

TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES Thursday, January 18, 2018

Cable Community Centre

Chairman Hancock called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Present were Supervisors Jeffery Rasmussen Susan 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 Hancock 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 – System is working properly, Thank you to the town crew for the great job in keeping our access driveways cleared of snow!

There have been several property transfers in the district, a couple with changes in the use of the building. We are working with new owners to be sure proper regulations are being followed for the changed commercial use. Great to see some action in the community!

We had an issue with the harvesting of hay last spring so will be advertising for a new surveyor for this service.

This year, we had to place over \$9,000 on property owner's tax bills as an assessment for unpaid fees. This is our only avenue to collect from those who do not pay usage fees on time, but also severely delays this revenue. Since we operate the system with no surplus in the fee structure, not having fees paid on time makes it difficult to pay our bills on time at the end of the year, notably the \$70,000 loan payment to the USDA.

With this issue, plus increases in cost, the commission will be asking the town board and residents for a rate increase starting second quarter 2018 (invoices that go out the end of June). Our last rate adjustment was in January 2011. We are still working on the exact details but will be presenting to the Town Board in February and scheduling a public hearing in March.

FOREST LODGE LIBRARY REPORT - Happy New Year, everyone! We look forward to another year of serving our communities and hope that you've all included "read more" in your New Year's Resolutions! As suggested in last month's report, we did have another architect interview before year's end. We have interviewed two firms from the Duluth/Superior area, which each have some experience working with libraries. Our third interview was with a larger firm, located in Iowa, but with an office in Madison. Their representative has worked on many libraries of varying sizes and offered a lot of information on current trends in libraries, etc. We next hope to visit libraries that each of these firms have worked on, to see what their work is like and to discuss with our colleagues what working with these architects was like...and if they'd recommend them. While this is definitely taking longer than we might have imagined, we do consider it pretty important that we take our time, give the matter careful consideration, and choose the firm that may be the best fit for our project, community and budget.

Also, before the end of the year, the Director and several of the Trustees had a luncheon meeting with friends with experience in that regard to discuss fund-raising theories and strategies. Here, too, we have a great deal to learn!

At a social AND information gathering event last summer, we solicited names of people who expressed an interest in working on this project and/or donating towards its success. We will be contacting those people this month to let them know what we've been working on and to inquire if they might be willing to commit to working on a project committee. We further hope that our Towns will each wish to seat someone on an ongoing facility development committee.

We will keep you posted on our progress. In the meantime, to keep current on everyday happenings at the library, stop in! Or, visit our website, follow us on Facebook, or give us a call, anytime!

CABLE UNION AIRPORT COMMISSION REPORT – Minutes were submitted from the meeting held on Wednesday, December 13, 2017.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – None.

PLAN COMMISSION REPORT – None.

GREAT DIVIDE AMBULANCE REPORT – None.

ENFORCEMENT REPORT – None.

ROAD REPORT - Winter has been keeping us busy with plowing and sanding. We have enough snow now that it is getting difficult to get it away from the roads. We will start winging back snow banks with the grader, and widening intersections with the loader as time allows. Please contact us if you are experiencing visibility issues at intersections.

The new plow truck chassis was delivered to Universal Equipment early this month. There are a couple minor issues that need to be resolved before the body company can start mounting the dump box and plow equipment. We are not expecting delivery of the completed unit until early spring.

The Sterling plow truck that we are trading in continues to give us problems. During the last month we've had to put a starter in it, replace pins and hydraulic hoses for the underbody scraper and wing, and make repairs to the plow lift system. I include these ongoing issues in my reports for those people who questioned the need to replace the truck.

We have also had computer control problems with the grader recently. The lights, all-wheel drive system, and other electrical items weren't functioning. Nortrax was here for a couple of days diagnosing and repairing the malfunction.

Our newly formed Road Committee met for the first time in late December. We touched on a number of things about daily operations, road maintenance, road projects, equipment needs and replacement schedules, and public perception. We also discussed "in house" road construction verses contracting. The committee was surprised to learn that less than \$40,000 has been invested in West Cable Lake Road so far. We plan on reviewing educational information and taking road tours in the spring.

The road crew was able to address a couple of intersection visibility problems this month. Significant tree removal was required at the intersection of Philippi and Randysek. We documented the project with pictures for future educational purposes. It was a perfect example of the difficulties larger vehicles and equipment encounter that automobile drivers don't always experience.

This past Monday the Town hosted an Informational Meeting about the Wildfire Risk Reduction program. Ben Garrett, the DNR Wildland/Urban Interface Specialist explained the importance of tree

removal along our roadways to possibly halt an advancing fire, but more importantly, to provide an avenue of egress to our citizens. Many people have died in the United States over the last year trying to get out of the path of uncontrolled forest fires, so this is a priority for the agencies administering the grant monies we received. The meeting was well attended.

CABLE TOMORROW COMMITTEE REPORT - The Cable Tomorrow teams of economic development, downtown/housing (Connect Communities), and infrastructure (road committee) all met in the last month. Full meeting recaps and next scheduled meetings are posted on the Cable Tomorrow page of the Town of Cable website.

(1) Economic Development has gathered funding information for the old school, is scheduling a visit by Impact 7 to gain knowledge of comparable development projects, has received approval from Cedar Corp. to provide an evaluation of rehabilitation potential, and is assembling a Prospectus for potential purchasers. The business survey is being finalized on January 16th. The group intends to attend the four town meeting to discuss their interest in participating in the survey.

(2) Connect Communities discussed the branding/theme ideas for Cable and agreed to enhance the ideas using Advance Printing, reviewed Holiday and discussed ideas for spring and next Holiday, and agreed to formalize their process using a smaller group who would identify components reflecting the Cable values for input into the urban plan being developed by John Hand. The next meeting is February 5th at 1PM at the Museum.

(3) The new Road Committee had its first meeting. Technically this is not a Cable Tomorrow team; however, it will be reported by David in the Plan Commission minutes as it covers information on infrastructure for Cable. Meeting recaps are on the Cable Tomorrow web page.

Sue has presented a Recreation Plan which is being reviewed for input and development prior to becoming part of the Comprehensive Plan.

The Recreation team is finalizing the event check list, a much needed guide for communication of a planned event to the Town.

If approved by the Town Board, Cable Tomorrow will write a "Letter of Intent" to become designated a Healthy Community.

The Cable Tomorrow process provides that information flows to the Plan Commission for review and agreement prior to submission to the Town Board when approval is needed.

It is becoming apparent that the individual teams will have overlap and need to meet with each other at the "Action Captain" level at least to insure inclusion and eliminate duplication. A good example of this next step might be the combining of Connect Communities into the visioning process for the old school in the Economic Development group. It is a fine balance between communicating and overwhelming with written recaps and scheduled meetings and we are finding that balance.

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

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

PUBLIC INPUT.(LIMITED TO 5 MINUTES) – Kay Rowe stated that she has concerns regarding the tree removal on Cable Sunset Road, even though it does not affect her property. She has been told that the trees must come down because of State Statute, but there must be another way to keep the beautiful trees, possibly a compromise. She is requesting a meeting between the road committee and town board and the people being affected by the project to discuss the issue. Chairman Hancock stated that State Statute says the town is responsible for maintaining roads and also for the safety of roads and

then it gives guidelines for doing such. It is up to the Town Board to figure out negotiations. The Town Board has the right to clear a certain distance for safety and maintenance, but safety can be interpreted. In some townships and on some roads they have allowed narrower roads. The problem is that if you don't do what is needed to keep the road safe and an accident happens, the town would be liable. That is a concern. He would like to make sure that people are being heard. He would be willing to meet with the residents. This past meeting last Monday was an informational meeting. He would be willing to sit down and talk through things. Bob Lang has been out there talking to residents to notify them of what will be happening. Kay Rowe stated that the residents would like to talk to the complete board. Tony Merrill suggested that the town consider charging for road usage for events. Tony Merrill asked about the procedure for plowing roads. Bob Lang stated that the policy is the town crew does not plow until the snow is over unless it is over 6 inches. One crew is hired, but there has to be down time for the crew, so it depends on timing of the snow and how much snow we are getting. It takes 8 to 10 hours to plow the route. So, if plowing starts at noon, all the roads aren't going to be open for after work people. It is impractical to plow during the storm.

MOTION made by Chairman Hancock to move agenda item #26 after 14 and #18/ after #16. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen and carried.

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 – Lee Wald stated the proposal is for a 6 month Seasonal Rental. There would be a 3 night minimum and a 4 person maximum. The building is a 3 season cabin on Cable Lake. Bob Lang mentioned there might be some small trees that might be an issue, but they are on Ron Vanderploeg's property. Supervisor Thurn stated that the Plan Commission approved recommendation contingent upon complying with county regulations, room tax, town driveway permits, lake courtesy code; No camping allowed and the permit would apply to only this owner. Bob Lang will work with them on the Driveway Permit compliance. MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to approve recommendation for Bayfield County to approve 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 contingent upon the above mentioned contingencies. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen and carried.

AMERICAN BIRKEBEINER RE: PERMISSION TO RESTRICT VEHICLE ACCESS ON TOWN ROADS AT CERTAIN HOURS IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS; TIMBER TRAIL AT THE INTERSECTION OF RANDYSEK ROAD TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE BIRKIE TRAIL CROSSING FROM 5 TO 11:30AM FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING UNOBSTRUCTED CROSSING OF THE RACERS AND REDUCING CONGESTION FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS TO THE TIMBER TRAIL AID STATION. ALSO RANDYSEK ROAD SOUTH OF TIMBER TRAIL FROM 5 TO 12PM FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDUCING CONGESTION FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS TO THE FIRE TOWER AID STATION. RANDYSEK ROAD SOUTH OF PHILIPPI ROAD TO MCNAUGHT ROAD WILL ALLOW BUSES AND PERMITTED VEHICLES ONLY. SHORT ROAD WILL BE A ONE WAY (WEST TO EAST) TO ACCOMMODATE VEHICLE FLOW INTO THE COMO PARKING LOT ON FEBRUARY 24, 2018 – Bob Lang stated that Officer Renz will not be working for Bayfield County, but will be working for the Birkie

Foundation and in charge of security for this race. The town agreed to allow them to use some cones and barricades. The residents on the road will get a permit so they can access their homes. The goal is to keep the buses moving on the routes. There will be a sheriff's deputy and about 2 traffic directors out there on Philippi. The Birkie is giving a donation to the airport for parking. There will be 2 places where the buses pick up people; Birkie Ridge and Como Parking Lot. MOTION made by Supervisor Rasmussen to approve the request to restrict vehicle access on town roads at certain hours in the following locations; Timber Trail at the intersection of Randysek Road to the intersection with the Birkie Trail crossing from 5 to 11:30am for the purpose of allowing unobstructed crossing of the racers and reducing congestion for emergency vehicle access to the Timber Trail Aid Station; also, Randysek Road South of Timber Trail from 5 to 12pm for the purpose of reducing congestion for emergency vehicle access to the Fire Tower Aid Station. Randysek Road South of Philippi Road to McNaught Road will allow buses and permitted vehicles only. Short Road will be a one way (West to East) to accommodate vehicle flows into the Como Parking Lot on February 24, 2018. MOTION seconded by Chairman Hancock and carried.

MOTION made by Chairman Hancock to suspend agenda to #29. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn and carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Rasmussen to approve issuance of a Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" License to the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation for the Fat Bike Birkie to be held from March 9, 2018 to March 10, 2018 located at 14875 McNaught Road, Cable, WI. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF TOWN BOARD RECOMMENDATION FOR BAYFIELD COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING FOR A CLASS A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR TILLMAN & PADGETT CO. FOR A SHORT TERM RENTAL LOCATED AT 16265 VILLAGE KAME IN LOT 20, SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 43N, RANGE 7W, TOWN OF CABLE - David Popelka stated the Plan Commission approved the recommendation with the same contingencies as the previous request, but homeowners code rather than lake code, and also nothing can be done about the road access. MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to recommend to Bayfield County for a Class A Special Use permit for Tillman & Padgett Co. for a Short Term Rental located at 16265 Village Kame in Lot 20, Section 21, Township 43N, Range 7W, Town of Cable, contingent upon complying with county regulations, room tax, homeowners courtesy code; No camping allowed and the permit would apply to only this owner. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen. Chairman Hancock asked how the town can allow this if the road is bad. David Popelka stated that it is a platted road and you can't force people to give up land. Bob Lang stated the only other option is to not to approve short term rentals in these conditions. The reason for the ordinance is for people to do all that they can to become compliant, and in this circumstance there is nothing else the owners can do to be in compliance. David Popelka stated that there are 2 other similar short term rentals. MOTION carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE AN APPLICATION FOR SHORELAND GRADING TO BE PERFORMED AT THE TOWN OF CABLE PERRY LAKE LANDING – Bob Lang stated that the town is required to fill out an application because of the proximity to the water. There was discussion on the

improvements that would be done. The permit cost \$175. MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to authorize the application for shoreland grading to be performed at the Town of Cable Perry Lake Landing. The plan is not being approved, just the application. If the Plan Commission reviews and wants to alter the plans, then the town possibly may have to re-submit the application. The hope is to do tree removal in winter so the burning can be on site, and stumping and rough grading done before break up. After break up, the town crew can haul gravel. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROVIDING CANOE/KAYAK/PADDLEBOARD STORAGE AT PERRY LAKE LANDING – Chairman Hancock stated that part of the improvements at Perry Lake would be to have a place to leave equipment there at your own risk for a rental cost. The location needs to be determined. If it was placed by the fire hydrant, the town would need easement from Cleary. MOTION made by Chairman Hancock to provide non-motorized watercraft storage at Perry Lake Landing to coincide with the construction of the upgrades to the landing. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn. The storage would be on a first come, first serve basis. There was discussion about doing this for the other landing in Cable, but there is not enough space at the other landings. Also, the road into Cable Lake is a road easement. The town could pursue the other landings in the future if it is popular. Tony Merrill stated that this is open to vandalism. What happens if someone takes a canoe/kayak and gets hurt out there? Chairman Hancock stated that there would be a contract, which would need to be reviewed by an attorney. MOTION to include contingent upon obtaining an easement from the Cleary's and review by legal counsel. MOTION carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FUNDING A CHAPERONE POSITION FOR HIGH SCHOOL MONTHLY GAMING AT NORVADO – Supervisor Thurn recused herself. Chairman Hancock stated that Cable Tomorrow is trying to make things better for the town, and one idea is to provide a gaming night at Norvado. The town thanked Norvado for allowing this to be considered. There was discussion on chaperones. Would they be paid? Would the town fund that position or should it be a volunteer position? Would Norvado be willing to have a tech guy there? Chairman Hancock stated that Ashland has a Rec Park committee that helps seek out things for kids to do. Supervisor Thurn thought about being a chaperone, and suggested putting up some guidelines. Daniel Brauer has expressed interest in being a chaperone. Chairman Hancock stated that this is a huge offer from Norvado. Tabled for more information.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUESTING XCEL ENERGY TO CONDUCT WORK ON POWER POLES AT THE CORNER OF RANDYSEK AND SECOND AVENUE – Bob Lang stated that there is a guy wire that is very close to the travel portion of the road. The two poles presently there would be combined into one pole. There would be 2 poles on the opposite side of Randysek Road. This would all be done in the town right of way. The shoulder will be shaved down a bit as well. The visibility will be greatly improved. This would be at no cost. There would also be work done to make room to pile snow. MOTION made by Chairman Hancock to commission Bob Lang to request Xcel Energy to conduct work on the power poles at the corner of Randysek and Second Street. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUESTING BIDS FOR GRAVEL CRUSHING AT THE TOWN GARAGE – Bob Lang stated that \$25,000 is budgeted in 2018 in road maintenance to crush gravel. That gravel would be used for repairing/patching roads in Wilde River and Spider Lake Fire Lane as needed and in the near future for Frels Road. MOTION made by Supervisor Rasmussen to seek bids for gravel crushing at the Town Garage. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PURCHASE OF NEW HOLLAND H6740 ROADSIDE MOWER – Two estimates were received; one by Baribeau Implement Co. Inc. for \$8,995 and Lulich Implement Inc. for \$8,995. MOTION made by Chairman Hancock to purchase a new Holland H6740 Roadside Mower from Lulich Implement Inc. at \$8995 because of the proximity of the business to Cable. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen. This will be delivered in May and paid for at that time. MOTION carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN APPLICATION FOR WISCONSIN HEALTHY COMMUNITY DESIGNATION – Supervisor Thurn stated that it is being brought to the Town by the Cable Tomorrow group. The Wisconsin Healthy Communities Designation is a new program offered by the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute (UWPHI) in collaboration with diverse statewide groups to recognize and encourage achievements in health improvement in Wisconsin communities, and to promote cooperation across economic development and health improvement initiatives. The health of Wisconsin has remained relatively static over the years, falling short in various health measurements with worsening health disparities and inequities. The Wisconsin Healthy Communities Designation is designed to serve as a guide for communities to expand and enhance their health improvement efforts. The program goals are to recognize local communities' efforts to improve health in multiple areas such as health behaviors, clinical care, social & economic factors, and physical environment, to encourage communities to conceptualize health improvement in this broad way, structuring their health improvement efforts accordingly and to promote cooperation between economic development and health improvement. More information can be found on the Wisconsin Healthy Community website. MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to apply for the WI Healthy Community Designation. MOTION seconded by Chairman Hancock. Someone on the Cable Tomorrow Group will be heading the program. MOTION carried.

DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE STORAGE ISSUES AT THE CABLE COMMUNITY CENTRE – Tabled.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF NEW PODIUM AND SOUND SYSTEM FOR THE CABLE COMMUNITY CENTRE – Tabled.

MOTION made by Supervisor Rasmussen to approve the request from Jim Anderson for the George's Goats for Grammas Race on Saturday, April 28, 2018 @ 10am for the use of the following roads: 1st St, 2nd St, Philippi Road, Randysek Road, Parker Road and Kavanaugh Road. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE DJ CONTRACT FOR THE 4TH OF JULY 2017 – Tabled.

DISCUSSION ON 4TH OF JULY ACTIVITIES FOR 2018 – Tabled.

Chairman Hancock appointed Brett Rondeau to Room Tax Board for 2018, pending acceptance.

APPOINTMENT OF PLAN COMMISSION MEMBER FOR AN UNEXPIRED TERM – Chairman Hancock stated that Paul Gilbert is resigning from the Plan Commission. Chairman Hancock appointed Jack Radecki to fill the unexpired term until April 2018.

Chairman Hancock Appointed Kevin McKinney as Fire Chief for 2018/2019.

Chairman Hancock appointed Lori Popelka, Barb Popelka, Katie Hancock, Bob Flowers, Nila Biddle, Heidi Gray, Denise Newell, Amy Byrd, Sean Bjork, Lynne Weirheim, Rhonda Rasmussen and Wendy Miller as Town of Cable Election Workers for 2018.

SET DATE FOR NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING –Thursday, February 8, 2018 @ 6pm.

BUDGET REVIEW – None.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – MOTION made by Supervisor Rasmussen to approve payment of the Town of Cable checks #8134 through #8139 & 8141 through 8191 and the Forest Lodge Library checks #3167 through #3186 and the Fire Department checks #2982 through #2984. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn and carried.

DISCUSSION ON CLERK RESPONSIBILITIES – Chairman Hancock stated that Clerk Bjork has submitted a letter of resignation as of May 8, 2018. Tammy Rasmussen, Administrative Assistant, submitted a letter of resignation on January 15, 2018, resigning from her position as of February 15, 2018. There was discussion on the clerk and the administrator job duties and how to split them. There was discussion on working together with other townships for health insurance and other items. The town needs to break down job description for Administrator and Clerk and then advertise for the Administrator position and Clerk position. Chairman Hancock will meet with Tammy Rasmussen and Clerk Bjork to go over a break down in job duties and prepare an ad for employment to go into the paper.

No Closed Session Necessary.

There being no further business before the board, a MOTION was made by Supervisor Rasmussen to adjourn at 9:24pm. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn and carried.

Approved:

**Treasurer's Report

General Fund \$ 559,154.49

Cemetery Fund \$1,182.08