

TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES Thursday, December 14, 2017

Cable Community Centre

Chairman Hancock called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Present were Supervisors Jeffery Rasmussen and Susan Thurn and Clerk Bjork.

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

SANITARY DISTRICT REPORT – No report.

FOREST LODGE LIBRARY REPORT - Hope that everyone has had an opportunity to pass by the library and admire our fresh look, re-chinked and re-stained, as we are. We think...and we're hearing...that it looks wonderful. We are told that the Edmunds Company will return in the spring to paint the trim and fascia. You should also make a point of passing by in the evening, when our Christmas lights are lit...courtesy Rose Rothstein and the Town of Cable's "beautification" efforts. It looks great. We appreciate it, and apparently, given the number of compliments we've received, so do a lot of other people. We offered a couple of holiday-themed MAKERSPACE events in November and December. On 11/18 The Glassy Lady offered an ornament-making session at the Cable Community Centre. We had 35 people actually make ornaments and another half dozen stick their head in just to see what was going on. Stephanie Jochims, The Glassy Lady, took the assembled ornaments home to fire and returned the completed items to the library for pick-up. Beautiful! On 12/9 Susan Pagnucci offered a session using recycled Christmas cards to create gift tags. We had 7 people cutting, pasting and stamping up a storm. On Tuesday, 12/12 we offered a Community Conversation with Sgt. Andy Runice of the Bayfield County Sheriff's Office. Sgt. Andy titled his talk CITIZEN AWARENESS and covered various topics such as drug trends in the community, consequences of same, as in theft of property, and scams, particularly those targeting the elderly. It truly was a conversation as many asked questions and made comments throughout. He allowed time for questions at the end, as well. We had a total of 10 in attendance. He thought it was a good format to discuss issues in a non-formal way. We'll see if we can't make this an annual event!

We have assembled an interview committee, composed of several Board members and several interested parties and have interviewed two architects with plans to interview another on 12/14. We feel we have sufficient funds in our savings to work through a Phase One of planning for a library addition and hope to find consensus on an architectural firm in the next several weeks. Which means we will soon be soliciting input and support from our communities on what that library addition will look like and what our fund-raising goal will be.

We'll be offering up a little holiday hospitality next week, Thursday and Friday, the 21st and 22nd from 11-3. We cordially invite you to stop by for cider and cookies and to share some holiday cheer.

As always, we are grateful for the strong support of our communities and encourage you to visit our website, <http://cable.wislib.org> or to follow us on Facebook, or, better yet, stop by and hear about what's going on.

CABLE UNION AIRPORT COMMISSION REPORT – Minutes were received.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – None.

PLAN COMMISSION REPORT – Minutes were received.

GREAT DIVIDE AMBULANCE REPORT – None.

ENFORCEMENT REPORT – None.

ROAD REPORT – After the significant rain and thunderstorms of just over a week ago, we are back into full winter mode. The rain left us with quite a bit of ice on the roads which we will probably be fighting with the rest of the winter. We are already well into our salt sand stockpile this season.

During the warm spell, we were able to get quite a bit of brushing and tree removal done. Most of our efforts were in the village. We did a major job on Second Street, and smaller jobs on various other spots. We also spent a full day in the Cemetery. We took down three dead trees and trimmed many others. Now we will be able to get our equipment through and do some improvements on the roads in there next spring.

Our 2003 Plow Truck has been showing its age this fall. We've made multiple repairs to it including the steering box, the wing post, and the exhaust system. Hopefully we can keep it operational until the new truck arrives next year.

I have been working on our gas tax maps when time allows the last few weeks. There are multiple corrections that need to be made including adding some roads that have been missed over the years. These documents dictate how much financial assistance we receive from the State, so it is important that they be kept updated and accurate.

My grant application to the Firewise program was approved. We will be receiving monies from this federal program to clear the right of way of 3.3 miles of road. This includes roads on the west side of town and some in Wilde River. The Town will be hosting an informational meeting about the purpose of this grant and the tree removal process, as well as consider any safety concerns citizens may have along these roadways. We will be mailing out letters to the land owners along these roadways once the Board picks a date for this meeting.

We will be getting the skating rink ready as soon as it quits snowing long enough to allow us the time to work on it. We hope to have it ready by Christmas.

CABLE TOMORROW COMMITTEE REPORT – Cable Tomorrow's action teams participated in four major events since our last report. The new Cable Town Trails in the Marvin Fagg Municipal Forest celebrated their official opening with a Community Hike followed by warm drinks and desserts. On a warm and sunny Saturday, Ned and Kathy Zuelsdorf each lead a hike and answered questions about the new trails. The Zuelsdorf's headed up the volunteers who worked to make the beautiful forest walk available right in Cable. There are designated trails for hiking, snowshoeing, and fat biking, all easily accessed from the Community Centre parking lot. A counter and sign were also installed. The Economic Development team held the second meeting of the old school task force. This team is headed by Mick Endersbe and John Hand. Mick led this session which is beginning to gather the data needed to determine if the building can be saved and if so, at what cost. The purpose of the task force is to assess the feasibility of various outcomes in order to understand the costs and benefits of potential next uses.

The minutes of the meeting are available on the Cable Tomorrow page of the Town of Cable website. The third event was the delivery of the door swags to the Cable businesses along with a letter from Connect Communities leader, Deb Nelson. The letter encouraged businesses to use lights in their Holiday decorations. Hopefully you will have a chance to check out the library, the ambulance, the Town Offices, the Community Centre, the Chamber, and the downtown businesses that have made Cable sparkle at night. In other good news, Cable's application has been approved and we are officially a part of the Connect Communities program. Lastly, a Cable Tomorrow update and mutual opportunity meeting was held with Norvado's Chad Young. We will share actions from that meeting in future reports. A full recap of the initial mutual opportunities is available on the Cable Tomorrow web page. Still space for you to volunteer for your favorite project, or provide input on a topic. Your Cable Tomorrow Team is happy to hear from you.

MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to approve the reports as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen and carried.

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

PUBLIC INPUT.(LIMITED TO 5 MINUTES) – Tony Merrill requested information on a TIF District. He questioned if his property taxes would go up? Chairman Hancock stated that it is an agenda item, so it will be discussed at that time. Bob Lang stated that the town received the Federal Firewise Grant, which provides funds to remove trees which will improve the health of the roads. The roads submitted in the grant were Sunset Road, Sunset Ext and 2 miles of road in Wilde River. Bob Lang would like to take the trees down in January. Chairman Hancock explained that cutting trees on roads improves safety and helps to maintain the roads. A dry road lasts longer. The more sun the better. If a fire would start and become hard to stop, the road system allows emergency vehicles to get in and stop the fire. The town recognizes that cutting trees is very controversial. He would like to inform the people and address their concerns. It was noted that the trees that will be cut belong to the landowner, and it is their preference what to do with the trees. Scottie Sandstrom, director of Bayfield County Economic Development Corporation, stated that Bayfield County is highlighting the initiative that the county is well positioned for broad band. He handed out a flyer regarding broad band for Telecommuting, Home-Based Business and Brick & Mortar Business. Their website has more resources available. He also wanted to share a thank you letter from HK Hospitality to the town for appreciation for the past, present and future assistance and support for the re-development of Telemark Resort. They expressed their appreciation for the financial support for the funding of the feasibility study and also assisting the bid for legislation to allow the town to create a TIF District. HK Hospitality values the time and commitment, individual perspectives, and appreciates the process the town government undertook.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF TOWN BOARD RECOMMENDATION FOR BAYFIELD COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING FOR A CLASS A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR LEE AND PAMELA WALD FOR A SHORT TERM RENTAL LOCATED AT 44355 WALD ROAD IN LOT 3 OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 43N, RANGE 7W, LOT 2, TOWN OF CABLE – Mike Furtak requested the recommendation to be tabled for the Plan Commission to look into, as they tabled for more information. MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to table the agenda item. MOTION seconded by Chairman Hancock and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF TOWN BOARD RECOMMENDATION FOR BAYFIELD COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING FOR A CLASS B SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR START LINE, LLC TO OPERATE A HOME-BASED BUSINESS FOR BICYCLE (SALES,SERVICE,ACCESSORIES), CROSS COUNTRY SKI (SALES, SERVICE, ACCESSORIES), MASSAGE THERAPY AND YOGA CLASSES AT 14795 MCNAUGHT ROAD IN SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 43N, RANGE 7W, TOWN OF CABLE – The Plan Commission recommended approval of this Special Use Permit contingent that the permit be tied to the current owner of the property. Mike Choate, owner of the property, stated that there will be service only for bikes and skis and there will be small accessories for sale. There will not be massage therapy. Mike Furtak stated that their driveway is in compliance with the Driveway Ordinance. The upstairs garage will be classroom stuff and the downstairs will be repairs to bikes and skis. MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to approve the recommendation for Bayfield County Planning and Zoning for a Class B Special Use permit for Start Line Inn, LLC to operate a home-based business for bicycle (sales, service, accessories), cross country ski (sales, service, accessories), and health classes at 14795 McNaught Road in S20, T43N, R7W, Town of Cable, because it meets our Land Use Plan for Economic Development for creation of home-based business, contingent that the permit is tied to current owners. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen and carried.

MOTION made by Chairman Hancock to suspend the agenda and move to item 18, 20, 24, 25, 26 and 27. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn and carried.

DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE DEER POPULATION CONTROL MEASURES IN THE TOWN OF CABLE – Scott Gooler presented information from the Wildlife Damage Specialist to help deal with urban deer nuisance problems. Scott Gooler spoke with Todd from the DNR who strongly suggested that the community get involved. Public Support is needed. They discussed the hunting situation, knowing that there is a Firearm Ordinance, but there are no restrictions for archery or crossbow. Most people he talked with agreed that hunting in the main village is not favorable. Safety is the issue. Scott Gooler came up with a boundary that was presented for delineating where archery hunting would and would not be allowed. Section 18 is too big of a boundary. In a lot of townships, some residents will open up their property. Education was stressed, as well as bringing people together. They discussed similar solutions with deer feeding. Chairman Hancock agreed more information is needed and more public input. It is a controversial topic. He suggested a three step process. First, the town should have an informational meeting, possibly in February. Secondly, the town needs to receive public input, possibly in March. Thirdly, a Public Hearing needs to happen, possibly in April. Tony Merrill asked about the regulations on feeding deer. The information from the DNR stated that it is illegal to place a baiting site within 100 yard of another site, hunt within 100 yards of more than two gallons of bait on the same parcel of land, and placing a baiting site within 50 yards of any trail, road or campsite used by the public, or within 100 yards of a roadway having a posted speed limit of 45 mph or more. This could be more restrictive. Regulations for feeding deer restricts each owner occupied residence or business open to the public to place no more than two gallons of feed. The feed must be located within 50 yards of an owner-occupied residence or a business open to the public. Scott Gooler will work with the group to get more information to citizens. They will plan out an informational meeting and also a public hearing so that the board can make a decision before the next deer hunting season.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUESTING CEDAR CORPORATION TO PERFORM

COMPLEMENTARY ANALYSIS OF THE OLD CABLE SCHOOL – Mic Endersbe stated that Cable Tomorrow has a sub-committee, the Economic Development Committee that is heading up the Old School Task Force. Mic Endersbe and John Hand are leading this group. Cable tomorrow discussed steps for this task. The first step would be collecting data and then see what the resident's value. The purpose of the task force is to determine the building condition, prepare information for potential investors, and then complete a visioning process of potential uses based on community values. After these are done, there could be discussion on what is possible and feasible. The building condition was discussed and researched. A demolition cost was submitted. There is continued work to find out the value of the purchase cost of the building. There was consideration on if the town could save the building and/or if the town wanted to save the building. For this to be considered, data needs to be provided by a structural engineer, which would cost \$2,500. The task force inquired on how to pay for the assessment to be done. Since the discussion, Chairman Hancock was asked to request a complementary evaluation from Cedar Corporation. Chairman Hancock clarified that the town is not purchasing the building. The building is in the middle of town and something needs to be done with it to possibly attract a developer. Chairman Hancock spoke with Seth Hudson from Cedar Corporation who works with developers and also communities and cares about this community. They have a team of architects and engineers. They come up with funding from lots of different sources. He said that he would give a complementary analysis. MOTION made by Chairman Hancock to invite Cedar Corporation with George Wolski's permission to do a tour and complimentary analysis on the condition of building. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen. It was noted there is a possibility of a matching grant for a developer, but it would have go through the municipality. MOTION carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE REQUEST FROM THE MT BORAH FOUNDATION LLC FOR THE CHEQUAMEGON AREA MOUNTAIN BIKE ASSOCIATION FOR PERMISSION TO USE 2ND AVENUE, TIMBER TRAIL ROAD, SPIDER LAKE FIRE LANE, RANDYSEK RD, MCNAUGHT RD, FOR A PERIOD OF MAY 23RD-JUNE 10TH, THIS EXTENDED PERIOD WILL ALLOW FOR COURSE MARKING, PARTICIPANT PRACTICE AND CLEAN UP. **IN CASE OF RAIN** OR WET CONDITIONS WE WOULD LIKE TO USE AN ALTERNATE COURSE: HWY M, SPIDER LAKE FIRE LANE, CAMP 38 RD, TELEMARKE FIRE LANE, LAKE HELANE RD, HWY OO, JANET RD, BOEDECKER RD., WINDING PINE RD, FIRE TOWER LANE. THIS IS THE SAME RAIN COURSE USED BY SEELEY PRE-FAT RACE – Chairman Hancock asked what the town is allowing when approving permission for road usage. Bob Lang responded that the town is giving permission for them to host the event on the roadways, but the town requires a certificate of insurance for liability purposes. It was noted that if the request is for an extended period of time, it is usually for set up and practice. MOTION made by Supervisor Rasmussen to approve the use of the roads as stated in the request. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn. Mic Endersbe reminded the town board to notify the ambulance and local businesses of the approval. Ron Bergin, Cable Tomorrow member, is in the process of creating a check list for these requests. Chairman asked Elizabeth Holland to keep that group going. MOTION carried.

MOTION made by Chairman to approve permission for Life Time Triathlon Series, LLC d/b/a Chequamegon Fat Tire Festival to stage the start of the Short & Fat 16 mile race on Randysek Road on Saturday, September 15, 2018, which would include preparing the area Thursday and Friday prior to the

race morning with fence posts, fence, pennants and banner poles MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn and carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to approve permission for Life Time Triathlon Series, LLC d/b/a Chequamegon Fat Tire Festival to use the town roads including portions of Randysek Road, Spider Lake Fire Lane and Timber Trail for the routing of the Short & Fat and Chequamegon 40 off road events with the temporary closure of portions of those roads from 10am to 2:30pm on Saturday, September 15, 2018. In addition, permission to close and barricade the north end of Randysek Road as well as First Street, Second Street and Reynolds Street on the morning of the event. A vehicular exit for the Cable Fire Department emergency vehicles will be set up. Permission is also approved to use a portion of a single bay in the Old Firehall from Saturday, September 1, 2018 through Wednesday, September 19, 2018 for event food station supply storage and distribution. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen and carried.

UPDATE ON TID LEGISLATION REGARDING RE-DEVELOPMENT OF TELEMAR RESORT – Chairman Hancock stated that the town hasn't entered into any agreements with HK Hospitality. The town partially funded a feasibility study with Bayfield County. That support has been a powerful tool that the legislature see that Bayfield County and the Town of Cable put funds towards this project. There has been misinformation going around. First, the property has not been purchased yet; there is a purchase agreement. This is an agreement between the potential developer and the owner of the property that is possibly closing at the end of January. Second, the town has not made a decision to implement a TIF District. The town is not given the opportunity to do TIF funding; it is too small. TIF is tax incremental financing and TID is a tax incremental district. A TID District can apply for TIF funding. This is looked at when a developer needs help with a project. Telemark has a sewer system that is failing and they want to hook it into the town's system. The developer would front all the money. The developer pays their taxes, and the TIF District allows the town to reimburse that cost which then would go to pay for more development. Any person in a TID District could apply for TIF funding. The Assembly passed legislation In favor for allowing the Town of Cable a TIF District. This legislation will go before the senate committee for a vote as well. The legislation allows the town to make available a TIF District. The actual vote to implement a TIF District comes from a committee consisting of a member at large, a Town Board member, Drummond school member, WITC member and a County member. The public only has input. Mike Choate asked how other communities have dealt with this. Chairman Hancock stated that TIF legislation has been in place for about 30 years and it has been mostly successful. Communities get in trouble when the community fronts the money. This could be very positive for the community. This legislation is specifically for the Town of Cable to establish a TID. Elizabeth Holland stated that the project will put a strain on the community, and the project developers are not adding the income to the community. Chairman Hancock stated that the town could stipulate an amount of taxes to keep and then reimburse the rest of the tax money back into the project. He stated that the TIF lasts a certain amount of years, so the money would eventually be coming into the township later on. He also explained that there would be an attorney involved. Sheila Appen stated that Telemark ownership has not come close to anything long term in the last 20 years. She questioned if this would truly benefit the town. Chairman Hancock stated that the burden is on the developer. The town can either have a dead

building or a state of the art facility. Chairman Hancock noted that the legislation is limiting the TIF District to one applicant, but nothing states that the town can't request another one at a later time. Legislation states that the TIF funding cannot be over 12% of the total assessed value of the community, but the legislation for the Town of Cable is limiting that to 5% of the assessed value.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON NAMING THE ROAD THAT EXTENDS BEHIND THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING – Bob Lang stated that the town is not collecting gas tax on that road, and he would like to submit it for gas tax, but it is not named. There was discussion on names for the road. MOTION made by Chairman Hancock to name the road Chamber Lane. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn and carried.

DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE STORAGE ISSUES AT THE CABLE COMMUNITY CENTRE – Chairman Hancock stated at the last meeting the town chose not to use the small room as a storage room. He stated that some of the equipment could be possibly stored in a shed next to the Community Centre. The town needs to figure out what items need storage and what items can be removed.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CHEQUAMEGON BAY RENEWABLES SOLAR BUY PROGRAM FOR THE TOWN OF CABLE – Supervisor Thurn stated that this is a non-profit program which allows people to go in together to get solar power with defrayed cost. This program is for Bayfield and Ashland County. If the town would submit electric usage and the address of the building, the program would give an initial assessment. Chairman Hancock noted that it would be a good statement for the town to try to become more environmentally responsible. That has value. Bob Lang stated that the Community Centre has good visibility to the public and good exposure as well as the Fire Hall. Supervisor Thurn suggested requesting the Louis Family to help fund part of the project. MOTION made by Chairman Hancock to allow a complementary assessment from the Chequamegon Bay Renewables Solar Buy Program for all the town buildings in Section 18 and supply them with all the electrical usage. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF NEW PODIUM AND SOUND SYSTEM FOR THE CABLE COMMUNITY CENTRE – Chairman Hancock spoke with Randy, a sound guy, who recommended a couple of wireless speakers on stands with a wireless mic on a podium. There was discussion on having 4 speakers that would be permanently mounted on the wall, perhaps in all 4 corners. Bob Rasmussen had previously stated that he would help to fund the project. Chairman Hancock stated that maybe the town could do a match with Bob Rasmussen. He will talk to Randy, the sound guy, and have him come in and make suggestions.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE INSTALLATION OF LIGHTING AT THE CABLE COMMUNITY CENTRE – Brad Parker submitted an estimate of to install the new lighting for \$1,155.54. The town board agreed to have the new lighting installed by Brad Parker.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE 2018 CBCW GRANT – MOTION made by Supervisor Rasmussen to apply for the 2018 CBCW Grant. MOTION seconded by Chairman Hancock and carried.

Chairman Hancock appointed Larry Ludzack as a representative to the Great Divide Ambulance Board.

SET DATE FOR NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING –Thursday, January 18th @ 6pm. A road Informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10th @7pm

BUDGET REVIEW – None.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – MOTION made by Supervisor Rasmussen to approve payment of the Town of Cable checks #8088 through #8133 & 8140 and the Forest Lodge Library checks #3149 through #3166 and the Fire Department checks #2973 through #2981. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn and carried.

There being no further business before the board, a MOTION was made by Supervisor Rasmussen to adjourn at 9:15pm. MOTION seconded by Chairman Hancock and carried.

Approved:

**Treasurer's Report

General Fund \$ 73,110.60

Cemetery Fund \$1,153.29