

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
TOWN OF CRESCENT
MINUTES FOR
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2012
6:00 P.M., CRESCENT TOWN HALL**

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Grady Hartman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was properly posted.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken. Members present were:

Grady Hartman, Supervisor I
Adrian Turgeon, Supervisor II

Carla Fletcher, Treasurer
Tracy Hartman, Clerk

Chairman William Treder was not present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Turgeon to approve minutes from August 15, 2012. Seconded by G. Hartman. All aye. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A written report was received by Treasurer, Carla Fletcher.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASES

Ken Orton was present and gave a written and oral report to the Board. There were two calls in Crescent this month. They decided on the design for the water point sign and the signs have been ordered. It will be paid for through the fund-raiser that was held. Orton hasn't figured out a solution for the dash of the Tanker.

FIRST RESPONDER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASES

Greg Zeske was present and gave an oral report to the Board. There were seven calls in the Month of August all in the Town of Crescent. There will be 10 new first responders in Crescent within the next few weeks.

COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Bob Martini was present and stated that there are a lot of big issues at the County level. There were five resolutions on the agenda regarding mining at the last meeting. The first resolution was whether mining should continue being looked at and it was voted to not continue looking into mining with a vote of 12-9. Budget is currently being discussed and every department is having to cut this year. Budget hearings will start at the beginning of October. They are also

looking at the Comprehensive Plan. There are a few individuals who are looking very closely at it and it isn't moving along very quickly.

LIBRARY REPORT

There will be a survey going out to all library patrons who are taxpayers and it is asking what needs the library meets for each family. They are trying to decide what should be looked at with an expansion. They are also looking at where can staff go to work so they are out of the way of the patrons. They established a committee to work on fundraising for the future expansion. Crescent is up in their use of the Library again this month. All adult programs/senior programs are up in usage this month. There is a new employee that specializes in cleaning, repairing and mending the books and audio books. One of the adult librarians has become a Notary and this has been helpful. They received a grant to have furniture repaired in the library and all chairs in the downstairs were reupholstered. Whidden stated that the budget has been finalized and asked if Crescent is going to contest the budget as presents. G. Hartman stated that Crescent went down approximately \$3000 and we won't contest that.

TOWN PLAN COMMISSION REPORT

None

UNIFORM DWELLING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

A letter was sent out two weeks ago to the City and they were given until the beginning of November to respond.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion/Possible Decision RE: Town Lakes Association

Bob Martini stated that over the past few weeks there have been several people who have expressed an interest in serving on the Lakes Committee. On the 18th they are meeting with the Newbold Lakes Committee and will be getting information on how to form the lakes committee and what types of programs they have offered. So far people from Green Bass, Crescent, Lake Julia and Squash lake have expressed an interest. Martini stated that there have been many areas that Town's have helped Lake Committees in receiving funding. Mark Patulski stated that he thinks the grant money needs to be spent to pull the weeds and not try to educate people. Joel Knutson, Crescent Lake Association, stated that he would like to echo Martini in the support of forming a Town Lake Association. They are meeting with Newbold this month and will come back next month with more information and a sample ordinance.

Discussion/Possible Decision RE: Town Right of Way and Utilities

Hartman stated that we have had some issues with utilities doing things on road right of way without consulting the Board and it is causing problems with snow plowing, etc. State statutes require utilities to seek permission prior to placing anything on town right of way. A letter will be sent to all local utilities reminding them of the need to notify the Town prior to any work being completed on the town right of way.

Motion by G. Hartman to send the letter as written to the utility companies. Seconded by Turgeon. All aye. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Decision RE: Ordinance regarding Weight Limit on North Rifle Road

Hartman stated that we paved North Rifle Road last year and the road is already showing signs of wear due to heavy truck traffic. Last month it was discussed having a weight limit on North Rifle Road. Patulski is concerned that there will be traffic backed up in the morning while trucks are trying to turn onto Hwy 8. Patulski stated that the problem isn't trucks it is the ditches on the other end of the road that are causing water to sit on the road. Hartman stated that we need to put a weight limit on that section of the road trying to save that road. Hartman stated that if traffic becomes a problem we can address it at that time.

Motion by Hartman to pass Weight Limit Ordinance for North Rifle Road at the railroad tracks to Cty Hwy K of 20 tons. Seconded by Turgeon. All aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/Possible Decision RE: Line Item Budget Changes

Motion by G. Hartman to approve resolution 2012-02 transferring money from the reserve to WRS Clerk, adding revenue to the fire department and adding funds to the fire department. Seconded by Turgeon. All aye. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Decision RE: Fee Schedule - Driveway Application

Hartman stated that we have recently run into a problem with people getting driveway permits after already putting the driveway in and building the home. Hartman stated that he would like to see a fine added for getting an after the fact permit. Hartman would like to see the fee tripled if they didn't get a permit. Hartman stated that there shouldn't be an exception granted.

Motion by Turgeon to add an after the fact driveway permit fee in the amount of \$135. Seconded by Hartman. All aye. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Decision RE: ATV Travel across HWY 8

Hartman stated that we received a letter from Freeman Bennett, Oneida County Highway Commission, asking the town to consider opening Crescent Road between Hwy 8 and County Hwy N. The County is considering looking at opening some county roads and they would like to see if Crescent would be willing to open that road. Hartman stated that in order to do that we would need to apply for a permit through the State.

Motion by Turgeon to apply for permission from the State to have ATV access to cross Hwy 8 and open Crescent Road on the North of Hwy 8. Seconded by Hartman. All aye. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Decision RE: Approve Applications for Operator's Licenses

Motion by Hartman to approve operator's licenses for Jessica Weber and Kristine Laursen. Seconded by Turgeon. All aye. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Decision RE: Approve Driveway Permits, SJM Builders

Motion by Hartman to approve the driveway permit for SJM builders at Lot 38 Rolling Hills Drive and Lot 40 Rolling Hills Drive. Seconded by Turgeon. All aye. Motion carried.

FIFTEEN MINUTES OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Patulski wanted to know where the damage on the new part of North Rifle Road is, he is on that road daily and there is no damage. He stated that the problem is on the north end of the road there is water on the road due to bad ditches and no culverts on ditches. There are also problems on Prune Lake Road and the ditches sitting higher than the road. On the end of North

Rifle Road by K there is sand/gravel buildup and cars are cutting the corner and throwing gravel on the road and sliding thru the intersection.

Joel Knutson asked about final completion plans regarding the chipseal on South Rifle Road. Turgeon stated that the road is completed. Knutson stated that in lawns/driveways there is considerable aggregate and much of the road is inhospitable to cyclist, walkers, etc. Hartman stated that when the first snowfall comes and the trucks start plowing the road will get better and the washboarding will get better. Hartman stated that we are trying to save our roads. Ten years ago we could pave 3 miles of road per year, we currently can only pave just over 1 mile of road. This is an effort to keep our roads good without having to repave all of our roads. Knutson stated that part of his concern was the lack of information regarding when the public works are going to occur and the difficulty in traveling the road. Martini asked why the residents aren't notified what roads are being worked on. T. Hartman stated that it is put on many agenda's prior to the work being done. It is discussed in the April Annual Meeting, put on the agenda in May or June and then again in July. Turgeon will look at it tomorrow and determine what can be done. Knutson is concerned that what is happening is beyond what other municipalities are reporting. Knutson would like a clear marking of what is the road and what isn't the road. There is so much extra material on the side of the road that you can't tell when you are going off the road.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

Two letters from Oneida County regarding residents violating shoreland zoning.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Motion by G. Hartman to approve vouchers as submitted and adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Seconded by Turgeon. All aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Hartman
Municipal Clerk