

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS  
TOWN OF CRESCENT  
MINUTES FOR  
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 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

Joel Knutson, Supervisor

Adrian Turgeon, Supervisor

Tracy Hartman, Clerk

Carla Fletcher, Treasurer

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Turgeon to approve the agenda. Seconded by Knutson. All aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Knutson to approve the minutes from January 13, 2015. Seconded by Turgeon. All aye. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

A written report was received by Treasurer, Carla Fletcher.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASES**

Jake Lobermeier gave an oral report to the board. There were 5 calls in the month of January, 1 chimney fire and 4 vehicle accidents (one cancelled en route). Training this month is recertification for CPR and in March they are going to be training on fit testing, equipment, ropes and knots. The rescue is out of service as of last night.

**FIRST RESPONDER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASES**

There were 14 calls in the month of January and no purchases.

**TOWN ROAD CREW REPORT**

Mike Bess reported that all equipment is currently running well and they are burning all wood. There has been little to no propane since last fall. There was an inspection of the salt shed and the salt records this week and it passed. Steve Richardson reported that the plowing in his area is much better this year and the response has been a lot quicker.

**COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Robb Jensen was present and gave an oral and written report to the board. Overall, Robb thought the budget process went really well for 2015 and all departments left fairly happy. There was a special meeting in December to look at the Quik Trip offer and what the options are. There are three possibilities: 1) Sell to Quik Trip and build a new facility 2) Upgrade portions of the highway department 3) Upgrading portions but less upgrades than option 2. Jensen reported that in January there was a meeting to look at the Veterans Affairs director and

possible disciplinary action. The administration committee recommended no further action today. There was also a meeting of the land records committee to discuss the Heal Creek project and the committee recommended to table to proposal until April.

#### LIBRARY REPORT

Harry Whidden was present and gave an oral and written report to the Board. Monthly board meeting today. There were a number of comments from patrons with praise for the library and staff. There is a new property management company that will be handling the rental homes the library owns. The board reviewed the City of Rhinelander expenses report regarding the library.

#### TOWN PLAN COMMISSION REPORT

None

#### TOWN LAKES COMMITTEE REPORT

Knutson reported that the Squash Lake Association did get a grant for the healthy lakes initiative. There have been a number of land owners that have expressed an interest in having their land used for fish sticks spots. Knutson reported that the County AIS program may start looking different in future years. A joint AIS coordinator for Oneida and Vilas has been proposed.

#### UNIFORM DWELLING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

None

#### DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: N. Rifle Road Project Update

Treder met with MSA today and they have a preliminary plan for the North Rifle Road project that will be completed in the summer. The plan looks good for now, they are looking at the fence line along the road. The plan does call for a removal of a portion of the fence and that will be put back after the project is completed. We have not received the boring tests back.

#### DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Heal Creek Property Update

Knutson reported that the Land Records Committee looked at the proposals today and it has been tabled. Knutson gave a synopsis of the heal creek property and the proposals that were submitted to the County. Knutson stated that if the County accepts the City/Crescent proposal the land would be placed in a land conservation trust along with bordering lands. The land would be managed by existing trail and park organization. Ponsse has offered their services for any future timber and forest service usages. Fista(?) has expressed a willingness to manage the forest for the Town and City. The alternative would be that Hodag Sports Club would purchase the entire amount of land and have stated that it would be put in MFL and wouldn't guarantee public access. Treder asked if the County approves the purchase by the City/Town would the City annex the property that they purchase. Knutson stated that there are a few options that would be looked at if the proposal goes through and the lawyers and the State would have a say over that. Treder stated that he was present at the meeting today also and heard that the Hodag Sports club expressed the interest in accommodating the trail. Richardson stated that it was his impression from the meeting today that the Hodag Sports Club would not open the land up for the same type of trails that the Town and City would like to have. Turgeon stated that if Rhinelander and Crescent bought this land it would be off of the tax roll but if Hodag Sports Club bought it there would be money on the tax roll. Treder stated it would be a very small amount of money.

#### DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Approve Applications for Operator's License, Tina Wanty

Motion by Turgeon to approve the operator's license for Tina Wanty. Seconded by Knutson. All aye. Motion carried.

#### DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Approve Driveway Permits

None

#### FIFTEEN MINUTES OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Carl Fate asked about the economic impact for Oneida County. Knutson stated that there is the potential for a large impact on the area. Knutson stated that the City and the golf course staff were committed to this project early on. Judy Pagano stated that she wanted to commend the town of Crescent and the City of Rhineland for taking the opportunity to attempt to grab this land and the work that has gone into working with the surrounding land owners. Pagano stated that she feels we need to be vocal in our support of this project. Knutson stated that there is an area in the State budget that we could look at asking the state for assistance and having the land in a conservation trust would help us be eligible for the funds. Kyla Waksmonski, resident and Oneida County health department, reported that she is in support of this project and the benefits of having this available to residents. Waksmonski spoke with Minocqua Winter Park today and they have upwards of 18,000 visitors every year. Waksmonski also reported that the way the younger generation looks for jobs is that they are now looking for where they want to live and then look for jobs in that area and in her opinion this would draw in more residents. There was also a study in Nebraska and they found that for every \$1 an area spent on creating and maintaining trails they saved an average of \$3 in health costs.

Robb Jensen reported that the Wisconsin County's Association has created a synopsis of the governors budget and it is available on their website.

#### FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

None

#### REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

Email from Mike Schnautz regarding setting a date for Board of Review. Board of review will be held June 10th, from 4-6.

#### APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS/ADJOURN

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Tracy Hartman  
Municipal Clerk