

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
TOWN OF CRESCENT
MINUTES FOR
MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 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 Pazdernik to approve the minutes from the Monthly Town Board Meeting of June 12, 2024.

Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye. Motion carried.

Public Comment –

- Dave Braman – Expressed concern with the railroad tracks on N. Rifle Road.
- Mark Patulski – Would like the aprons on Hwy K intersections increased and the washouts on N. Rifle Road need to be taken care of.
- Connie Anderson expressed concern that there has not been any improvement made with the properties on S. Rifle Road and she has contacted the state with her concerns.
- Jack Bertram – Squash Lake Resident – Expressed his enjoyment with wake related sports and support for wake related sports. Bertram expressed concern with some of the more restrictive proposals being discussed. Bertram recommended that the board set guidelines that encourage responsible wake boating.
- Joe Fazio – Squash Lake Property Owner – expressed concern with prohibiting wake boats or boats with ballasts.

Announcement by Town Chair and Chair Report – Jensen reported that Northeast Asphalt will be looking at an area on S. River Road that has some breaking pavement and Oneida County Highway Department has finished the brush chipping that they were contracted to provide.

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 – Written report provided to the board.

Fire Department Report and Approval of Purchases - Monthly Call update, purchases update, training update, fundraiser update – Mahner thanked the town crew for their work during the storms this summer with brush cleanup. Mahner reported that there have been a number of calls with trees on power lines or lines down and the fire department has a new process for blocking the road when a power line is involved. Mahner reported that the picnic is scheduled for July 20th and many of the signs were removed from the state highways by Oneida County Highway Department. Mahner gave an overview of trainings that have occurred and possible trainings being scheduled. Discussion regarding the fire at the solid waste department and what can

be done to prevent future fires. Mahner informed the board that they participated in the 4th of July parades and again this year were on the lake and on shore during the Crescent Lake fireworks. Mahner reported that OSHA is trying to make some new regulations mandatory which would make it very difficult for volunteer fire departments to continue. Mahner thanked Rob Hutchison for his service with the fire department. Mahner gave an update on membership and certifications.

First Responder's Report and Approval of Purchases - None

Town Road Crew Report - Road Projects update, update on vehicle repairs and shop repairs – Written report received.

Town Plan Commission Report – Pazdernik reported that they discussed the land split and will be recommending approval for the CSM on tonight's agenda.

Uniform Dwelling Inspector's Report - None

Squash Lake District Report –

Crescent Lake District Report –

Discussion/Action Items

- a. **Preliminary two (2) Certified Survey Map of lands owned by Jodie Ledvia, owner and submitted by North Coast Surveying, Charles Oleinik, surveyor for the following property further described as; Part-of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section18, T36N, R8E, PIN CR 236-3, 3050 Crescent Road, Town of Crescent** – Pazdernik reported that the plan commission met and discussed the proposed land division and voted to approve the land split. Motion by Jensen to approve the Preliminary two (2) Certified Survey Map of lands owned by Jodie Ledvia, owner and submitted by North Coast Surveying, Charles Oleinik, surveyor for the following property further described as; Part-of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, Section18, T36N, R8E, PIN CR 236-3, 3050 Crescent Road, Town of Crescent subdivision split as presented. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye; motion carried.
- b. **Charter/Spectrum Hat Rapids Road River Crossing** – Jensen reported that Charter/Spectrum has requested approval to bring fiber down Hat Rapids Road and attach the fiber to the Hat Rapids Road bridge and continue into Crescent. Jensen expressed support for this project. Motion by Pazdernik to approve the Charter/Spectrum Hat Rapids Project pending the finalizing of the Wisconsin River Bridge Plan and Utility Directional Boring Agreement. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye; motion carried.
- c. **Junk Yard Ordinance** – Jensen stated that the board needs to decide how to move forward. Jensen reminded the board of Planning and Zoning Director Karl Jennrich's statement that it is difficult for towns to pass and enforce a local junkyard ordinance. Pazdernik stated that he is not in agreement with passing an ordinance that is not enforceable. Pazdernik would like to see the county held accountable to enforce the county ordinance. Waksmonski recommended developing a tracking log on these properties that can be updated monthly. Discussion regarding the properties in Crescent that have complaints. Discussion on how to help homeowners clean up the property. Waksmonski asked if it would be beneficial for the town to send an email blast looking for volunteers to help clean up properties. Anderson expressed concern that one of the properties on S. Rifle Road is a public health nuisance. Discussion regarding how to encourage the county to handle these types of situations better and possible solutions.
- d. **Enhanced Wake Ordinance** – Jensen stated that there isn't an enhanced wake ordinance before the board and that the board is looking at how to move forward. Barb Reineking expressed concern with the damage that is done to the shoreline by the boats. Discussion

regarding wakes. Jensen expressed concern with how to enforce an ordinance and would like to see how Newbold and Lake Tomahawk's ordinance works. Waksmonski would like to consider a listening session in the future to be able to hear more opinions prior to making a decision on how to move forward. Pazdernik would also like to see what happens in the Town of Newbold and Lake Tomahawk. Jensen believes that this will be taken up the legislator again. Nancy Holland expressed support for passing an ordinance even if it can't be enforced as that encourages people to follow the rules. Jensen would like the board to receive copies of the ordinances that have been passed by other towns. Jack Betram stated that he has provided a link to guidelines that can be created and encourage residents to follow the guidelines. Jensen encouraged the lake associations to work with the residents to create guidelines.

- e. **Driver Feedback Radar Sign & Wisconsin DOT Speed Limits** – Jensen provided information regarding a speed limit sign that the Town of Pelican will be purchasing that can be used in lieu of a speed study. Discussion regarding how this could be used in the Town of Crescent. Jensen will determine if there is a trailer with the sign and gather information regarding how to move the sign. Jensen will also contact Pelican to determine if they would be interested in renting the sign.
- f. **South River Road LRIP Funds Appropriation** – Jensen provided a breakdown of the S River Road expenses and remaining road budget for 2024. Motion by Jensen that the towns match for S River Road is matched with \$200,580.00 to come from highway carryover funds and \$72,625.76 to come from the 2024 road budget. Seconded by Pazdernik. All aye; motion carried.
- g. **Crescent Road Recondition Project** – Jensen gave an overview of the remaining road budget for 2024 along with the ARPA funds which totals \$325,428.97 for 2024. Jensen believes that the cost to repave a portion of Crescent Road would be approximately \$311,508.00 to get to Long Lake Road or \$219,888.00 to get to Lair Drive. Jensen would like to see the board look at using the ARPA Funds for road repaving as long as it is obligated or completed in 2024. Waksmonski expressed support to go to Long Lake Road. Jensen would like to schedule another meeting where the bid specs can be presented and put out for bids.
- h. **Operator's License Applications**
- i. **Driveway Application**

2. Discussion Items

- a. **Crescent Fire Department Apparatus Replacement Plan** – Mahner reported that the main engine is over 20 years old and Engine 2 (1997) is over 30 years old. Mahner reported that there currently is not a replacement plan for the current engines. Mahner would like the board to consider refurbishing Engine 1 and look into purchasing a new engine. Mahner reported that the department is in need of a heavier rescue. Mahner reported that Engine 2 is currently out of service due to the exhaust. Mahner asked that the board start having discussions of how to replace the engines. Mahner would like to bring Pomasl to the meeting next month to discuss options with the board. Jensen stated that it is too soon to have Pomasl come to a meeting and would like to look at each piece of equipment and the needs of the department and get a plan put on paper for replacement. Jensen would like to see detailed list of what is needed for each piece of equipment and provide numbers to the board for consideration. Waksmonski recommended that Keven speak to other fire departments about their plan for equipment replacement.
- b. **2024 Town of Crescent Comprehensive Plan – Chapters 1 & 2 Goals/Objectives/Policy Implementation** – Jensen presented the Board with a worksheet that outlined the goals listed in

chapter 1 and chapter 2 of the comprehensive plan. Discussion regarding:

Chapter 1 – Demographics

- Policy 1: Annually track trend lines in town growth (new housing starts, new driveways, new septic, etc). Pazdernik stated that he believes this data will come from the North Central WI Regional Plan Commission.
- Policy #2: Make updates available to all Town of Crescent residents. Waksmonski recommended that a posting is made annually on the Town of Crescent website. Discussion regarding who will be responsible for gathering the data and posting it on the town website. Waksmonski volunteered to gather the data.

Chapter 2 – Natural, Agricultural, and Cultural Resources

- Policy 1: Consider rezoning the township so that there are distinctions in areas that lend themselves to residential and commercial development from those areas where there needs to be some protection of the town's natural resources as outlined in this chapter. Discussion regarding what areas would be considered natural resources. Jensen would like to consider spot zoning so that property owners can determine how they would like to be zoned.
- Goal 2: promote appreciation for the Town's natural resources and objective 2: promote and preserve the Town of Crescent's natural, cultural and historic resources. Waksmonski stated that this would be collaborating with other levels of government, for example with PFAS. Jensen stated that the town will continue to collaborate with the county and the DNR regarding the PFAS concerns.
- Goal 3, Objective 3 and Policy 3: Promote collection events that provide our residents an opportunity to properly dispose of environmentally unfriendly goods, materials, and substances. Discussion regarding having collection events or disseminating information regarding collection events. Discussion regarding the objective for goal # 3 which is to "develop a long-term strategy for potential future mining projects" and the board didn't feel that this objective fits with the goal and the policy.

Jensen would like to look at chapters 3 and 4 at a future meeting.

Other

Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items – Jensen would like to schedule a meeting for this month to discuss Crescent Road. Meeting scheduled for Friday, July 19th at 9:30 a.m. August monthly meeting August 14th at 6:00 p.m.

Review Correspondence – None

Approval of Vouchers/Adjourn - Motion by Jensen to approve vouchers as submitted. Seconded by Waksmonski. All aye. Motion carried.

Jensen adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Hartman
Municipal Clerk