

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
TOWN OF CRESCENT
MINUTES FOR
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2013
6:00 P.M., CRESCENT TOWN HALL**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bill Treder called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. The meeting was properly posted.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken. Members present were:

William Treder, Chairman
Adrian Turgeon, Supervisor
Joel Knutson, Supervisor

Tracy Hartman, Clerk
Carla Fletcher, Treasurer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Knutson to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2013 Town Board meeting. Seconded by Turgeon. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Knutson to approve the minutes from the August 28, 2013 Special Town Board Meeting. Seconded by Turgeon. All aye. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A written report was received by Treasurer, Carla Fletcher.

Motion by Turgeon to accept the treasurers report as presented. Seconded by Knutson. 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 7 calls during the month of August: rescue on Mtn Bike Trails, 2 vehicle accidents, 3 fires in Crescent and one mutual aid in Pelican. They held a training with area fire departments at the Oneida County Airport. They will be having a training next Monday on Ventilation. There are 10 members from Crescent Fire Department taking a rapid intervention class at Nicolet. Fire Prevention Month is this month and Keven Mahner is in charge of scheduling something with the schools.

FIRST RESPONDER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF PURCHASES

Greg Zeske submitted a written report to the Board. There were 8 calls during the month of August, 1 in Woodboro and 7 in Crescent.

COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Bob Martini was present and gave an oral report to the Board. There was a meeting this morning and there were two issues that were discussed. The first one was the ordinance on boat houses. There were some issues from the DNR and that item was postponed until the November meeting. The 2nd item was an ordinance on forest health and that was passed. Maritini stated that the big item being discussed right now is the County Budget.

LIBRARY REPORT - Edward Hughes

Harry Whidden gave a short report to the Board. The Library Board met with the architects last week. Whidden then introduced Library Director Ed Hughes to the Board. Hughes stated that the increase to the budget is due to an insurance law that states that 30 hour employees are suppose to be covered for insurance. They have rectified that situation but that is the explanation to the increase in budget. The City of Rhinelander has already requested an arbitration meeting and Hughes is hoping to schedule that in October. Crescent's budget share is increasing from \$85,636 to \$89,977 a \$4341 increase. Hughes stated that they have also been meeting with the architects to discuss the addition to the Library. They are looking at different options to save the parking.

TOWN PLAN COMMISSION REPORT

None

TOWN LAKES COMMITTEE REPORT

Joel Knutson reported that the committee met last Saturday and had about 9 people attend. The meeting started discussing the Squash Lake Boat landing. Due to the low water levels this year people are trying to modify the bunkers on their own and it is beginning to cause a problem. They discussed creating a 5 year plan to look at restructuring the boat landing. There is a contractor that has property on Squash Lake and has expressed a willingness to work with the Board on the boat landing. The committee also discussed walleye stocking and options that are available to help improve Walleye fishing. Knutson stated that he has also had a few calls from residents regarding speed concerns on lakes, specifically Squash Lake because of the bays. Knutson stated that there may be a petition from residents of different lakes, but specifically Squash Lake regarding setting speed limit restrictions. Jim Jueng from the DNR has been out there and may be able to supply some data to the Board.

UNIFORM DWELLING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Two Building permits were received. One for a home on South Rifle and one for a home on Wausau.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Oneida County Resolution

Tracy Hartman explained that Oneida County will be voting on a resolution regarding how special taxes are paid to the Towns. Right now if there are special taxes on a tax bill and the resident does not pay their taxes by August the County pays the taxes to the town and goes after the property owner for the taxes. However, the County is currently losing money because when they foreclose on a house to get the back taxes there are many times that the value of the house does not cover all of the taxes due to the high special taxes that were attached to the property. The County is proposing a resolution that if a town is paid special taxes by the County and the County forecloses on the house and does not recoup all tax money the Town will pay the special taxes back. This has never been a situation in Crescent and the Clerk would recommend that the Town agree to the resolution, a motion is not needed at this time the County is trying to find

what towns will most likely agree and what towns will not agree. Treder stated that he would agree with the resolution. Knutson and Turgeon also expressed agreement.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Drag Racing Ordinance/Ice Racing Ordinance

Treder stated that the Town Lakes committee approached the Board last month requesting that an ordinance be passed for Drag racing on lakes. Knutson stated that he has received a couple of calls regarding this issue. Knutson wanted to explain that there is no antipathy towards any recreational users and does not have to do with ATV use or Snowmobile use. Knutson stated that he has not been contacted by any organization regarding drag racing, however, it is his opinion that it is the Town Boards responsibility to plan ahead. Knutson presented to the Board the Town of Merrill Ice Drags Ordinance, a Town Lake Committee Resolution created by the Crescent Lake Association and a Special Use Application & Permit for Recreation Events. Knutson stated that one of the things he found most striking about the event on Lake Thompson Road is that there were 1000-1500 people reported to have attended and he does not believe that we have a lake/boat landing/access point large enough in Crescent to handle that amount of usage. Knutson stated that lakes in the town of Crescent have a tremendous amount of pressure on them and there is not enough money available at any level to deal with the negative impacts possible. Turgeon stated that the estimate of the Lake Thompson event is rather varied and he believes that we should leave it more up to the residents. Treder stated that he has thought about this and dove into this for the last month. He has looked for ordinances prohibiting drag racing or regulating drag racing. He was able to find a few that regulated it but could not find any that prohibited it. Treder did find a document titled the Waterway and wetland permits: the public trust doctrine. Treder read a copy of the trust doctrine to the Board and residents in attendance. Treder stated that we absolutely have to take charge in maintaining our waterways, however, we also have to allow for activities to continue to occur on our lakes. Treder stated that it is his opinion that if there is an opportunity for some revenue to come into the Rhinelander area he doesn't feel right preventing that. He also stated that because we are stewards of our lakes he does feel that we need to have an ordinance. Treder stated that he was able to look at the Merrill Ordinance prior to the meeting and feels that it covers many of the same concerns/issues as the Crescent Lake Resolution. Treder stated that he took the ordinance and tailored it to the Town of Crescent using the language of the Town of Merrill. Turgeon stated that Merrill has been doing the ice drags for over 30 years and he has not heard any negative comments. Turgeon stated that at this point he feels that Bill and Joel did their homework on this issue and believes that we should look at this. Chairman Treder opened it up for public discussion (see below). Return to Board discussion. Knutson stated that he likes the direction and seriousness that this issue is taking. Knutson believes that this issue should be tabled for a month to further look at and possibly tweak the ordinance. Knutson stated that if we can manage to eliminate the foot-print left by these events than he thinks we will be able to pass this. Turgeon stated that he agrees the issue should be tabled and will be placed on next months agenda

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

Motion by Turgeon to approve the operator's licenses for David Barrett and Billie Jo Kemps. Seconded by Knutson. All aye. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION REGARDING: Approve Driveway Permits

FIFTEEN MINUTES OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Janet Appling asked what type of restrictions this ordinance puts on activities. Treder stated that if an event would occur in Crescent the organizers would need to schedule the event prior to November. Appling asked if the ordinance addresses oil/gas spills on the lakes. Treder stated that those types of things are already addressed in the State Law. The proposed ordinance addresses what time/day they can have an event, where on the waterway an event can occur, all

unsafe ice breakthrough shall be marked, 30 ft shall be between any fence or temporary building and 200 ft between residential shoreline and race lanes. The ordinance specifies the number of waste facilities, refuse containers and when they must be removed. The ordinance also addresses when all items need to be removed.

Bob Rossi from Lake Thompson stated that he has researched this also and the most restrictive ordinance he has found is in Minocqua. He stated that part of the concern from the Lake Thompson event was the amount of people and vehicles on the lake caused the water to start coming up over the ice. He also stated that the burms that were created for this event were like concrete and were not able to be moved.

Glen Peterson stated that in the resolution presented by the Crescent Lake Association they addressed the issue of the burms and they only have one day to remove the burms.

Kathy Muentner asked who is responsible for cleaning up the oil spills. Treder stated that the DNR is responsible for citing. She also asked who is responsible for making certain that the garbage and all items are removed. Treder stated that the town can give a forfeiture of not less than \$500 if any of the provisions of the ordinance are not met plus the applicable surcharges, assessments, and costs for each violation.

Muentner asked if there would be a way to take the Merrill Ordinance and the Crescent Lake Association Resolution and marry the two.

Martini also stated that it would be good to have an adaptive approach to the ordinance and be able to reevaluate the stipulations.

Rossi stated that he has heard from other town officials that they don't want to pass an ordinance because they don't want to have to enforce it and because government is always reactive not proactive.

James Pushner from Crescent Road requested that a warning be placed on the corner of Crescent and Bay Drive. Clerk Hartman has already ordered that sign and it will be put up by the road crew when it is received.

Martini stated that South Rifle Road has the same issue with a corner.

Stephanie Boisemenu from the Squash Lake Association was present and showed the Board the bucket of AIS that was harvested today. She would like to start working with the Town towards getting DNR grants and would like to give a presentation to the Board.

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 Turgeon to go into closed session at 7:35 p.m. Seconded by Knuston. All aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Knutson to return to open session at 8:07 p.m. Seconded by Turgeon. All aye. Motion carried.

During closed session the board discussed wages and benefits for the union employees to prepare for upcoming negotiations and discussed the need to create an employee handbook by 2014.

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE
APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS/ADJOURN

Motion by Treder to approve vouchers as submitted and adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Seconded by Turgeon. All aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Hartman
Municipal Clerk