the board may want to consider being a part of this discussion and a signatory on

the plan within the next year. Currently in Crescent broadband service is very spotty and a tower would help to make that town-wide.

TOWN BOARD TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN CLOSED SESSION PER State Statute 19.85(1)© Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility

Motion by Treder to go into closed session at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Richardson. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Richardson to return to open session at 7:27 p.m. Seconded by Metz. All aye. Motion carried.

Highway wages for 2016 were set while in closed session.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Oneida County Conservation and UWEX Education Committee regarding the Oneida County Farmland Preservation Plan.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS/ADJOURN

Motion by Richardson to approve vouchers as submitted and adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Seconded by Metz. All aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Hartman
Municipal Clerk