

**TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES Monday, June 19, 2017**

**Cable Community Centre**

**UNAPPROVED**

Chairman Hancock called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Present were Supervisors Sue Thurn and Jeffery Rasmussen and Clerk Bjork.

Chairman Hancock noted the people present for the discussion on the River Road agenda item. He stated that this item will be discussed only, no action will be taken. Bob Lang had an engineer from NWBE look at the road. The culvert is failing. Weight limits will be put on the road rather than closing the road.

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

MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen and carried.

SANITARY DISTRICT REPORT – None.

FOREST LODGE LIBRARY REPORT - The Forest Lodge Library welcomes new staff person Jennifer Hartling to our staff! Jennifer brings a great love of reading with her and is well versed in the use of social media. We think she'll be a valuable addition to our staff.

We say farewell to Rose Lahti, who has opted to retire. Rose worked at the library...a number of times over a number of years. She did a great job for us and will be missed.

We also say farewell to Trustee Anita Warren, who has served two three-year terms on the library board. Anita plans to stay involved with the library, by way of the Katie Flowers Endowment, and to be involved in our planning for the adjacent property. The Board forwarded the name of Ann Paul to the Town of Cable as their recommendation for the next Trustee appointment. There was a public notice regarding the board vacancy, and the Board reviewed applicants and made this recommendation. Ann has volunteered at the library for several years and has library board experience and library building experience from her years in Alaska.

On Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> the library hosted a MAKERSPACE event where those in attendance learned how to build a fire. Without a match! We used flint and steel and a tinder bundle, just like ancient man. We had 21 people in attendance, 10 of them kids. Everyone who wanted to DID start a fire. This presentation was offered by Kenton Whitman of ReWild University.

The library has another MAKERSPACE event coming up this Saturday, 6/17, SLAVIC HOROSCOPE with Yulia Welk. This is a bit different from the Zodiac we are accustomed to and involves both solar and lunar calendars. Bring your birth date, place and time to the library at 3 on Saturday...and learn where you fit in to this system.

Something else starting this week is something we've been working on for a while! It's called the Aging Mastery Program and it was developed by the National Council on Aging. This 10 session program covers many aspects of aging, and those interested are encouraged to attend as many....or as few...sessions as they are able to. The National Council on Aging developed power point programs to go with each topic, such as exercise, financial fitness, eating and hydration, sleep, etc., and we've located topic experts to

offer the sessions. Wednesdays at 3 at the Cable Community Centre beginning 6/14 for 10 sessions. There will, however, be no session the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>. Read more about it on our website, <http://cable.wislib.org>. We hope you'll think of taking part!

Another thing to add to your calendar, on Wednesday, 6/21, we welcome back historical entertainer Bill Jamerson who'll offer his program "Daylight in the Swamp" which is a look at the life of a lumberjack, through stories and songs. This will be held on library grounds at 11 a.m....so, bring your lunch and a chair and enjoy!

On 6/29, a Thursday, at 6:30 at the library, local author Jim Brakken will offer a presentation to accompany his newly published title, ALIAS RAY OLSON: the complete story behind the 1939 Chequamegon Forest manhunt.

We hope you'll SAVE THE DATE of Sunday, 7/16. The library will be offering A Novel Affair on the Lawn, which will be a showcase of library services and, we hope, an opportunity to talk to our patrons and friends about what they might like to see in a library addition. Yes, the woman who does the screen printing will be back, so, bring a t-shirt and get a screen print of the library! It's rumored that she may create a screen of an elk!

As always, to keep track of what we're up to, please visit our website at <http://cable.wislib.org>, follow us on Facebook, or give us a call or stop in any time! And, we hope you will also remember that we're always interested in hearing about what we can do better, and what we can do to make our communities a better place to live.

CABLE UNION AIRPORT COMMISSION REPORT – A Wisconsin Flying Hamburger Social (Pinecrest Branch) was held at the Cable Union Airport on Tuesday Jun 6<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. A total of sixteen aircraft flew in for the event, with approximately forty people in attendance. A cookout of brats, potato salad, coleslaw, chips, cookies, watermelon and drinks was served. A fantastic visit to the Cable Union Airport was had by all. Several visitors expressed looking forward to the next opportunity to fly to Cable!

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – None.

GREAT DIVIDE AMBULANCE REPORT – None.

ENFORCEMENT REPORT – Incident Reports were filed for the month.

ROAD REPORT - We have made great headway on many of our projects left over from last year's flooding. All of the culverts which were damaged or washed out last year now have new pavement over them and are complete. We contracted Jerome Excavating to repair the damaged area on Leonard School Road on the east side of the bridge. The timing worked out that we were able to pave that repair immediately. Jerome Excavating also repaired the damage on Sunset Road at Big Brook. We installed two large overflow culverts as part of that project. They are designed to be dry at normal water levels but will allow considerable extra capacity during extreme storms. We also placed a great deal of fractured rock armor around the culverts to prevent washouts and damage during future rain events. This repair won't be paved until later this fall.

We had another culvert fail probably as a result of last year's flood. This one was on Silver Birch Drive in Wilde River. These failed culverts first appear as small holes in the pavement, but in reality are severely

undermined and very dangerous. If you notice a hole in the pavement that you cannot easily see the bottom, please report them to us.

We have also put down approximately 15 more tons of pavement patch. We will continue to patch roads as weather and time allows.

After a rather severe instance of parking lot vandalism at the Town Park, we had to place many truckloads of gravel and re-grade the entire lot. The individual was caught on camera. He is being charged with a crime and will be financially responsible for the damage he did. We do not take these things lightly.

During many events, our Town is in need of extra parking. The Lutheran church has always allowed the community to utilize their parking lot, which is conveniently located close to the down town area. Therefore, the Town recently reciprocated with some gravel and maintenance grading of their lot. Everyone benefits from this type of cooperation.

In between other projects, we have been making modifications to the areas around the new garage. Most of these changes have been made to allow for proper drainage around the building as well as both entrances. We are also preparing a site for the new salt sand storage shed which will be constructed in early September. This will be a very simple building, but will allow us to comply with current state regulations for salt sand storage.

We will begin our annual mid-summer road side mowing soon. The purpose of mowing this time of year is mostly cosmetic, although it does help increase visibility. In most cases, we will only be making one pass along the paved roads.

The Town has recently had multiple meetings with the owner of the former Corner Bar properties and his representatives. We are collaborating to resolve issues created by Wisconsin DOT regulations and other potential difficulties. We are working with them to upgrade Brakken Street in a way that will complement their design and landscaping. It is our intention to work with their contractors to accomplish all of our goals at the same time. Therefore, you may see Town of Cable equipment on Brakken Street during the site construction. Our efforts will be related to the Town road only. I am hoping to keep the public informed so everyone understands our role in this project. MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen and carried.

WELCOME TO CABLE COMMITTEE REPORT – None.

CABLE TOMORROW REPORT - On June 8th, the Cable Tomorrow team conducted a facilitator practice and event run through for the June 21st event. Topics for discussion at the event will include (a) services, utilities, public works, (b) cultural and educational, (c) recreational and events (d) downtown, housing, (e) economic development, and (f) youth table covering any topic. We are looking for "youth ambassadors" to help facilitate the event and participate in the youth table. Ambassadors will be trained at 6:00 PM the evening of the event. Twenty-five posters have been put out and announcements have gone out on social media and in publications. We have had thoughtful feedback already via e mail. Plans continue on a written survey due out mid-July. After the June 21st Community event, smaller focused groups (action teams) will meet to put goals and priorities in place. Thanks to all for their interest and support.

REPORTS WILL NOT BE DISCUSSED AMONGST THE BOARD UNLESS IT IS SPECIFICALLY NOTED BELOW.

MOTION made by Supervisor Rasmussen to accept all reports as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn and carried.

PUBLIC INPUT (LIMITED TO 5 MINUTES) – Stash Rakoczy asked about the process the town uses to mow down the sides of the roads. Supervisor Rasmussen stated that it usually happens around the first of July because of spreading seeds. Chairman Hancock added that he is unaware of specific policies. Stash asked if there could be employees working the weekends. Supervisor Rasmussen responded that the road crew works 4 10 hour days. Stash Rakoczy expressed concern with overtime if something were to happen on Friday. He proposed that the town board consider rotating shifts so the whole week is covered. One employee could work Monday and the other Friday and they both would still have an extended weekend. Supervisor Thurn stated that the town offers comp time for the workers so that if something were to come up then there wouldn't be overtime. She also noted that there have been a lot of road projects because of the storm damages. Supervisor Rasmussen added that certain road projects have to get done to receive the funding that is available through FEMA. The town board will consider.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ACCEPTING FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE CABLE UNION AIRPORT – Supervisor Thurn stated that this documentation allows the airport commission to continue with federal funding. The document was presented. Tabled for time to go through the document.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A NEW UNIT HEATER IN THE TOWN GARAGE AND A TIMER FOR THE MAKEUP AIR UNIT IN THE TOWN GARAGE – Supervisor Rasmussen stated that the town board initially chose not to go with unit heaters because the furnace would be working as a furnace only. They realized after installation that it works also as a heat recovery, which changes the heat drastically. The town board met with C&S Design to potentially install one unit heater, around \$3,600. Although there is not an immediate need, there will be one in the winter months. MOTION made by Supervisor Rasmussen to have Brown Plumbing to come and install a unit heater for \$3,600. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn. Chairman Hancock stated that this is the most economical option at this time. MOTION carried.

DISCUSSION ON THE DOG ORDINANCE – Chairman Hancock stated that the town has a dog ordinance that requires all dogs to be licensed and be on leashes. There is a resident having issues with their neighbor's dog pooping in their yard and refusing to get rid of the mess. The resident requested that an amendment be made to the ordinance to deal with dog defecating in town. Chairman Hancock stated that the town does not want to have an ordinance that doesn't work. He wants ordinances to be fair and give folks the means to abide by the ordinance and a way to enforce that ordinance. Kevin Johnson stated that the best way to deal with these situations is to have the person with the problem confront the neighbor and discuss the issue and resolve it. In this situation, the neighbor has been confronted and there is no resolve. Tabled for consideration.

DISCUSSION ON THE FUTURE PLANS FOR NAMAKAGON RIVER ROAD – Chairman Hancock stated that this discussion began when a culvert was starting to fail. There are rust spots all the way through the culvert. The remedy for the failing culvert might be expensive. The town only has so much funds for

roads and repairs. The discussion now is when to replace the culvert and then work with DNR to get it replaced. Supervisor Rasmussen stated that the board is not considering road closure, but rather weight limit restrictions. Chairman Hancock added that this would be necessary to prevent anyone from getting hurt. It was noted that there is 86 miles of road in the Town of Cable. Stash Rakoczy stated that the town receives gas tax on all roads to maintain the roads and the culvert would not be in that shape if the road was being taken care of. Supervisor Rasmussen stated that the DNR will be advising the town on if the road should be closed or the culvert be fixed. Gilbert Rasmussen stated that the project should not be that expensive. Chairman Hancock stated that the process will include receiving estimated for the work that will need to be done. He added that there is a bigger issue in the fact that there are not enough funds for the town to take care of every road the way the town would like to. Supervisor Thurn stated that the town has a goal to work on 1 mile of road per year. The town utilized their own road crew to keep away from state wages, which is much more affordable. Supervisor Rasmussen added that blacktopping 1 mile stretch cost the town \$120,000. The funding is not unlimited. Mark Domenkowski disagreed that it was cheaper to have the town's road crew do the projects. He stated that more could be done with more people doing it. Supervisor Rasmussen stated that bids went out for McNaught Road and sometimes you can't beat the price of a bid. Chairman Hancock stated that the town needs to discuss a strategy for longer term road work, about 10 to 15 years in advance. Stash Rakoczy encouraged the town to fix the road, and not to re-invent the road. Kevin McKinney stated that it is important to keep the road open for access, because it bypasses two bridges. Also, the old swimming whole holds water, regardless if there is a drought or not, which is a feasible site for a water point. There are not a lot of people on the road, but for the people that are, it lengthens the EMS response time. The fire truck weight is approximately 54,000 pounds. Stash Rakoczy stated that it would be good to be notified of any further discussion on the road. Chairman Hancock thanked everyone for their input and the town board duly noted all that was said.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON KATIELIBBY FLOWER VIGNETTES – Supervisor Thurn state that the Welcome to Cable Committee has worked successfully in putting flowers back in the Town of Cable. They have been working on placing tricycle and bicycle Katie Libby flower vignettes around town. Currently one is near the museum to the left of the library and another one to the right and another one in front of the bakery. The intent to be like an exhibit with a plaque near it that has a story of Cable on it. The goal is to make these vignettes permanent. The committee is requesting \$200 to help funding the project. Chairman Hancock stated that money was set aside for flowers in the budget that could not be used because of the issue of hanging baskets. MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to spend up to \$200 to create the Welcome to Cable Presentations/Vignettes. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen. A picture of one of the vignettes was presented. There was discussion on the permanency of the vignettes. MOTION carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF RECYCLING TV'S AT THE RECYCLING CENTER – Chairman Hancock stated that other townships will not take TVs from municipalities and businesses, only residents. There was discussion about incorporating a clean sweep for our area or finding a place for people to get rid of their TVs. Supervisor Thurn stated that she would like to continue conversations with the Town of

Namakagon and have some intergovernmental cooperation. The town will continue taking them for the price that we have been at this point. Chairman Hancock will contact Bob Rasmussen.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A LIQUOR LICENSES ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF CABLE – Tabled.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PROPANE CONTRACT FOR 2017 THROUGH 2018 – Three bids were received as follows: Superior Fuel Company at \$.99, Como Oil at \$1.169 and Midland Services, Inc. at \$1.09 off season and \$1.19 October through April. MOTION made by Chairman Hancock to accept the propane contract from Superior Fuel Company for \$.99 until April 2018 contingent upon no other fees attached. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen. MOTION carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SPRING/SUMMER DECORATIONS – Supervisor Thurn stated that most flower baskets have been distributed and businesses are working on displaying them. A volunteer is needed to do watering on some or all of the baskets. Chairman Hancock stated that the committee needs to start working on fall and winter decoration now and come to the board in July/August with some proposals.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PAINTING AND MAKING MINOR REPAIRS TO THE HISTORIC DEPOT – Arm and Hammer Builders and Gray Painting presented estimates for repairs to the Depot. Arm and Hammer Builders, LLC bid \$6,235 for staining, \$440 for labor only for removal and installation of crown molding (material supplied by town and removal of material as well), and \$225 for cleaning steps, ramps and decks. Gray Painting bid \$2,000 for removal and installation of crown molding and \$5,000 for painting. Jim Teasdale suggested bidding the roof out, because the shingles are rotting. Afterwards the crown molding and fascia should be done. It was noted that the work would not be done before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Chairman Hancock proposed that the town hold off on awarding the job to either contractor until the board can discuss the issues with the roof. It was noted to keep these estimates on file. This will go to the next board meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE PLAN COMMISSION ORDINANCE – Tabled.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PUBLIC RESTROOM FUNDRAISING AND BUILDING – Supervisor Thurn stated that \$28,000 in cash funds has been raised. The remaining funds will be in by July 4<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Rasmussen stated that construction will start the week after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. There is a mason lined up and ready to go. The cleaning and maintenance of the bathrooms will be done from Town of Cable staff. There was discussion on if there would be open hours for the public restrooms. The bathrooms would only be open for the summer, not the winter.

DISCUSSION OF OLD CORNER BAR PROPERTY – Chairman Hancock stated that the Town Board has had discussions with the owner John Higgins regarding moving power lines and building a restaurant establishment. The town has become involved with re-shaping Brakken Road. Dave Popelka stated that the town has to have access to Brakken Road because of sewer access. There has been discussion with the County and the DOT. This is to help with preliminary planning.

DISCUSSION OF ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY AT THE CABLE REC PARK – Clerk Bjork stated that there will be a GaGa Pit, Cliff Jump, Euro Bungee, Obstacle Course, Bouncy House and a Dunk Tank from 12:30 to 3:30 at the Cable Rec Park on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Also, the Jesse Ryan Band will be playing from 7pm until 11pm. Larry’s Drifters will be playing from 2pm until 6pm.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ASSESSOR CONTRACT FOR 2020 - MOTION made by Supervisor Rasmussen to approve the assessor contract from Nordquist Appraisers of \$11,500 for 2020. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn. There was discussion on the bidding out process for assessment contracts. MOTION carried.

Chairman Hancock appointed Ted Benson as a Sanitary District Commissioner for a 3 year term from July 2017 through June 2020.

Chairman Hancock appointed Ann Paul as Forest Lodge Library Board Trustee for a 3 year term from June 2017 through May 2020.

MOTION made by Supervisor Rasmussen to approve the request from Cable Area Chamber of Commerce for permission for the closure of the following roads: Hwy M (from Kavanaugh to Randysek), Randysek Road, Spruce St and Kavanaugh beginning about 10:00am until 12:30pm and permission to place no parking signs on the east side of Kavanaugh Road from Spruce St to 2<sup>nd</sup> St for the parade route from 9am to the parade conclusion and temporary detour signs to be erected and permission to allow the use of golf carts on the parade route during the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn and carried.

MOTION made by Chairman Hancock to approve the Issuance of Beer and Liquor Licenses for the licensing period beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, contingent upon all state regulations being met and proper posting requirements being met, to:

Rondeau’s Shopping Center, Inc.	Class A L B
Rocky’s LTD d/b/a Rocky’s Service	Class A L B
Vanderploeg Properties, Inc. d/b/a Whispering Pines Gift & Gallery	Class A L
Telemark Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Telemark Golf Course	Class B L B
Cable Rod & Gun Club, Inc.	Class B B
Ideal Market, LLC	Class B B/Class C Wine
Heather Ludzack d/b/a The Brick House Café & Catering	Class B L B
Metro Maznio Jr. d/b/a Metro’s Ski Inn	Class B L B
Stokes-Liebman Post 487 American Legion	Class B L B
Pat-Mar Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Cable Triple G	Class A L B
CirKL North, LLC	Class A L B

MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn. MOTION carried.

There was discussion about the liquor license being requested from 63M, LLC with no premise. Chairman Hancock stated that when the property was purchased there was every intention to purchase the property with the liquor license. When the building was removed, they did not realize the law of the possible loss of the liquor license. MOTION made by Supervisor Rasmussen to approve the issuance of the beer and liquor license for 63M, LLC for the licensing period July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, contingent upon substantial completion of the building by the liquor licensing period ending June 30, 2018. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn. MOTION carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to approve the appointment of the following Agents for each Corporation, contingent upon proper posting requirements and state requirements being met, to:

Brett T. Rondeau	Rondeau's Shopping Center, Inc.
Roger A. Rockenbach III	Rocky's LTD d/b/a Rocky's Service
Lora S. Vanderploeg	Vanderploeg Properties, Inc. d/b/a Whispering Pines Gift & Gallery
Nicole L. Vesel	Telemark Enterprises, Inc.
Robert VanDoorn	Cable Rod & Gun Club, Inc.
Douglas Hescher	Stokes-Liebman Post 487 American Legion
Michael Endersbe	Ideal Market, LLC
Patti W. Kruto	Pat-Mar Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Cable Triple G
Cynthia Elkins	CirKL North LLC

MOTION seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen and carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Rasmussen to approve Issuance of Cigarette Licenses for the licensing period beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 to:

Rondeau's Shopping Center, Inc.  
Rocky's LTD d/b/a Rocky's Service  
Pat-Mar Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Cable Triple G

MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn and carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Rasmussen to approve the issuance of a Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" license to the Cable and Area Lion's Club for an event to be held on July 4, 2017 located at 12955 Cable Sunset Road at the Cable Rec Park. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn and carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to approve the issuance of a Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" license to the Chequamegon Area Mountain Bike Association for an event to be held on July 15, 2017 located at 44015 Wald Road, Cable, WI. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen. David Popelka asked if this was the proper procedure for requesting a liquor license, because of the prior issues. Clerk Bjork stated that this was the proper procedure for a temporary picnic license. It was noted



that there have been no complaints from previous picnic licenses that have been held at this location. There was discussion on when during the day the alcohol would be served. MOTION carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Rasmussen to approve the issuance of a Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" License to the Cable Natural History Museum for an event to be held on July 22, 2017 located at 14875 McNaught Road, Cable, WI. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn and carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Rasmussen to Approve Issuance of Operator's License #1 thru #39 for the licensing period beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, contingent upon records check and proof of responsible beverage server certification. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn and carried.

SET DATE FOR NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING –Regular Town Board Meeting Wednesday, July 19, 2017 @ 6:00pm.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to approve payment of the Town of Cable checks #7796 through #7848 and the Forest Lodge Library checks #3055 through #3075 and the Fire Department checks #2939 through #2943. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen and carried.

BUDGET REVIEW – None.

MOTION made by Supervisor Rasmussen to go into Closed Session at 8:44pm pursuant to S19.85(1)(f) of the WI Statutes for considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. 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: Hancock, Thurn, Rasmussen and Bjork. Tammy Rasmussen present by phone. IN FAVOR - MOTION carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Rasmussen to adjourn Closed Session and reconvene in open session at 9:02pm. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn. Roll Call: Hancock, Thurn, Rasmussen and Bjork. IN FAVOR – MOTION carried.

There being no further business before the board, a MOTION was made by Supervisor Thurn to adjourn at 9:03pm. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen and carried.

Approved:

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\*\*Treasurer's Report

General Fund \$ 102,935.79

Cemetery Fund \$1,074.29