

TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES Monday, February 13 2017

Cable Community Centre

Unapproved

Chairman Ludzack called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. Present were Supervisors Sue Thurn and Jeffery Rasmussen, Treasurer Lori Lang and Clerk Bjork.

MOTION made by Chairman Ludzack to dispense the reading of the minutes and approve as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn and carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. MOTION seconded by Chairman Ludzack and carried.

SANITARY DISTRICT REPORT – None.

FOREST LODGE LIBRARY REPORT – Our first MAKERSPACE event of the year was held at the Cable Community Centre on Sat. 1/14 with 18 in attendance. Anne Paul and Mary D'Andrea shared some hand-quilting basics with those attending and everyone went home with a quilted coaster or "mug-rug." On Tuesday, 1/24 we offered a Community Conversation on Information Literacy, researched and assembled by library staff Kristine Lendved and Sarah Letke. It was offered as a PowerPoint presentation and we do plan to add these important "fact-checker" and responsible news source resources to our website. On Friday, 1/27, the library accepted delivery on a painting of the library by S.M.A.R.T. (See My Art) artist Cody Spurlock. SMART, if you don't know, is a locally based organization whose mission is "unlocking doors and opening minds." The organization supports a regional community of disabled artists and enables them to network, socialize and sell their work. Read more about them at www.seemyart.us. Director Lendved attended a Bayfield County Library Committee meeting on 1/20. Director Lendved visited the Cable Pre-School and shared a few stories on 2/2. Our friend Golden Girl Getty, a reading therapy dog, was at the library for a couple of hours on Sat., 1/28. Getty belongs to Wendy Hitch, a Twin Cities resident with a cabin in the area. We're glad that she tries to work us in when she's in the neighborhood! We've got a fun/feel-good Community Conversation coming up on Tuesday, 2/21. Aaron Ackley was awarded a trip to Lambeau Field by the MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION. They didn't just go to the game, but, got to visit the practice field, hang out with the players and more! I'll leave them something to tell! Aaron and his mother, Tammy, will offer the presentation. On Thursday, 2/23 the library will screen the Norwegian film THE LAST KING which is based on the same historical events that gave us the Birkebeiner ski race. Please follow us on Facebook or visit our website, www.cable.wislib.org to keep track of all the haps at the library. You could also give us a call at 715-798-3189, or, of course, we're always happy to see you at the Forest Lodge Library!

CABLE UNION AIRPORT COMMISSION REPORT – Supervisor Thurn reported that the BOA signed off on the sale of the Gun Club property. Now it will go to the FAA for approval. If they say no, the Gun Club will have to be removed. The airport will spend \$5,000 on airport improvements. Next month the commission will be discussing the priorities of things that should be done. The commission is looking at ideas on incentives to offer or ways to get interest in building hangars at the airport. Mike is looking at

scheduling Fly-Ins and the commission is discussing how to partner with the Fly-Ins to potentially get more people in to use the airport. On 12/16, the governor landed at the airport. The brushing around the airport could cost up to \$40,000, which could be added to grant funding, but then it would have to go through an environmental study to be approved. There was discussion about having a volunteer day around the terminal this spring. The next meeting is April 5th at 4pm at the Cable Community Centre.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – None.

PLAN COMMISSION REPORT – Tom Frels reported that the commission discussed the Depot and also the vision for the Town of Cable which will be an ongoing item. The Fagg family does not want a Dog Park to be built on the Fagg Memorial property. They discussed the timber situation at the Cable Community Centre. Bob Lang put up the thermometer signs in town for the fundraising for the Municipal Bathrooms, and the donation jugs and posters went out on Friday.

GREAT DIVIDE AMBULANCE REPORT – None.

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT – Kevin Johnson reported that he patrolled 5 or 6 ski events. There were a lot of people around. Sometimes there are parking issues. He inquired if the Gun Club is open. Supervisor Rasmussen stated that it is open to the public. Kevin Johnson mentioned that it could be a concern during the ski events. It was noted that all phone reimbursements have to be logged.

ROAD REPORT – Bob Lang reported: Shortly after our January meeting, we installed the new serrated cutting edge on the grader. Travis spent the better part of a week scraping our main roads. For the most part it was successful. In some cases it didn't completely remove the ice, but it did carve some texture into it to provide traction. That same week we had more problems that weren't typical of January weather. It rained most of the day on Friday to the point where we had to chisel our storm drains open in the village. During the next three days, we put down 220 tons of our 600 tons of sand that we mix with salt each fall. This eliminated the majority of our remaining sand pile. We aren't quite out, but we are using it sparingly to get through the winter. One might think with the warm forecast, that we won't need much more sand this winter, but this can be the type of weather that creates the iciest conditions. We may have to consider a storage building soon so we can comply with state regulations and have more salt/sand mixture available in the future. Our loader problems continue. Titan Machinery has been here three times now to diagnose and replace components, but still have not found the fault. It died again this morning, so they will try again tomorrow. They haven't been billing us for trip charges and labor since the original visit, so at least this isn't costing us any more than the parts they are installing. The loader also developed a fuel leak in the main rail system during our last snowfall. We were able to repair that in house. Our winter snow fall accumulated to the point that we had to push back the snow at the airport to make the landing lights visible again. It takes a day with the grader and loader to clean around each light and then move the snow back far enough to allow for future snow. Judging from the extended forecast, this will probably be the only time we have to do it this year. We finally took delivery of our new pickup. Since then, as time allows, Travis has been manufacturing a specialized bed for the truck specifically designed for our applications. It will have low storage compartments and tool racks that can be accessed from ground level. We hope to put the truck in

service in early March. The land purchase for the new intersection of Ole Lake Road is now complete. It is our intention to start the tree removal during the next couple of weeks. We hope to have enough snow cover to burn the trees and debris on site. We were able to temporarily patch the sidewalk in front of the post office a couple of weeks ago. The product that was previously used to patch the holes turned to mush. If things work out, we hope to replace approximately 90 feet of sidewalk in that area in May or early June. The Birkie ski race will soon be upon us. Randysek Road will be closed south of Phillipi Road to reduce congestion in that area. The Bayfield County Sheriff's Department will be monitoring traffic at that intersection. We plowed the shoulders of the road in that area to allow for their vehicles and staff. We remodeled the mechanical room at the Community Services Building (Fire hall) this last month. It's now well organized with new shelving and hangers for ladders and hand tools. It should now comply with future inspections. We were also able to repair the video security system at the transfer site recently. We assume squirrels had chewed through the cables. Now most everything is in conduit and should be less susceptible to the critters. It was brought to my attention that the Town of Cable was not in compliance with the State of Wisconsin Snowmobile Residential Access Law. I contacted the Wisconsin Towns Association and created an ordinance that will meet their requirements. This will correct an oversight that was made 14 years ago. There was discussion on pole banners in town.

PUBLIC INPUT (LIMITED TO 5 MINUTES) – Paul Gilbert inquired about short term rentals. He mentioned that it seems like there are more than what is registered. He was referred Michelle at the county to inquire further.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE CABLE UNION AIRPORT PLOWING GUIDELINES AND RATES – Bob Lang stated that the agreement allows for current state rates for equipment, but the labor rate is at \$30/hr. The labor rate should be changed to current rates for employees. The 2 hour minimum only applies if the town crew is not already out snowplowing. It is Mike's discretion if the employees are working on overtime. Paul Gilbert asked if the commission was considering purchasing equipment. Supervisor Rasmussen responded that it is not cost effective to purchase equipment and then there is the issue of maintenance on the equipment. This will be brought to the Airport Commission and discussed next month.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE SNOWMOBILE ACCESS ORDINANCE – MOTION made by Supervisor Rasmussen to approve the Snowmobile Access Ordinance as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF A ROAD SNOWPLOWING POLICY FOR THE TOWN OF CABLE BUSINESS DISTRICT – Tabled.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE VISION FOR THE TOWN OF CABLE – Suzanne Rooney stated that the Plan Commission wanted to be certain that the Town Board knew they were invited to the meetings and/or have someone facilitate the meetings. Tim Kane is the one facilitating the meetings right now. The Vision Planning Committee wants open communication with the Town Board. The next meeting will be March 27th at 6:15pm at the Cable Community Centre.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF SURVEYING LOTS 9 AND 10 OF BLOCK A, ASSESSORS PLAT NO. 1 OF THE VILLAGE OF CABLE, LOCATED IN SECTION 18, T43N, R7W IN THE TOWN OF CABLE – Supervisor Lang stated that the estimate for the survey was \$800 from Heart of the North. It was requested to have this as a closed session on March's agenda to discuss attorney ideas.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROPOSED PLAN FOR THE HISTORIC DEPOT FOR 2017 – Paul Gilbert presented a Cable Depot Committee Report from February. The committee agreed that the best permanent location for the Depot would be in town rather than the park. They agreed that adequate time is needed to engage the community in the conversations about the building and prepare an adequate site for the building and then raise sufficient funds to move, position and renovate the building. They recommended that the Depot remain in its current location during the interim. They suggested certain renovations be considered so that it will not impede future intentions but rather make the building more useful and efficient in its current location. The most important renovation would be to refasten loose boards on the exterior then wash and paint the siding/trim to make the building more aesthetically pleasing. The estimated investment would be \$2,800 to \$3,500. Also, to allow better functionality of the building the committee recommended replacing the entry steps and ramp, extending the raised deck between the two doors on the West side of building and reconfiguring the handicapped ramp to a straight run South of the middle door to allow handicapped access. The estimated investment would be \$2,500 to \$3,000. This would improve traffic flow and open the counter area from the concession area. There was discussion on available funds. Paul Gilbert stated that the committee would like to be able to keep the building as it is one of the last historical buildings. The Town Board requested a dollar amount to be presented next month. The Town Board will find out how much funds are available in the Rec Park Fund. Paul Gilbert will talk with Kristine Lendved about clearing the books out to be able to put tables and chairs in there.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON HIRING A FORESTER TO CLEAN BEHIND THE CABLE COMMUNITY CENTRE – Chairman Ludzack stated that clean up should happen. Maybe some of the timber value can be put towards making trails. There was discussion that the vision of the Town of Cable should include cleaning up the back of the Cable Community Centre. Ideas were brought up for a small skijoring trail, walking trails, bike trails or putting exercise equipment on a path. Chairman Ludzack stated that to hire someone to go in and look and assess values would cost more than it is worth. He stated that he would look into after he is off the board. Art Hancock suggested deciding on the purpose of the town forest. IT was noted there is about 18 acres of wooded area by the park. Supervisor Lang stated that there was a walking trail on the property about 20 years ago and it was never utilized. Supervisor Thurn stated that the feasibility of it all should be discussed. Art Hancock stated that the town should be what the residents love and because of that it would draw others to the township.

MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to approve the request from Mt Borah Foundation LLC for permission to use the following roads: 2nd Avenue, Timber Trail Road, Spider Lake Fire Lane, Randysek Road, McNaught Road, for a period of May 20th through June 6th to allow for course marking, participant practice and clean up for the event on June 3, 2017. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen and carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Rasmussen to approve the request from Jim Anderson for the George's Goats for Grammas race on Saturday, April 29, 2017 for the use of the following roads: 1st St, 2nd St, Philippi Road, Randysek Road, Parker Road and Kavanaugh Road. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER POSITION – Clerk Bjork contacted Wisconsin Town's Association who referred her to the Training & Standards Bureau. They stated that if he was a Law Enforcement Officer there should be a department within the Town of Cable, and if that was the case, he would be authorized to carry a Taser through training. They stated that if he is only enforcing ordinances he should not be considered a law enforcement officer, and he should only be enforcing ordinances. They suggested having a handbook to include the specific job duties of the position to clarify his responsibilities. He could carry a Taser if he had a conceal and carry license, but then the town would need to consider the liability. The town insurance would cover an enforcement position carrying a Taser, but would need a job description and policy on file, and the person would need to be certified. Kevin Johnson stated that his job duties are no more different than the reserve from the county. It is very vague. Kevin Johnson stated that he has stayed a mile out of issues until law enforcement is on scene. Each call uses discretion. He doesn't have state certification. It is tricky, but is not his first year working in this stuff. He is working in 3 townships right now. He is not confrontational. There should be policies written up. Grand View has none. He handles the situations until the Sheriff's Department comes and then he hands it over. He has never gotten into litigation. When he is not working for the Town of Cable he can carry Taser because he has a conceal and carry license. He would like to carry one if there ever was a need for it. Chairman Ludzack stated that the town only wants an ordinance enforcer and to be at events. If Bayfield County requests help, then that would be up to you. The town looked into having its own department and it would cost \$78/hr., plus it just couldn't happen from Bayfield County. Supervisor Thurn stated that the Town Board never expected this type of work from his position. The Town Board agreed that they did not want the liability. Kevin Johnson stated that he was not prepared to justify the request to carry a Taser. Clerk Bjork stated that a job description is the place to start and if he is assisting Bayfield County then it would be as a civilian. Kevin Johnson will do some more research.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PAINTING THE TWO TOWN BUILDINGS IN THE ALLEY BY MCKINNEY REALTY – Stacey McKinney requested that the town consider sprucing up the town buildings in the alley by possibly painting these buildings and possibly with artist's drawings. Bob Lang stated that it would be interesting to know what the library has in mind for their building and property. There was discussion about the Town of Cable donating time to clean up their property. The town needs a plan; this should be put on the visioning committee agenda. The Library Board is actively participating in the visioning committee. The Town Board should be as well.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF ADDING REPORTS AND TOWN INFORMATION TO THE FOREST & LAKES – Clerk Bjork stated that this was being offered by Christie Carlson. She mentioned that there were updates that were not being done. Phone calls from residents were being received because the town minutes were not posted on the website. The Town Board agreed to request that the updates be

done by a certain date or the town would find another person to host the website. The Town Board agreed not to add information to the Forest & Lakes.

DISCUSSION ON LIQUOR LICENSES WITHIN THE TOWN OF CABLE – Clerk Bjork stated that a letter was received by the town inquiring about available liquor licenses, which lead to digging into the law, because of two unique circumstances within the town. The law stated that a business can have a liquor license as long as they have a premise to operate the license. The Town Board can only stipulate open hours of business for the liquor license if an ordinance is in effect. The Town Board can approve a liquor license without a premise if a time frame is stipulated for a premise to be at the location. The Town Board requested a sample Liquor License Ordinance and they will look at for the next board meeting. Bob Lang stated that the best course of action would be to require them to be open a certain number of days per year. The Town Board needs to consider that the license represents jobs and employment in the area.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE DJ CONTRACT FOR THE 4TH OF JULY 2017 – Chairman Ludzack stated that the Frederick boys are available to be the DJ for the 4th of July. They would like to start at 7pm and go for 4 hours. Supervisor Rasmussen stated that we also have services of Larry's Drifters. Al Froemel jotted the town down for the 4th of July. There was discussion on who to go with and possibly having Larry's Drifters play earlier. Supervisor Rasmussen stated that he could look into business sponsors for them to play. MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to hire the Frederick boys from 7pm until 11pm. MOTION seconded by Chairman Ludzack and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF PURCHASING WATER COOLERS FOR THE TOWN OFFICE AND THE GARAGE – Clerk Bjork stated that the water cooler rental cost is \$15/month or \$269 to purchase. The water cost is \$7.85/5 gallon jug and then the deposit. Bob Lang stated that he no longer wants one at the Town Garage, because most of the time the crew is not in the garage when a need arises. The Town Board agreed not to purchase water coolers for the Town Office or the Town Garage.

MOTION made by Supervisor Rasmussen to approve the Issuance of a Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" License to Cable Natural History Museum for an event to be held on March 10th to March 11, 2017 located at the Birkie Trailhead, Great Hall. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn and carried.

SET DATE FOR NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – Monday, March 20, 2017 at 6pm at the Cable Community Centre. The Open House for the new Town Garage will be April 22, 2017 from 10am until 2pm. That day is Earth Day. There was discussion about combining this Open House with the town picnic for roadside clean up as well. Bob Lang reported that last month the Fire Department hosted a Fire Wise meeting. There is potentially a lot of grant money available. This could be used to clean up roadsides and the Wilde River areas. They are looking into hosting an annual meeting out there.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – MOTION made by Supervisor Rasmussen to approve payment of the Town of Cable checks #7605 through #7654 and the Forest Lodge Library checks #2994 through #3009 and the Fire Department checks #2921 through #2926. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn and carried.

BUDGET REVIEW – None.

MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to go into Closed Session at 8:32pm pursuant to S.19.85(1)(c) of the WI Statutes for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. The board will reconvene in open session to take necessary action as required and resume regular town business. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen. Roll call: Ludzack, Thurn, Rasmussen, Bjork and Bob Lang. IN FAVOR – MOTION carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Rasmussen to adjourn Closed Session and reconvene in open session at 8:41pm. MOTION seconded by Chairman Ludzack. Roll Call: Ludzack, Thurn, Rasmussen, Bjork and Bob Lang. IN FAVOR – MOTION carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Rasmussen to go into Closed Session at 8:42pm pursuant to S19.85(1)(g) of the WI Statutes for conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. The board will reconvene in open session to take necessary action as required and resume regular town business. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn. Roll Call: Ludzack, Thurn, Rasmussen, Bjork and Bob Lang. IN FAVOR - MOTION carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Rasmussen to adjourn Closed Session and reconvene in open session at 9:00pm. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn Roll Call: Ludzack, Thurn, Rasmussen, Bjork and Bob Lang. IN FAVOR – MOTION carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON HIRING A BACKUP ROAD CREWMAN – Tabled.

There being no further business before the board, a MOTION was made by Supervisor Thurn to adjourn at 9pm. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen and carried.

Approved:

**Treasurer's Report

General Fund \$624,863.20

Cemetery Fund \$869.69