

**TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES Monday, April 10 2017**

**Cable Community Centre**

Chairman Ludzack called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Present were Supervisors Sue Thurn and Clerk Bjork.

MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to dispense the reading of the minutes and approve them as presented. MOTION seconded by Chairman Ludzack 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 – On March 23<sup>rd</sup> the library hosted a Candidate's Forum at the Cable Community Centre. The two candidates running for Town Chair and the three candidates vying for two Supervisor positions were present. A total of 60 people attended the event. Candidates were given an opportunity to talk about why they were running for office and to discuss their vision for the Town of Cable. James Bolen, Director of the Cable Area Chamber of Commerce served as moderator. The audience was given an opportunity to ask the candidates question. The Forest Lodge Library Board of Trustees and Director Lendved continue to gather ideas and information to develop a process for determining what we hope to accomplish with the Aldrich property. Terry Miller, Trustee, and Director Lendved conducted a conference call with an attorney acquaintance of Miller, who offered some advice on process and fund-raising. Miller along with Trustees Colleen Carter and Linda Parker and Director Lendved visited the Hayward library and spent an hour talking with Hayward Director Molly Lank-Jones about all that was involved when they built their new library. At our most recent Board of Trustees meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup> we welcomed Dick Rewalt who is a Trustee on the Evelyn Goldberg Briggs (Iron River) Library Board and has been central to their building development plan. He shared documents and strategies...and encouragement...with us. Director Lendved has been working on a lecture series on elder issues which is planned for early summer. This series is funded by a donation in memory of Genevieve Mattle. We plan to cover a diverse list of topics in this series and it should be of interest to anyone facing elder issues themselves, or who has parents or other relatives or friends in this age group. We'll talk about how to have that talk that's hard to have: whether it's about driving, living alone or having one's paperwork in order. We'll discuss investment instruments. We'll have a session on elder fitness. Stay tuned and we'll soon have a schedule to publish! The library is currently looking to fill vacancies for a Trustee position and a Library Aide position. The current Trustee opening will be a Cable appointment, and it is hoped that the Board will be able to forward a recommendation after their May meeting. Information about both vacancies is listed on our website, <http://cable.wislib.org>. Be sure to follow the library on Facebook, or visit our website...or the library, to keep track of all we have going on! Don't forget about MAKERSPACE: Genealogy coming up at the library on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

CABLE UNION AIRPORT COMMISSION REPORT – Supervisor Thurn stated that the commission discussed upgrades that need to be done around the facility.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Bob Lang reported that Nathan Rondeau is close to finishing his training in becoming a fire fighter.

PLAN COMMISSION REPORT – Paul Gilbert reported that the commission discussed Cable Tomorrow, the municipal bathrooms and visioning with Tim Kane. The discussion on Vision Tomorrow will be discussed at the next meeting and revisions will be presented to the board for re-zoning in the town.

GREAT DIVIDE AMBULANCE REPORT – None.

ENFORCEMENT REPORT – Kevin Johnson stated he has been busy with ski and bike events. Last year there was an issue with people spinning out in the parking lot at the park. He would like to follow up on an incident with Community Service. Chairman Ludzack stated that he can work by picking up sticks around the Community Centre and the cemetery. One eight hour day would be sufficient. Kevin Johnson stated that there were vandalism and theft issues at Telemark and the Cable Airport lately, so he has been doing checks out there.

ROAD REPORT – As the white ground indicates, winter isn't quite ready to let go yet, but we have started transitioning operations. The plow trucks are ready to go at any time, but we all hope we won't need them anymore this season. We removed the grader snow wing last week so we can be ready to grade as soon as conditions allow. During that process, we modified the hydraulic connection system to reduce fluid loss and make it easier to re-install. The radiator on the loader developed a leak two weeks ago. We removed it and had it repaired. The technician didn't have much confidence in the repair, so we will probably be replacing it soon. Speaking of radiators, there is a service bulletin (recall) out for the radiator in our 2015 Western Star plow truck. We will be taking it to Superior tomorrow for an inspection. If needed, the radiator and related components will be replaced next week. We also did some major work on our chipper the last couple of weeks. Jason rebuilt the carburetor and serviced the motor. Travis installed new wheel bearings and calibrated the main blades which were sharpened by Axle's in Ashland. We don't use it often, but it is handy to have when we need it. We have also been working on our old lawn mower and yard vacuum system. It isn't quite perfect, but it is operational. If it continues to be difficult, we may have to take it in to John Deere for repairs. We did take advantage of the warmer weather and seeded and mulched the hillside north of the new town garage. We also had to spend a couple more days cutting trees at the new Ole Lake intersection. Xcel's engineer came up with a different design for the relocation of the power poles, so we had to open it up further to the north. During one of our nicer days we were able to permanently mount the wall pack light now illuminating the Community Center parking lot. It still needs some touching up with paint, but it turned out nice. During one of our not so nice days, we installed the conduit and pulled the wire to move the power supply for our fuel depot out at the town garage, in to the new building. Once the ground thaws and we get it hooked up, we won't have to go in to the old garage to active the system anymore. With the help of multiple people from multiple departments at Bayfield County, I was able to get the special use permit application for the parking lot bathrooms completed last week. The Land Records, Register of Deeds, and Zoning departments all had to be involved to straighten out some problems created by inaccurate deed recordings and data entry in their system. I was very grateful for their patience. I also sent out a mailing to the land owners on West Cable Lake Road a couple of weeks ago. I like to give

them notice of what our intentions are, as well as a time line, and contact information for me. Hopefully things will go smoothly once we start that project this coming construction season. We had to dig a spot for one of the power poles at the Ole Lake intersection last Friday. During that excavation we encountered about 8 inches of frost in a very exposed area. This means it's still going to be a while before seasonal weight restrictions will be removed. While we are waiting for the weight restrictions to be lifted, we plan on sweeping and picking up the sand in the village, as well as repair some of the plowing damage. Afterwards, we need to get all of our properties cleaned up and ready for mowing. I'm also hoping to clear the trees from the bathroom site next to the parking lot soon. We also need to get the seeding done on McNaught Road as soon as things dry up enough to allow us to work in those heavy soils. Supervisor Thurn asked about possibly putting native plants in with the seed. She will check into this.

**PUBLIC INPUT (LIMITED TO 5 MINUTES)** – Clerk Bjork stated that the Baseball Little League was requesting to put some aggregate in front of the dugouts on the first field. Chairman Ludzack suggested washed rock. The board agreed to allow the Little League to fix those spots up as necessary. Toni Merrill requested gravel on Ole Lake Road all the way back, although it is closed part of the year. Chairman Ludzack stated that it will still have ruts in the gravel because of driving on the soft spots. Bob Lang stated that if it was graveled, he would like to shape it up first. Dozers would need to be rented for the project. Chairman Ludzack stated that there are no residents back there; it is a seasonal recreational road. Toni Merrill questioned if that mattered. Chairman Ludzack stated that it would be an expensive project. Bob Lang stated that the town crew could slowly try to work on the road. Chairman Ludzack stated that the town board was looking into upgrading the swimming beach at Perry Lake. There is not enough parking and they would like to enlarge the picnic area and reshape the hill to make a bigger beach. There was an inquiry on who cleans the bathroom and changing rooms at Perry Lake. Brad Parker asked about the restrictions of boats on the lake. Chairman Ludzack stated there are no restrictions, but there is a no wake.

**MOTION** made by Supervisor Thurn to suspend the agenda and move to 14 and ongoing until Supervisor Rasmussen gets here. **MOTION** seconded by Chairman Ludzack and carried.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE CABLE UNION AIRPORT PLOWING GUIDELINES AND RATES** – Supervisor Thurn stated the commission expressed that they would like to avoid overtime. Bob Lang explained that Mike Nichols makes the call on when the crew goes out to plow. **MOTION** made by Chairman Ludzack to approve the snowplowing guidelines that were presented for the airport. **MOTION** seconded by Supervisor Thurn and carried.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF RECYCLING TV'S AT THE RECYCLING CENTER** – Bob Lang stated that Best Choice Recycling in Hayward is not taking TVs anymore. He was not sure if there were any other options, but disposal of TVs could become quite expensive because of the travel involved in disposing. Mike Furtak stated that there may be a possible place in Superior that takes TVs. Mike Furtak will check on the source and inform the Town Board. Bob Lang stated that the price for TVs may need to be increase from \$25/TV to \$40/TV. The Town of Cable receives approximately 30 to 60 a year. Supervisor Thurn suggested looking into inter-governmental cooperation. Tabled for more information.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE VISION FOR THE TOWN OF CABLE – Art Hancock stated that the committee for the visioning process is now being called Cable Tomorrow and their meetings have already been taking place. At one meeting Tim Kane was present, and he was very helpful in determining a broad outline of a process to get input from the community regarding values that will help shape the town. The committee would like to get data in determining what the people in town value so they can make some wise decisions. There was a work meeting April 5<sup>th</sup>. The committee worked on coming up with a statement for what they are trying to do; the who, what, why and when. The Who is everyone in the community. The What is data gathering and making decisions. The Why is to re-evaluate the Comp Plan because it is somewhat out of date. The When is to have a kick off in June inviting everyone in the community and starting conversations on what we value in Cable. The end product will be merged into the Comp Plan so we have an updated Comp Plan that is very specific with time tables and goals to accomplish by May 2018. The challenge is getting people involved. Chairman Ludzack requested that a representative be present at the annual town meeting to get the information to the people. Surveys will be mailed and possibly accessed online through the town website.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF TOWN BOARD RECOMMENDATION FOR BAYFIELD COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING FOR A CLASS A SPECIAL USE REQUEST FOR KENT AND ELAINE ADAMS FOR PERMISSION TO USE A YURT AS A SHORT TERM RENTAL LOCATED AT 44094 PERRY LAKE ROAD IN SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 43N, RANGE 7W, TOWN OF CABLE – Kent Adams stated that he has owned Perry Lake lots since 2006. The lot is probably worth half of what it has been purchased for. Short term rentals are a lot of work. All the clients are screened and are required to make a substantial damage deposit. He makes a point to meet all their renters as well. They are renting out their home as well. A lot of people consider a yurt like a tent. The one they are putting there is a custom yurt. It is insulated and has windows. The intent is to make it nice to attract the silent sports older people. He is planning on having a dock with steps to the lake. Canoes, kayaks, etc. will be provided. A yurt gives them the opportunity to be able to take down the structure if the lot is sold. Mike Furtak stated that the structure will be on a wooden platform, meet UDC inspections and also be subject to a health department inspection, which requires hot and cold running water. It is required to have a state approved sanitary system. There will be a full kitchen and toilet. It will be self-contained, like a house. It will be heated year round. The outside will be built with canvass, which has a 15 year warrantee. Kent Adams stated that he is willing to do whatever the town needs to be approved for the Driveway Ordinance. There was discussion of the Driveway Ordinance specifics. Mike Furtak stated that the occupancy is set by the health department. It depends on the septic size, but they are looking at a max of 6 to 8 people. Tom Tucek asked what would be done if the renter invites friends over for a party. Mike Furtack stated that the landlord has control over that circumstance. Tom Tucek stated that there are 3 permanent owners on the lake and 5 other buildings. It poses a serenity of the lake, being a 49 acre lake. The land evaluation is also a consideration. Kent Adams stated that he is doing everything right. There will be only 6 to 8 people renting at a time. And it will be advertised for silent sports people. Elaine Adams asked if the noise would be bothersome to the present owners on the lake. The response was that there is already a public landing on the lake, and considering the use there, it would be not an issue. Mike Furtak stated that when Telemark closed there were over 200 rooms were lost. There is a shortage of rentals in this area and a loss of the business that comes through town. Mike Furtak stated

that it would be good to give this rental the benefit of the doubt. The board could give a year trial which would allow it to be able to be revoked if not compliant. Art Hancock stated that it seems the concern is who would be renting not in the landlords. If there is a problem, how accessible will they be? Kent Adams stated that they are a phone call away. He can't guarantee that an issue won't happen but he will be able to be contacted. Elaine Adams stated that they are very particular about who they rent out to. Supervisor Thurn stated that the Plan Commission discussed all these issues as well. There was a motion made for approval because it is in compliance with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. There were conditions placed on the approval; compliance with the Driveway Ordinance, health regulations and UDC regulations, and a 24 hour contact listed. Kent Adams stated that it will take about 2 to 3 months to build. Chairman Ludzack stated that the board might consider adding a condition to notify renters of the no wake. He is not in favor of a year trial because of the expense that could be involved. Tom Tucek stated that he was in favor of the year trial because if there is a problem it could be reversed. Supervisor Thurn stated that as a Plan Commissioner for 8 years, she would hesitate to put restrictions for one year on anyone. Bob Lang noted that there are over 20 short term rentals and there haven't been any problems so far. Kent Adams stated that he would hate to invest in the property when he would be the only one out of 20 that is being discriminated against in the area. Tom Tucek stated that he is worried about the clientele renting the property. MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to recommend approval to Bayfield County Planning And Zoning for a Class A Special Use request for Kent And Elaine Adams to use a Yurt as a Short Term Rental located at 44094 Perry Lake Road in Section 8, Township 43N, Range 7W, Town of Cable because it is in compliance with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan with the conditions that it is in compliance with the Driveway Ordinance, Health Regulations and UDC inspections, and that there will be no RV or tents to be placed in the yard, make sure renters know of no wake, quiet lake values to be represented by the users and residence on the lake and supply a 24 hour emergency contact and to follow room tax bylaws. MOTION seconded by Chairman Ludzack and carried. There is not a no wake sign at Perry Lake Landing because it is 50 acres or less. That is dictated by the state.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF FUNDRAISING AND BUILDING OF THE PUBLIC RESTROOM –

Supervisor Thurn reported that funding is up to approximately \$16,200 not including two pledges. The commission has raised over \$18,000 in pledges and cash gift. There is a person who volunteered some saw cutting skills for a couple of hours. Bob Lang is moving forward with the permit process. The permit request is for a 47' x 36' lot. There was discussion on where to put the building on the lot. There is a possibility of adding showers on the back side of the building in the future, so the building will be moved 4' from where it was applied so that it could be developed if wanted. There were a lot of problems applying for the permit. Because it is a substandard lot, it has to be attached to another lot and there was confusion on the ownership of the other lot. Supervisor Thurn will contact the church board and let them know that the trees will be coming down within the next 2 weeks. The Groundbreaking will still be held on the Opening Fishing weekend. Bob Lang stated that the permit will not be in our hands until the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in May, but was told all the underground work can be started. The maintenance on the municipal bathrooms will be the town's responsibility. Supervisor Thurn noted that there will be an electric hand dryer instead of towels. Chairman Ludzack stated that the bathrooms are for the public located in that area; it is providing them with a service. It could also be used for changing clothes.

Supervisor Thurn stated that she would like to have Chairman Ludzack's continued expertise on this project considering the change in delegation in town. MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to slightly relocate the restroom in the parking area for possible expansion about 3' to 4' on the permit. MOTION seconded by Chairman Ludzack and carried.

Supervisor Rasmussen present.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF PLAN COMMISSION CREATION OF WELCOME TO CABLE COMMITTEE – Supervisor Thurn stated that she is pushing to have a beautification committee which will be called the Welcome to Cable Committee. The proposed committee would consist of 7 to 10 people (who are already interested) who want to help continue our community pride in addressing things like signage, flowers, nature-scaping, banners and decorations. James Bolen has agreed to be liaison for that committee. An example of what would be considered on the committee would be to help design a landscape plan with the Hwy 63/County M triangle. The Cable Natural History Museum wants to nature-scape this area. This committee would be part of the Cable Community Action Team. Chairman Ludzack suggested adding the information about the committee to the town website.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF APPROVING SPONSORSHIP FOR THE GOVERNOR'S FISHING OPENER – Last year the town donated \$2,000 from Economic Development for this event. Information about the event can be accessed on the Chamber website. There was discussion on the events that take place over the weekend. MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to approve the sponsorship for the Governor's Fishing Opener May 5-7 on Lake Namakagon of \$2,000 for the purposes of Economic Development. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROPOSED PLAN FOR THE HISTORIC DEPOT FOR 2017 – Tabled for a work meeting, scheduled on May 8, 2017 at 4:30 at the Cable Town Office.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A LIQUOR LICENSES ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF CABLE – Clerk Bjork stated that she has a call into the liquor license agent for advice on the ordinance. The Town Board agreed that this should be reviewed at the Plan Commission before being considered at the Town Board.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SPRING/SUMMER DECORATIONS – Clerk Bjork stated that flower baskets have not been ordered because they cannot go up on poles. Chairman Ludzack asked if they could go on sign poles. Bob Lang stated that we would need to put in separate posts. They cannot be put on regulatory sign posts. Jack Radecki asked about the status with Xcel. Chairman Ludzack stated that he had a conference call with Melissa Hardman who informed him that Xcel standards do not allow for flower pots/private attachments to distribution poles. Light poles are different. Jack Radecki stated that maybe we could negotiate to come up with a compromise with Xcel. The town has liability insurance. Chairman Ludzack stated that he had a teleconference with the President and Vice-President of WI and MN with Xcel regarding the Christmas decorations and the result was that the town did not meet the criteria to be allowed to hang them. This was a federal law because of the electricity décor. Christie Black told Bob Lang that nothing is allowed. Jack Radecki stated that we should pursue them for usage. Chairman Ludzack explained that the town was singled out because we made a change to the

power poles. Jack Radecki will pursue the issue with Xcel. The town previously has ordered 26 baskets, which should have been ordered by now. The baskets are usually put up the week after Memorial Day. Bob Lang suggested that the beautification committee should do this to be organized and effective. Tammy Rasmussen, committee member of the beautification committee, will contact Big Brook to see if we can still purchase baskets from them. Bob Lang suggested having people sponsor a basket and then have them take care of the basket. It was noted that the baskets need to be high so the deer can't get to them. Supervisor Thurn stated that the Welcome Committee should prioritize this. She will inform James Bolen.

REQUEST FROM GREAT DIVIDE LITTLE LEAGUE TO USE STORAGE AT THE REC PARK FOR EQUIPMENT DURING THEIR OFF SEASON – Clerk Bjork stated that the Great Divide Little League requested storage for easier access. Supervisor Rasmussen stated that they might want to consider metal storage bins because of the squirrels and mice that are out there. The town will be not liable for the condition of the equipment. The Town Board agreed to allow this request.

REQUEST FROM LIVING HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH FOR PERMISSION TO USE CABLE PARK REC CONCESSION STAND FOR THE BASEBALL SEASON AND JULY 4 2017 AS A CAMP FUNDRAISER – MOTION made by Supervisor Rasmussen to allow Living Hope Community Church to use the Cable Rec Park Concession Stand for the 2017 baseball season and also for July 4<sup>th</sup>. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn and carried.

SET DATE FOR NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING –Regular Town Board Meeting Wednesday, May 10, 2017 @ 6pm.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to approve payment of the Town of Cable checks #7707 through #7760 and the Forest Lodge Library checks #3029 through #3039 and the Fire Department checks #2935 and #2956 to #2961. MOTION seconded by Chairman Ludzack and carried.

BUDGET REVIEW – None.

MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to go into Closed Session at 9:08pm 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, Art Hancock and Bob Lang. IN FAVOR – MOTION carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Rasmussen to adjourn Closed Session and reconvene in open session at 9:41pm. MOTION seconded by Chairman Ludzack. Roll Call: Ludzack, Thurn, Rasmussen, Bjork, Art Hancock and Bob Lang. IN FAVOR – MOTION carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Rasmussen to go into Closed Session at 9:42pm 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, Art Hancock and Bob Lang. IN FAVOR - MOTION carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Rasmussen to adjourn Closed Session and reconvene in open session at 9:45pm. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn. Roll Call: Ludzack, Thurn, Rasmussen, Bjork, Art Hancock and Bob Lang. IN FAVOR – MOTION carried.

There being no further business before the board, a MOTION was made by Supervisor Rasmussen to adjourn at 9:45pm. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn and carried.

Approved:

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\*\*Treasurer's Report

General Fund \$30,382.79

Cemetery Fund \$874.29