

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
TOWN OF CRESCENT
MINUTES FOR
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2024
6:00 P.M., CRESCENT TOWN HALL**

Board Members Present: Robb Jensen, Chair; Kyla Waksmonski, Supervisor; Mike Pazdernik, Supervisor; Tracy Hartman, Clerk; Carla Fletcher, Treasurer.

Call to Order: Chairman Jensen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Crescent Town Hall. The meeting has been properly posted and distributed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting law and the facility is handicap accessible. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Pazdernik to approve the agenda. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Jensen to approve the minutes from the Town Board Meetings of September 11, 2024 and October 4, 2024. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye. Motion carried.

Public Comment –

Paul Frey – Logging Camp Road – Informed the town board that they will continue to consent to allowing the town road crew on a year to year basis to use 60 feet of their land as a three point turn for the snowplow. Frey provided the board with several documents. Frey questioned why the board continues to pursue taking this property.

Keven Mahner – Crescent Road – Thanked the board for the pavement on Crescent Road and asked if the entrance to the driveways could be looked at to determine if it can be tapered further.

Gary Buntrock – Thanked the board for the notice that was sent out regarding the Crescent Road pavement.

MaryAnn Newman – Asked what is happening with the fiber that is being put in S. River Road.

Town Chair Report – Jensen provided a written report to the board. Jensen stated that there are a number of roads that Spectrum is burying fiber. Jensen reported that he will look for the utility accommodation agreement for S. River Road.

Treasurer’s Report - A written report was given by Treasurer, Carla Fletcher.

Library Report - Update on the library board meeting and upcoming programs being offered at the library – None

County Board Supervisor’s Report - Review of County Board meeting and Review of County Board meeting and County Committee meetings – Jensen provided a written report to the board and reported that the Executive Committee has been meeting for the last three days to review the 2025 budget requests.

Fire Department Report and Approval of Purchases - Monthly Call update, purchases update, training update, fundraiser update – Mahner reported that they are in the process of replacing the wildfire gear and 5 sets of turnout gear using the 2% fire dues along with a DNR grant that was received. Mahner gave an overview of the calls this month and the training that is being held. Mahner reported that they will be training

monthly with a number of the volunteer fire departments. Mahner stated that they will be at the Halloween Not So Scary Trail and will be at the downtown trick or treating. Mahner reported that they have finished fire prevention month with the schools. Mahner reported that he has received an email from North Star Emergency Vehicle Service regarding the pump for Engine 2 and they are not able to find a replacement pump. Mahner reported that his dehumidifier had a recall and started a fire. He encouraged everyone to check their dehumidifier for recalls.

First Responder's Report and Approval of Purchases - None

Town Road Crew Report - Road Projects update, update on vehicle repairs and shop repairs – Gerdes provided a written report to the board.

Town Plan Commission Report – Pazdernik reported that they are looking at the comprehensive plan and what changes may be needed.

Uniform Dwelling Inspector's Report - None

Squash Lake District Report – None

Crescent Lake District Report – None

Discussion/Action Items

Appoint Enhanced Wake Ad Hoc Committee – Jensen reported that he has received a number of recommendations and requests for appointment to the enhanced wake ad hoc committee. Jensen reported that he has received the following:

- Crescent Lake Association – Michael Henry
- Lake Julia Association – Stephanie Harrelson
- Squash Lake Association: Marjory Mehring
- Town of Pelican: David Hollands – Town Chair
- Town of Woodboro – No Nominee
- Town of Crescent – To be determined
- Member At-Large – To be determined

Jensen reported that he has received interest from Jack Bertram, Chris Corr, Joe Fazio, Todd Hehli and Mary Beth Mack. Jensen initially received an email from Dan Butkus that he was interested, however, he has since stated that he does not feel he would have time for that. Discussion regarding the members. Jensen will contact the individuals and ask for more information regarding their position and their backgrounds. This will be placed on the November town board member. Discussion that this is a committee appointed by the board and therefore subject to open records. Jensen will convey that to the interested parties to make certain that they are aware of this prior to being appointed.

Crescent Volunteer Fire Department New 2024 Capital Improvement Program Request for Funding: Refurbish Engine #1, Purchase 3000 Gallon Tender, and Purchase Medium/Heavy Rescue – Jensen presented the board with a list of the capital improvement requests by the Crescent Fire Department. Mahner reported that the 1997 Engine 2 Freightliner Pumper is not salvageable. Orton reported that they would like to refurbish the 2010 Engine 1 Freightliner for approximately \$60,705, however, with engine 2 currently down they would not be able to refurbish it at this time. Orton reported that they feel they need to replace the 1995 Rescue Freightliner Medium/Heavy Rescue for approximately \$200,000. Orton gave an overview of the rescue. Discussion regarding used vs new. Orton reported that used is anywhere from \$90,000 to \$220,000 and new would be over \$1 million. Orton and Mahner presented a request for a newer GMC Tanker – 3000 Gallon Tanker. Discussion regarding what is the most important need in the fire department at this time. Orton

reported that the Tanker would be the number one priority. Discussion regarding funding for the requests. Hartman reported that a loan or increasing the levy through the budget hearings would be the two options.

Request to Provide Winter Maintenance on Non-Certified Town Roads – Jensen provided a request that was received from the residents of a spur of road off of Bay Drive. This is thought to be a private road. Historically, the town does not plow private roads. Barb Reineke, 2885 Bay Drive, stated that in the past the Town was plowing the road however, in 2022 the town stopped plowing their section of the road. Deb Strauss stated that in 1969 this section was established as a town road. Ryan Hetland expressed concern that the road was plowed and then was determined not to be plowed. Richard Herfindahl asked if the board would make an official motion tonight to plow the road. Motion by Jensen that the town will maintain and plow the portion of the map that is called the “a point road” on Bay Dr. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye; motion carried.

LRIPS-West Davenport Street and LRIP Tri-Airport Road Consultant – Jensen provided a proposal to use Jahn Hanz to provide consulting services for LRIP-S West Davenport St and LRIP-Tri Airport Road project. Jensen stated that Hanz provided the services for S. River Road and felt that this was helpful with the project. Jensen would like to see Hanz utilized in this manner for W. Davenport St. Motion by Jensen to contract with John Hanz to provide consulting services for LRIP-S West Davenport Street and LRIP-Tri Airport road project not to exceed \$4,000. Seconded by Pazdernik. Waksmonski asked if part of the conversation with the consultant and the City of Rhinelander could be looked at for bikes and pedestrians. All aye; motion carried.

2025 Rhinelander District Library Budget Request and Arbitration – Hartman provided the 2025 budget increase from the Rhinelander District Library. The Rhinelander Library is requesting an additional \$6,427 for 2025. This is approximately a 6% increase over last year and is \$1,300 more than the town is receiving in the increased levy for 2025. Hartman asked that the board appoint a member to attend the arbitration and give guidance on what a reasonable increase should be. Pazdernik spoke against the current request. Waksmonski stated that the CPI is 2.6% and if the board agreed to that it would be approximately \$2200. Motion by Pazdernik to appoint Jensen to represent the Town of Crescent at the arbitration hearing. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye; motion carried.

2025 Fire and First Responders Contracts with Woodboro and Harrison – Hartman presented the contracts for Woodboro and Harrison and suggested that the Town look at amending the contracts to state that increases will be annually based on net new construction. Jensen suggested increasing Harrison Fire to \$11,850 and the First Responder to \$1150. Jensen suggested increasing the Woodboro contract to \$19,100. Motion by Jensen to increase the Town of Harrison agreement from \$11,350 to 11,850, the Town of Harrison first responder from 1100 to 1150 and the Town of Woodboro Fire from 18,500 to 19,100. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye; motion carried.

CR-160 Brush and Yard Waste Surveillance and Guidelines – Jensen reported that there has been garbage and large yard waste left at the town dump and it has been causing issues. Jerry Barnett asked that there be communication regarding what is allowed to be dumped at the landfill in the Town of Crescent. Discussion on setting trail cams to surveil the property, signage on the property and setting hours for it to be open from Friday mid-afternoon to Monday morning. Discussion regarding sending an email blast.

Fall Road Maintenance Projects – Jensen stated that the Highway Department will be graveling Crescent Creek soon and has completed the other two projects that were approved. Jensen would like to look at completing where Green Bass and S. Rifle meet. Jensen stated that these would be within the highway budget.

Operator's License Applications - None

Driveway Application - None

Other

Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items – Friday, October 11th at 9:00 a.m. for a budget workshop and Wednesday, November 13th at 5:30 for the budget hearing with the town board meeting to follow.

Review Correspondence – None

Approval of Vouchers/Adjourn – Motion by Jensen to approve the vouchers as presented. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye; motion carried.

1. Closed Session: It is anticipated that a motion will be made, seconded and approved by roll call vote to enter into closed session pursuant to WI State Statute 19.85(1)(g), conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the governmental body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. A roll call vote will be taken to go into closed session (Topic: Logging Camp Road End Point) and pursuant to WI State Statute 19.85(1) (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has a jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (topic: Volunteer Fire Fighters Work Comp Claim and Wage Increase request by Crescent Road Crew Member).

Motion by Jensen to enter into closed session at 7:59 p.m. Seconded by Waksmonski.

Motion by Jensen to return to open session at 9:31 p.m. Seconded by Waksmonski.

It is anticipated that the Town Board will return to open session by roll call vote to consider the rest of the agenda. Announcement Of Action Taken In Closed Session, Or Take Action Based On Closed Session (NOTE: If the announcement of action taken in closed session would compromise the need for the closed session, the action taken will not be announced. Any action taken in closed session may be announced when the need for the closed session has passed)

Jensen while in closed session there was no action taken. There was discussion on Logging Camp Road, Volunteer Fire Fighters Work Comp Claim and Wage Increase requests by Crescent Road Crew.

Jensen adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Hartman
Municipal Clerk