

TOWN OF CABLE ANNUAL MEETING April 22, 2017

CABLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

UNAPPROVED

Chairman Larry Ludzack called the 2017 Annual Meeting to order at 7:06p.m. Present were Chairman Larry Ludzack, Supervisor Sue Thurn and Clerk Laura Bjork. Nineteen others were also present.

Addition to agenda under new business: Cable Tomorrow Report. MOTION made by Bob Lang to approve the agenda with addition. MOTION seconded by Paul Gilbert. MOTION carried.

The minutes from the 2016 Annual Meeting were presented by the Clerk. A correction was made to the call to order; year was 2014, changed to 2016. MOTION made by Kristine Lendved to dispense the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes contingent upon the change. MOTION seconded by Mic Endersbe. MOTION carried.

The 2016 Financial Report was presented by Clerk Laura Bjork for review and discussion. MOTION made by Mike Most to approve the Financial Report as presented. Motion seconded by Mic Endersbe. Motion carried.

LIBRARY REPORT - In 2016 the Forest Lodge Library had 1014 registered borrowers and recorded 18,322 physical check-outs of books, dvds, audio books and magazines. While physical check-outs are slightly down (1.2%) from 2015, digital check-outs continue to increase with check-outs of e-books and e-audio books up by about 45%. We counted 12,968 visitors through our doors. Our public access computers recorded 1798 sessions and our wireless internet was utilized by 782 people. The library offered 36 programs of varying types and recorded attendance of 636 people at those events.

Our ongoing programming events include film and dvd screenings, Community Conversations, MAKERSPACE events and other stand-alone events like author visits and fund-raising events. Community Conversations included topics such as Yulia's Trip to Russia, Information Literacy, Aaron Ackley's MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION trip to Lambeau Field and a Candidate's Forum at the Cable Community Centre that drew 60 attendees. MAKERSPACE events included a session on making fused glass pendants with The Glassy Lady, a letterpress printing workshop as well as How to Tell Family Stories, Quilting Basics and a holiday bookmark making session.

Our Novel Affair fund-raising event in early June brought 87 attendees to this wine-tasting and informational event about the library. Our guest this year was Jim Moran from the Hamilton Woodtype and Printing Museum in Two Rivers. He talked about the work the museum is doing and brought a sample selection of the posters they print from the typeface collection they've acquired through the years. Due to local scheduling conflicts we will not be hosting a wine-tasting event this year, but, encourage you to SAVE THE DATE of Sunday, July 16th!

The library received a significant donation from the estate of Genevieve Mattle. Her daughter, Danielle, requested us, among other things, to offer a lecture series on elder issues. Library Director Lendved has been working to assemble such a series and, in discussion with the Aging and Disability Resource Center

of the North, was introduced to a series called the Aging Mastery Program. We will plan to offer this 10-session series through the summer months. Stay tuned for details!

In the summer of 2016 we both offered a Summer Reading program through the library and participated with Drummond School on Edventure Club offerings. Both groups participated in the outlined reading event which included acquiring points for reading and completing other related activities, such as research. All participants reaching a certain point level received prizes, with additional prizes for those meeting larger targets. Here in Cable we also enjoyed story-teller Traci Chipman, a visit with our neighbors the raptors of the Cable Natural History Museum, and a Global Games event where we learned how kids play around the world. A follow-up session gave kids the opportunity to craft a toy from recycled materials.

In June we participated in a Bike to the Library Week sponsored by the Wisconsin Bike Federation. We had a few folks cycle in, which made them eligible for prizes. We solicited additional prizes from local bike-friendly businesses, like The Chequamegon Fat Tire Festival and The Rivers Eatery. We hope to offer another Bike to the Library week this summer.

We partnered with the Sherman and Ruth Weiss Community Library of Hayward on a couple of things. We had a joint booth at the Namakagon Art & Music Festival in Seeley in July, offering bookmarks to color and information about our libraries. We also, in partnership with the Northwoods Humane Society, displayed photos of available cats around our libraries, hoping to help find homes for them.

We also have ongoing partnerships with Redberry Books. Together we hosted a reading by Minnesota writer Peter Geye that drew 48 people to the Cable Community Centre on a Friday evening. We have an ongoing book club, the GET A CLUE book club, which reads mysteries and crime fiction and meets every other month. This is an open book club. If you enjoy mysteries, you might want to give it a try! We also...tried...to put together an "adult story time." We offered a few sessions, but, felt this fledgling was not ready to fly!

Thanks to funds granted by Bayfield County as part of their ongoing Building Strong Libraries program, we acquired what we consider to be "foundational" purchases in what will become a media lab. We acquired a camera and a projector as well as a professional quality scanner. While we're still climbing the learning curve of how to use these tools, we can offer our patrons the opportunity to convert their old negatives, slides and photo prints to digital images. This year we partnered with the Drummond Library on a grant request and have together purchased a professional quality disc polisher. The machine will live in Drummond and they will accomplish the polishing work. Our library will be responsible for the purchase of supplies for the machine. We're excited about the opportunity to resurrect a number of items that have been side-lined because of scratches and scrapes.

In October we offered a beer-tasting event which we called OktoberBOOfest. Roger Rockenbach donated the beer-tasting, as he has donated wine-tastings in the past. It was a fun event, the social part of an evening that ended up with a lecture on HAUNTED WISCONSIN by Terry Fisk of UNEXPLAINED RESEARCH.

The library welcomed 65 trick or treaters through our doors on Halloween night!

Director Lendved attends meetings of the Merlin Consortium and the Northern Waters Library Service Directors as well as the Bayfield County Library Committee. In addition, she compiles Continuing Education credits by participating in webinars offered through the library system as well as library conferences in the vicinity. Lendved attended the Lake Superior Library Symposium at St. Scholastica in June and got a real surprise when attending the Wisconsin Library Association Annual Conference in Milwaukee in October. One of the presentations at the Milwaukee conference was on the documentary

being made about public libraries called FREE4ALL. We knew that the documentarians had been here at the Forest Lodge Library...and...there we were! On screen! We still don't know if we'll make the final cut, but, it was pretty exciting to be included!

The Forest Lodge Library Board of Trustees worked with some staff, friends and a consultant to develop a Strategic Plan for the next 3-5 years. We identified a series of Goals to work towards and objectives and actions to approach those goals.

We did get our roof replaced late last year and I'm sure everyone is admiring the beautiful new cedar shakes whenever they pass by, at least we hear that often enough! We are told that the roofing crew will return sometime this spring/summer to stain the fascia the same color as the shakes.

Anita Warren say buy – Carol Martin found a full time job – replaced by Sarah Lutke. Rose Lahti will be retiring. Anita's position is available – have to be a Cable resident.

The BIG news of the last year, of course, is the purchase of the adjacent Aldrich property, paid for with reserve library funds and currently titled to the Towns of Cable and Namakagon. We saw it as our only opportunity to both stay in the log cabin library and embark on a library expansion. Right now we're in the process of cleaning out the building so that we can use it, in the interim for storage and, possible, an ongoing book sale. The Board and Director have been working together on researching a process for determining what type of facility our communities want and need. One thing we know for sure is that we want to reach out to our patrons and friends, municipal leadership, the local business community and our visitors and part-time residents. We'll be scheduling several official input sessions, including the 7/16 date previously mentioned. This is an exciting time for the Forest Lodge Library and we very much want those who have been part of our past to be part of our future!

We thank the Towns of Cable and Namakagon for their strong support. We hope that, if you have not already done so, you'll "like" us on Facebook or make regular visits to our library or our website, <http://cable.wislib.org>, to keep track of all that we offer our communities. For example, this Sunday we're offering a MAKERSPACE session on genealogy research. We recently booked a lumberjack history related show for a June afternoon with historian entertainer Bill Jamerson. We work hard to maintain a strong print and dvd collection and to offer programming that will be of interest to our patrons and we want you all to take advantage. See you at the library!

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Kevin McKinney could not be here due to a scheduling conflict. His report was read:

2016 was a busy year for Cable Fire Department. We had retirements, floods, acts of heroism, audits, and new members. So the fire department report this year will be a little longer than usual.

Cable Fire responded to nineteen calls last year. The most severe being the floods of July 12th. Our resources were busy over an eighteen hour period responding to numerous calls for help and assisting in securing washed out roads. Unfortunately one person tragically lost their life when they drove into flooded waters within our jurisdiction. Another life would have been lost if not for the courage of one of your firefighters.

I would like to take this time to acknowledge Firefighter Paul Popelka for his act of heroism that day. As most of you may know, County M was flooded and partially washed out just east of town for most of the day on July 12th. Cable Fire Department was tasked with closing off that portion of road since all county resources were tied up due to the extensive damage throughout the area. A vehicle that had driven up to the closed portion of road was turning around when it suddenly accelerated backwards into the

flooded waters alongside County M and was immediately sucked into a submerged culvert. Without concern for his own safety, Paul immediately jumped into the swirling waters and with the assistance of civilian bystanders pulled the female passenger to safety. Again disregarding his own safety, Paul reentered the flood waters to rescue the male driver. Unfortunately, the driver was non-responsive and although aggressive lifesaving measures were taken the driver did not survive. Two lives would have been lost that day if not for the actions that Paul had taken.

People like Paul not only make me proud of being a firefighter, but also make me proud of being a member of this community. Paul is the type of person we strive to be within the fire service. Thank you Paul Popelka for your continued service to our community.

Cable Fire Department currently has seven members with Nathan Rondeau recently joining our ranks. Nathan is a 4th generation Cable Firefighter. He follows in the footsteps of his dad and both his grand and great grandfathers, with the latter two being founding members of this department.

Firefighter Shawn Stolarzyk after 20+ years of service to this community retired from the department in 2016. Shawn was the department mechanic, and held numerous officer positions throughout his career including Assistant Chief. He was one of only two State Certified Firefighter 2's on our department. We wish Shawn the best in his future endeavors and we will miss his knowledge and expertise.

The Fire Department is always looking for new firefighters. We meet the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Tuesday of every month at 7 pm. If you know of anyone who may be interested have them stop by one of our meetings to check things out.

The department was selected for a routine audit of 2016 by the Fire Prevention division of the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services. The good news is Cable Fire Department was found to be in compliance with State codes and statutes. The bad news is we were lacking in our fire inspections of ALL businesses and areas of public gatherings within our community. If we don't take corrective measures it could result in the loss of over \$6,000.00 that we receive annually in the form of 2% dues from the state.

In preparing for the audit we found that there were a handful of businesses that have employees or allow the public to occupy their establishment that have never been inspected for numerous reasons. We are mandated by the State of Wisconsin to inspect all businesses and multi-family dwellings within the Town of Cable twice a year. This is a fire inspection that is done to ensure the safety of the public. For those of you who have been inspected in the past, you know that this is a fairly easy process and that the department works with you in correcting any fire violations that are found. Most inspections last less than 30 minutes. The Fire Department does not inspect private residences including those that may be attached or part of a business complex.

As a result of the audit we have hired Kevin Alajoki (Al-e-O-key) part time as our new fire inspector. Kevin is a full time firefighter who comes to us with a vast amount of experience in fire inspections and firefighting. All business owners should be receiving a notice within the next week of when he will be coming around for inspections. We ask that business owners have a representative available to meet with Kevin during the dates in early May that will be listed.

Finally, the last couple of annual meetings I have talked about the fact that our Class A fire engine will be 20 years old in 2018. The fire department, within the next year, is going to start planning for the replacement of this critical piece of equipment. The process of replacing a fire truck can take up to five years to complete. That will put our engine at 25 years of age if everything goes according to plan. The

reason the process takes so long is we first need to determine what our current needs are and what our future needs may be. We plan on keeping our fire engines for 20-25 years before replacing so we need to make sure that we adequately address potential future needs.

Fire engines are a very expensive piece of equipment. The current cost for a new Class A fire engine can run around \$450,000. That is a lot of money to spend on a piece of equipment. I can unequivocally tell everyone that a fire engine is the single most important piece of equipment a fire department can have. As Fire Chief, I am responsible for providing for the safety of this community. Making sure that we have a piece of equipment that will operate flawlessly every time we need it is part of that responsibility. This is not a truck that hauls papers or logs or sand but a truck that lives literally depend upon. There is a national standard (NFPA 1901) that we need to adhere to when dealing with fire engines and failure to do so can open the town up to unwanted liability. Due to the money, time, and especially the safety of our community, I take this issue very seriously.

I didn't want to end on such a strong note but this is an issue that the town will have to address within the next year. Thank you for your time.

Current Fire Department Members: Kevin McKinney, Chief; Bob Lang, Assistant Chief; Karl Minges, Mitch Popelka, Paul Popelka, Nathan Rondeau and Mike Sisco.

Supervisor Thurn added that in relation to last year's storm, Paul was not only the only hero that day. There were several. If it hadn't been for quick response to her home it could have been lost. Thanks to all for their dedication to serving others.

AMBULANCE REPORT – Rob Puls, Advance Life Coordinator for Great Divide Ambulance, thanked the board for all their support. He thanked Chairman Ludzack for all his support as Chairman for the past 10 years. He will be missed. He reported that last year was a good year, but stressful. There were 883 responses; 158 in Cable and Namakagon, 58 in Drummond, 33 in Glidden, 38 mutual aids (22 in Mellen and 16 in Clam Lake), 556 inter-facility transfers (we use our critical care paramedic license to transport people between hospitals or when helicopters can't fly which generates funds to keep this level of care in this community). Last year was a comeback for us. We had budgeted low for revenues, and by May 1st there were only 92 transfers. From that point, transfer calls increased tremendously to over 400. We had done a year's worth in a half of a year's time. The ambulance is governed by the ambulance board which consists of a member from each township and one Cable Lion's member. In 2000 the request went to the board and requested to serve as paramedic rather than basic. They became the first one in the state to get a paramedic license. The town subsidies have never increased from 2003 to 2012. The last couple of years the subsidies were reduced. Last year the operating budget was over \$900,000. The 4 townships put in \$63,000 towards that budget. The ambulance covers the rest with the work they do. The ambulance service is doing quite well at this point. For 2017 the budget is slightly over \$1,000,000. Our momentum has carried us. The ambulance has had the best first quarter ever in 2017. There have been a few changes. The station in the Town of Cable serves Drummond, Cable, Grand View and Namakagon. There is also a service in Glidden. Ashland County contacted us in May 2016 for service. They provided the service with new living quarters. There is a crew there serving 24/7. Ashland County serves the Town of Ashland, Marengo, White River, Gordon and Shanagolden. We have exceeded their expectations. We are now covering 24% of Bayfield County and 34% of Washburn County. We have 3 crews and just lost one full time member. The highlight in 2016 was that we bought a new ambulance in

July. This was the 4th ambulance we bought the towns out of budget money from transfer monies. We just purchased the 5th ambulance 4 weeks ago, and it has 12,000 miles on it already. An ambulance cost about \$120,000, and the equipment to put into the ambulance cost well over \$175,000. In 2016 we had an unusual year in the fact that we had multiple saves in the field with the Fat Tire race, the Birkie and the Fire House 50. They were field saves with either injuries or cardiac arrest. These saves are people that return to normal life styles. There were two other people credited to saving lives in the field; one in Clam Lake and one in Namakagon. Those are big events and we should be proud of them. Where we really shine though is in the transports. The ambulance is very proud of that. Looking ahead our challenges are personnel. It is hard to find people to work here. Our salaries are competitive, but we don't have a package. It is hard to recruit. One of our competitors offers those benefits. Two of our best recruits went to Ashland and got a full pension. Thanks to Monty Lewis for his service as he has retired. The bigger the service gets, the more paperwork there is. Running three stations is rough, although two stations are maintained by the townships. We are homeowners and have to maintain the one in Cable. It is a challenge. Your ambulance service is currently in a really good place. We've come a long way since the 70's when the ambulance was the local funeral home. There is a lack of pre-hospital care in the state because it is volunteer, which is not working. We have that service here.

AIRPORT COMMISSION REPORT – Supervisor Thurn reported that she has only been on the Airport Commission for seven months. The activities that have happened in the past year include:

Federal funding was reapplied for. This would be used for airport projects.

The State Bureau of Aeronautics has completely signed off on the sale of the Gun Club, and it is now in FFA hands in Chicago. If approved they would be able to purchase the property for \$27,000 on a contract as a mortgage. That money would go back to the BOA and then comes to the airport for improvements.

The runway is in good shape. Mike Nichols is a great full time manager.

There is not a monitoring device for airport traffic, but the estimate for take-offs and landings are about 1,000. Several pilots in Hayward fly up and practice take-offs and landings at the airport. The airport is considered a sports airport. If weather is good there are 6 to 8 planes on a weekend. Pilots fly up for the day, use the courtesy car, go out for lunch and dinner. Minneapolis is about 1.75 hours away by plane.

We rent the city hanger to 2 planes and anticipate development of another 3 hangers by the years end. The Hawskford's hanger was purchased by Chris Johnson. The Town of Cable receives property tax from those hangers.

Improvements on the airport have included lighting, restroom improvements in the terminal and waterproofing and siding on the city hanger.

Airport meetings usually occur the first Wednesday of the month at 4pm.

Chairman Ludzack inquired about the fees for the hangers. Supervisor Thurn stated that hanger rental is \$500/year. Fuel sales are a source of revenue but it also has maintenance and repair expenses. In order to receive the maximum amount of funding we need ten permanent home based planes in Cable. If we don't get the 10, we still can get partial funding.

SANITARY DISTRICT REPORT – Dave Popelka, President of the Town of Cable Sanitary District #1 which includes the Village of Cable, reported that the Sanitary District treated over 3,000,000 gallons of wastewater, which is average. Fees have been held the same to our users for 10 years. There is a little push back from the federal government saying we need to raise our fees. If costs go up, we may be forced to increase fees unless we have people building homes in Cable that would be using the system. We use nature to treat our waste water. It is a good system and inexpensive to run because of the effort to design something that fits in the northwoods. The Sanitary District consists of President Dave Popelka, Clerk Ted Benson and Secretary Bob Flowers. The user base is around 128 residents and businesses. There are a lot more residences. We have a potential of two new residences in town. The monthly fee is \$45 for residential units. Businesses are assessed equivalent to a three bedroom home. It is actually based on how much water is being used. There were some maintenance issues that were corrected. There has not been clothing getting stuck in the pumps. Thanks to residents for not using the system for clothing disposal. The revenue that is received would never provide for the cost of the service. Mic Endersbe asked if there are waste water dumps open to the public. David Popelka stated that there is some demand for it, but not real great. It would be a good amenity to offer to our visitors. The site for that would need to be considered.

ENFORCEMENT REPORT – Kevin Johnson, Enforcement Officer since January of 2016, stated that he has enjoyed working with the public. He has been an officer in Grand View for about 33 years. (He was the Town of Grand View Constable for about 20 years, and they eliminated the job. Then a new Chairman was elected and he was re-hired as an Enforcement Officer.) He has just been hired by the Town of Namakagon. He has been a Fire Fighter since he was 15 years old. He was Great Divide Ambulance's 1st First Responder and continued to do that from 1984 to 2013. He has been a Reserve Deputy with Bayfield County since 1993. He was involved with helping due to the flooding this past summer. He assisted with the near drowning of a deputy in the Town of Grand View, stopping traffic in the Town of Grand View and the car accident on County Highway M in the Town of Cable, which was a very difficult situation. Kevin Johnson stated that he deals with a lot of complaints. He stated that Bayfield County has bigger things to deal with. He prefers face to face interactions. He encouraged everyone to attempt to talk with who you are having a problem with face to face and take responsibility. The 2016 incidents were as follows: 7 park issues, ATV assists, snowmobile incidents, 8 motor vehicle incidences, 23 Sheriff Department assists, 23 ambulance calls, 2 fire calls, 13 traffic/traffic control events, 2 dog issues, 1 ATV complaint, 6 cable park complaints, 3 fireworks complaints, 3 death inquiries, 16 incidents turned over to the County, 1 assist at the landing and 8 juvenile. He stated that he has been out quite a bit with issues at Telemark and the airport.

ROAD REPORT – This has been a busy 12 months. Most of the highway department's focus has been on three major things.

1. The July 11th storm of 2016. This storm devastated major portions of northern Wisconsin. The Town of Cable had a total of 22 sites with damage that was severe enough to be eligible for FEMA grants. According to their calculations, this came to a total of \$118,600 worth of damage. Some of our roads remained closed for over 2 months. During this period, most other highway department operations stopped, and our entire focus was on repairing the damage. We still

have major repairs to do on Sunset Road at the Big Brook culvert, Leonard School Road at the Namakagon River Bridge, as well as blacktop patching to do over many of the washed out culverts that needed to be replaced. We are required to finish these repairs this summer.

2. The new town garage. Construction of the new garage started in May and took most of the summer. We were able to move in by mid-October. There were a few challenges along the way and we continue to make minor improvements to make the building more functional. We now have the ability to get the majority of our equipment out of the weather. We also have a wonderful work area to do the repairs to keep our equipment operating. We look forward to seeing everyone at our open house on Saturday.
3. 2016's main construction project was McNaught Road. The road had completely failed and needed total reconstruction. We took the opportunity to fill in some of the lower areas and remove one higher point. We opened up the sides of the road and created areas for water to get away from the traveled portion of the road as well as create visibility for safety. The July 11th storm stalled the project for almost two months. We had to hire Ashland Construction to help us haul the gravel so we could get it ready in time to be blacktopped yet last fall. We just did the seeding and mulching on most of the road last week. We have a few signs to put up yet and PUSH needs to finish their work and the road will be complete.

The other smaller project we did last year was some graveling on the western end of Timber Trail. Bayfield County has Forestry Road Aids program. Last year we received \$4,000 to purchase gravel. We did the road prep, grading, and hauling. This year we received \$5,000 from the same program. We will be utilizing that money to work on Spider Lake Fire Lane starting at the county line and working our way north approximately 2,000 feet. We will be straightening and widening the road for visibility and to create ditches for the water to flow away from the traveled portion of the road. Next year we will apply again to purchase gravel for that segment of road.

We have been fighting some mechanical and electrical issues with our loader during the last year. Titan Machinery out of Duluth made several trips to our shop during the course of the winter to figure out the electrical problem, but it does seem to be resolved now. We recently had a radiator leak which we had repaired, but will probably require a new radiator in the near future.

Speaking of the loader, we purchased a new snow plow for it last fall. This new plow allows us to carry four to five times as much snow as the old plow did. This makes a huge difference in efficiency when we need to remove all of the snow from over five blocks of road. It saves about 3 hours of snow removal in the village and allows me to help Travis open roads and cul-de-sacs in Wilde River.

We also purchased a new 1-ton pickup this past winter, which was only \$28,000 with our municipal discounts. We designed and constructed a special bed for the truck which allows us to carry most of the tools we use on a regular basis. We are lucky to have such a talented welder on our staff, Travis Roberts!

The Town had planned on refurbishing our old Tri axle dump truck this spring, but we were able to purchase a used Quad axle truck from the Town of Barnes for approximately the same cost. This will allow us to haul an extra three yards per load which is obviously more efficient. We are grateful to the Town of Barnes for this transaction.

We have a number of goals to accomplish this coming construction season. We are already well underway with the relocation of Ole Lake road intersection. The land was surveyed and purchased this past winter. The tree removal was completed recently to allow for the roadway and the relocated power line. Actual construction will begin in May.

Our major project for the 2017 season will be West Cable Lake Road. We will start at the north end and work our way south. This project will require a significant amount of dirt and rock removal to create the ditches to keep the water away from the road, and there is still quite a bit of tree removal needed at the south end. The road will remain in gravel over the winter with plans to blacktop it in 2018.

Along with these projects, we have many smaller projects to accomplish along with our regular maintenance duties. We have to prep the site for the new bathrooms, and I hope to improve many of our turn arounds for our snow plows. Last year we made great headway with our brushing operations, and I hope to continue that program this year and in the future.

Bob Lang started working for the TOC in October. Communication was lacking; have a very open door policy. Town garage has been a private number, and asked it to be published in the phone book. We encourage phone calls, reports of trees down or things to be considered dangerous. He is waiting for material to patch pot holes.

PLAN COMMISSION REPORT – Suzanne Rooney reported that there are 7 commissioners; Shelly Wilson, Paul Gilbert, Karl Kastrosky, Tom Frels, Art Hancock, James Bolen and herself. Kristine Lendved is the secretary. The work that the Plan Commission does is a liaison for the Town Board. We do the research and look at the Comp Plan and make a recommendation to the town board on what should be done. The things that were done this year are as follows: worked on public restrooms, Dog Park, the blighted property ordinance, worked on the Depot repairs, the airport, campgrounds and short term rentals. The details are in the minutes and individually addressed. Supervisor Thurn added that the town board did a great thing hiring Bob Lang as Road Foreman. There are a lot of sub-committees forming, which is exciting. The sub-committees are called the Cable Community Action Team. There is a Welcome to Cable sub-committee working on signs and banners and nature-scaping. There is also a Cable Tomorrow sub-committee, as described below. These sub-committees are looking for input from residents. Cable Tomorrow is a planning process to guide the future of Cable. The input of community residents is valued. This process should take about a year using a combination of surveys and website surveys. The sub-committee will be discussing what is right, how can it be made better and what can we do to keep it there. We will have open communications and we build trust between the people of Cable and the Town Board and create transparency in decision making.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Chairman Ludzack thanked all the committees and people who have made his job easy for the last 10 years. Art Hancock is the new chair, but he couldn't be here tonight. He passed the gavel at the last meeting. He has met with him on several issues to go forward with, and is looking forward to the future of Cable.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **CABLE TOMORROW REPORT** – Included in the Plan Commission Report.

PUBLIC INPUT – Dave Popelka asked if any progress has been made with Xcel Energy with putting decorations on their power poles. Chairman Ludzack responded that Jack Radecki is looking into, but it looks like we will have to come up with an alternative. Mic Endersbe thanked Chairman Ludzack for doing a great job at being a town chair and all the hard work he has done!

MOTION made by Kristine Lendved to set date for annual meeting on the third Tuesday, April 17, 2018. MOTION seconded by Duane Amundson. MOTION carried.

MOTION made by Bob Lang to adjourn at 8:46p.m. MOTION seconded by Karl Minges and carried.