

TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES Thursday, February 8, 2018

Cable Community Centre

Chairman Hancock called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. 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.

No Treasurer's Report.

SANITARY DISTRICT REPORT – David Popelka stated business is going as usual.

FOREST LODGE LIBRARY REPORT – We've been doing our part to keep the citizens of our communities entertained during the recent cold snap. Lots of folks coming in for stacks of books and DVDs to tide them over until more temperate temperatures.

On 1/17 a small group, including the library director, several Trustees and a former Trustee, traveled to Eagle River to tour a library designed by one of the architects we are considering. We were very favorably impressed, and, whether or not this is the group we ultimately go with, we developed a much greater appreciation for the services they have to offer. Eagle River has a beautiful, state of the art library. We hope that we'll be able to say the same in the not too distant future. Next week we'll be traveling to Iron River to check out their renovation, and we're working on scheduling a trip to Ely. Director Lendved took advantage of the Wild Wisconsin Winter Webinar series to accumulate some knowledge and continuing education credits towards the end of January. This is a wonderful effort developed and deployed by a coalition of Wisconsin library systems and offers great opportunities to learn...without having to travel on slippery roads.

Our library system is in the process of upgrading their bandwidth. Our own connection has been completed, but, the entire system upgrade isn't completed yet...hopefully by the end of this month! Especially come summer, our patrons should note increased speed as they surf the internet!

Board President Linda Parker and Library Director Kristine Lendved attended a Bayfield County Library Committee meeting on Jan. 25th. We worked on our County Library Plan of Service. We learned that funding for our Building Strong Libraries Grant request for 2018 was approved. We'll be acquiring two new laptops for patron use with granted funds. The library funds 25% of the purchase out of operational funds.

The Forest Lodge Library is working with Norvado and the Cable Tomorrow group on an effort to develop a comprehensive community calendar. Norvado has agreed to assist with tech advice and training. Once established, any community entity wishing to do so can attach a widget linking to the calendar to their website. This effort was also identified by the Forest Lodge Library Board of Trustees in their Strategic Plan. We are grateful for Norvado's assistance and will keep you posted on the project!

As always, keep track of what we're up to by visiting our website, following us on Facebook, giving us a call...or just stop in! We're always happy to see you at the library!

CABLE UNION AIRPORT COMMISSION REPORT – Minutes were received.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – None.

PLAN COMMISSION REPORT – None.

GREAT DIVIDE AMBULANCE REPORT – None.

ENFORCEMENT REPORT – Monthly Officer reports submitted.

ROAD REPORT – Winter has been rather uneventful so far. Our predicted 18 inch storm that had everyone preparing for the worst materialized in to a meager 2 inches. We've had a few other insignificant snow falls. A couple of warm spells and then back into unseasonably cold temperatures. We did get enough snow that we had to widen the airport runway and clean around the lights for the second time this year. We also winged back most of our roads and cleaned up a few intersections where visibility was getting to be a problem. I have had to send out a couple of letters to residents who are depositing their driveway snow onto town roads and in our right of ways. Please be care when doing snow removal not to create traffic hazards for others.

Jason and I made a trip to Centerville Wisconsin to inspect the new Plow/Haul truck chassis. There were a few things that originally did not comply with the written specifications, but everything has been resolved.

When we have down time during the cold periods, we pull in our summer equipment and go through everything. Both quad axle haul trucks have been gone through and serviced so they can pass DOT inspections. Next we will be working on our trailers and the backhoe.

I have had multiple meetings with representatives from Xcel Energy recently. We are working on combining poles and removing obstructions at the intersection of Second Street and Randysek Road. We are also working with the Legion to explore the possibility of getting power out to the Legion triangle. We are hoping to improve this focal point of our community. Xcel will also be assisting us with tree removal around the power lines along Sunset Road and Sunset Extension.

Tammy and I finished the documentation for our final FEMA submission for the storm in July of 2016. The total cost on this group of repairs is around \$72,000 so we should receive around \$61,000. This is the largest of the three submissions we requested from the FEMA program.

We are planning on making improvements to the Perry Lake swimming area this spring, so I have been working on the Shoreland Grading Permit for Bayfield County. We hope to improve the sitting area, create more parking, install a soft landing for canoes and kayaks, and expand the turnaround area for boat trailers and fire trucks. We hope to do some tree removal while there is still enough snow to burn the tops and limbs, and then we will be starting the improvements as soon as the snow is gone.

We also replaced the flood light at the skating rink this last month. As cold as it has been, there is still a great deal of use of at this facility. I understand there has also been an incredible amount of use at the new trail system in the adjacent to the Community Center. It's wonderful to see people enjoying the winter season!

Bob Lang added that he was contacted by a company that does recycling who will take TVs, metal, all electronics and freon.

CABLE TOMORROW COMMITTEE REPORT –Four of the Cable Tomorrow focus areas had activity this past month.

The Recreation group has finished the event check list which will be reviewed by the Plan Commission on February 8th prior to sending to the Town Board. This list will provide the foundation for communication to the Town when an event is being held. The Cable Town Trails usage monitoring (see

full report on the Cable Tomorrow Web Page) shows an average of 7 users/day excluding the Community Hike of 70 people. There was only one day without usage. It appears this has been a wonderful addition to the Town.

The Economic Development meeting has been rescheduled until after the Birkie. The goal is to have Impact 7 attend to share information with the Old School Task Force. Impact 7 is a renovation, development, and management company specializing in renovation. A detailed update of Mick's conversation with them will be posted. The one page prospectus rough draft has been completed and is being reviewed by the Task Force. Cedar Corporation is now charging \$2200 for an assessment of the school holding up that process.

The Culture/Education group had a successful meeting with Norvado to discuss the best way to capture events in Cable. Several options are being explored including one with a standalone website. After further research, Norvado will meet with the library staff to select the best alternative. It is exciting to think residents and visitors alike will have activities in one place. We are grateful to Norvado for their leadership on this project as well as the youth video game night scheduled for late spring.

Connect Communities met on February 5th. Work continues on the Cable branding and logo development. The group is leaning toward a brainstorming session on this important project. Work is also moving ahead on a design service committee, place making, and a user-friendly community map. To find out more about "Placemaking", and other Cable Tomorrow meeting minutes and updates, go to the Town of Cable website, click on Town Government, and go to Cable Tomorrow. Have a question or comment? Want to volunteer? We'd love to hear from you.

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

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

PUBLIC INPUT.(LIMITED TO 5 MINUTES) – Kay Rowe questioned whether the cutting of the trees on Cable Sunset Road is up for discussion. Chairman Hancock stated that the trees that are marked will be cut. The project will be moving forward. Kay Rowe stated that she is disappointed. Kay Rowe spoke with Jolene Ackerman with the DNR about the cutting of trees and feels like there could have been other options. Chairman Hancock stated that there will be a roads committee that is set in place soon to be able to consider some of these issues. The Town Board is doing their best to be transparent. Cutting down trees is emotional and we love our trees. Kay asked if the town didn't have the fire money, would the trees be cut. Chairman Hancock responded that they probably would be cut. Bob Lang stated that he would like to cut the trees before the snow is gone causing as little damage as possible and also to allow the debris to be able to be burned on-site. Kay Rowe asked if people could be notified when the town board is considering a project so there more time to put a plan together. Chairman stated that the application was brought to the town board in August, and he apologized for the lack of communication. Kent Whitman stated that the town has an opportunity to make things better. The current way is energetically costly. The simple standards seem simple, but they aren't because of the friction that it causes. He discussed a program called Context Sensitive Design / Context Sensitive Solutions (CSD/CSS), which can be found on the US Department of Transportation website, that he looked into that looks at different aspects of a project with a goal to have consensus for a collaborative result. Many states are using this program and it is highly effective. This education would give the Roads Committee a level of expertise in roads. He will forward the information to the Chairman. Chairman Hancock stated that the town board wants to be in consensus with the townspeople, and he

feels like this project has not done this. There are decisions that have to be made when everyone is not happy. Cathy Midwood stated that she is a tree lover and moved here for the trees. She would love to be a part of the roads committee. These roads have been with these trees for at least 20 years. All of a sudden, the town wants to cut trees to make the road 4 rods wide. The trees produce clean air, and people come into the community for the trees that are here. She gave an example of the devastation of tree cutting. Chairman Hancock stated that the roads committee will be looking into several issues that affect the roads, which include maintaining and replacing roads. The town needs to have a committee willing to be educated, looking at all the issues and then making wise recommendations to the board. Cathy Midwood noted that the planned tree cutting will affect property values. Supervisor Rasmussen stated that the west side of cable is being worked on first and then the town will be moving elsewhere. There was previous discussion about abandoning the road, but then the upkeep of the road would fall upon the property owners and it was not practical.

Al Schiefelbein discussed a work comp program available through Rural Mutual Insurance. The program was implemented last summer and allows the company to triage work comp needs. If an employee gets injured they can call a number and an RN will walk through possible treatments. If an injury can be self-treated, it doesn't become a claim for the employer. This is no cost to the town. There are stickers available with the number to call to put in as many places as needed.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF TOWN BOARD RECOMMENDATION FOR BAYFIELD COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING FOR A CLASS B CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR JAMES AND KIMBERLY WALD FOR MULTIPLE PRINCIPLE STRUCTURES LOCATED AT 11809 OLD MILL ROAD IN NE ¼ OF NE ¼, SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 43N, RANGE 8W, TOWN OF CABLE – The Plan Commission recommended approval to the Town Board because it meets the housing goals and objectives and is consistent with the surrounding housing density. There was a mobile home on the property eleven years ago when another structure was put on the property. The mobile home was supposed to be removed at that time. Last year a garage was going to be built, but there was a problem with the mobile home on the property. It is now being used as a primary residence. The Conditional Use Permit is being applied for so that the property can become compliant. MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to approve the Conditional Use Permit to Bayfield County for James and Kimberly Wald for multiple principle structures located at 11809 Old Mill Road in NE ¼ of NE ¼, Section 35, Township 43N, Range 8W, Town of Cable, because it meets the Comprehensive Land Use Plan's housing goals and objectives and is consistent with the surrounding housing density. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE ROADS COMMITTEE – The Roads Committee job description was discussed at a work meeting, but no action was taken. Supervisor Thurn suggested setting three priorities for the Roads Committee. Priority one would be to determine priorities for the next 5 years for road reconstruction based on volume road condition and other factors. The Road Committee might need to do a road inspection. The priority might need to consider a 5 to 10 year plan. The second priority would be to determine standards and a decision making process to recommend to the Town Board how to maintain the roads, such as blacktop vs. other alternatives. As part of this, she suggested that the committee engage participants or other local "experts" in feasibility of adding native wildflower seeds (aster, bergamot, pollinator plants, lupine or sweet fern) to the mix

when re-sowing roadsides following reconstruction. This could be a strong aesthetically pleasing way to finish reconstruction projects, without a lot of extra expense. The third priority would be to develop a set of road standards: for example, road width changes (below 4-rods) under what conditions, 18 vs. 22 foot road construction standard to meet the needs of recreational users, working with the DNR to assess other roads that might meet Firewise standards for future grant proposals, etc. The Plan Commission discussed this as well and is working with Bob Lang to develop an equipment needs list and an equipment upgrade schedule. Bob Lang stated that Supervisor Thurn has worked his thoughts into the suggestions. He stated that we need time to develop standards. There is a lot of education involved. The biggest step is where we are going next when we talk about giving people as much notice as possible. Chairman Hancock stated that we are at a place where we have to “design the car while driving the car”. The board agreed to add a fourth priority to encompass a training/education aspect. Cathy Midwood stated that she would rather have a gravel road with a tree-line than a blacktop road that was wide open. There was discussion on the native wildflowers planting and the roadside mowing. Bob Lang stated the roadsides are mowed all the way to the tree line every three to four years. Since the seeds are not expensive, the board agreed to try it. Chairman Hancock stated that the purpose of the Road Committee is not to get the Town Board off the hook for decisions, but rather to be a forum of what is best for the community. The decision making process matters; we see that in the Cable Sunset Road project. The Town Board agreed to add a fifth priority to compile equipment needs. Bob Lang is in favor of a Roads Committee if the committee is well educated in accredited training. The Town Board agreed on the five priorities as listed above to be given to the Roads Committee.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPEN RECORDS REQUEST TO DRUMMOND AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR ASBESTOS AND HAZARDOUS REMOVAL FROM CABLE SCHOOL

– Supervisor Thurn stated there is a task force working on the old school project. She inquired on the paperwork for asbestos and hazardous removal from the old school at Drummond School. The request to look into the paperwork needs to be an official open records request. Chairman Hancock stated that the Town Board needs to decide if taxpayer money should support this request knowing that the Old School is privately owned. David Popelka questioned if the town had records with this information that have been filed. The records for this would possibly be found in the early 1900s. The board agreed to check within their own records first. Tabled for more information.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF RAISING RATES FOR THE SANITARY DISTRICT – David Popelka stated that at the funds coming in are just covering the expenses. There are a few people that do not pay their bills when they are due. A large amount was put on special assessments this year. The Sanitary District had to borrow funds from their contingency fund to pay their loan. The last rate increase was in 2011. The Sanitary District would like to increase the rates \$3 per month. The commission is a part of the town, and they need Town Board approval. The rates are in the Sanitary District Ordinance and would require a public hearing to amend the ordinance. The amendment would be made to allow the Town Board and the Sanitary District to adjust the rates as needed. The rates at this time do cover the expenses with about \$800 surplus, which is not a lot of a cushion. The rate increase will raise about \$6,000 per year, to help cover for the people that are behind on user fees. The money usually comes in by August of the following year, but the problem is a cash flow issue. Bills need

to be paid when they come in. The cost is \$45/month at this time. David Popelka stated that users will be notified through the Public Hearing and also a letter will be sent with their first quarter billing. He requests a Public Hearing in March so this can happen. MOTION made by Chairman Hancock for the Sanitary District to pursue a rate increase through a Public Hearing for an amendment to the ordinance. The proposed ordinance amendments to section 5.05A(1) are as follows: "Monthly User Charges shall be determined by multiplying the base rate by the applicable unit value. This initial monthly base rate shall be \$45 per month (\$135 per quarter) per UCE (or REU). The connection fee shall be \$2300 for the first UCE and \$1,300 for each additional UCE on a single connection. Commissioners shall review and adjust rates on an annual or as needed basis to meet actual operating and maintenance costs, with approval by the Cable Town Board. David Popelka stated that the process after the amendment change will be to evaluate the income at budget and then, contingent upon Town Board approval, adjust the rates according to the proposed amendment. The amendment could also allow for rates to go down. MOTION made by Chairman Hancock to support a Public Hearing in order to consider an amendment to the Sanitary District Ordinance allowing them to adjust their rates accordingly. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen and carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PERRY LAKE LANDING – Pictures of the proposed changes were presented. Bob Lang stated that the time line depends on how fast the permit is approved. He stated the town crew could potentially do work in April during break-up and haul gravel after road bans so that grass can grow and it can be used by mid-June. Supervisor Thurn stated that the Plan Commission has been talking about this topic for months and is in support of these proposed changes. MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to approve the application to Bayfield County for Perry Lake because it fits our Comprehensive Land Use Plan to provide recreational opportunities for our community. MOTION seconded by Chairman Hancock. There was discussion on the plans. Supervisor Thurn suggested drafting a letter letting the Perry Lake residents informing them of the plans. MOTION carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FUNDING A CHAPERONE POSITION FOR HIGH SCHOOL MONTHLY GAMING AT NORVADO – Supervisor Thurn stated that Norvado would like to host this event and provide chaperones. It is a possibility for the town to purchase snacks or fund some games. The library may want to participate as well. Supervisor Thurn suggested that Norvado consider rules that when youth leave the premise they cannot return. There was discussion on safety training for volunteers. Chairman Hancock will contact Chad at Norvado and let him know the concerns and discuss how the town can partner with them.

DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE STORAGE ISSUES AT THE CABLE COMMUNITY CENTRE – The black storage file cabinet is the Homemakers. They were contacted and are not opposed to having locked cabinets in the kitchen if it was changed. The board agreed to move the loose folding chairs to the Depot for storage. Supervisor Rasmussen suggested putting storage above the stairwell by making a storage closet above it. The board agreed to contact the Homemakers and move their stuff into the kitchen cabinets. They could be locked if requested.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF NEW PODIUM AND SOUND SYSTEM FOR THE CABLE COMMUNITY CENTRE – Chairman Hancock stated that he has researched and found a single blue tooth

speaker that needs to be plugged in that has a wireless mic and could be paired with another speaker if needed. It is portable on wheels. It has a battery that could be charged and would go for approximately 6 hours. There was discussion on permanent speakers. The portable speakers could be taken. The board agreed to have the Chair work with Bob Lang to research and purchase something feasible.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE DJ CONTRACT FOR THE 4TH OF JULY 2018 – Chairman Hancock stated that there was a meeting held with a committee discussing the 4th of July events that will be happening this year at the Cable Rec Park. MOTION made by Chairman Hancock to hire Larry's Drifters to play at the 4th of July celebration at the Cable Rec Park from 4pm to 8pm for \$700 with the possibility of going to 9pm. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen and carried.

DISCUSSION ON 4TH OF JULY ACTIVITIES FOR 2018 – Chairman Hancock stated that the committee that met talked about the logistics of the parade. The parade will be re-routed ending at the Community Centre and starting by the Brick House. There was discussion of possibly doing a three on three basketball tournament, but they need someone to coordinate the tournament.

DISCUSSION OF 2018 LAWN MAINTENANCE AND LAWN CLEAN UP – The last bid was for lawn maintenance and clean-up was for the 2016/2017 season. It was noted that the cemetery is getting damaged during lawn maintenance. The board agreed to bid out lawn maintenance and lawn clean-up for 2018/2019. The contract can include a stipulation that if damage occurs, the contract can be terminated.

MOTION made by Supervisor Rasmussen to go into Closed Session at 8:21pm pursuant to S19.85(1)(c) of the WI Statutes for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. The board will reconvene in open session to take necessary action as required and resume regular town business. MOTION seconded by Chairman Hancock. Roll Call: Hancock, Thurn, Rasmussen and Bjork. IN FAVOR – MOTION carried.

MOTION made by Chairman Hancock to adjourn Closed Session and reconvene in open session at 9:19pm. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn. Roll Call: Hancock, Thurn, Rasmussen and Bjork. IN FAVOR – MOTION carried.

APPOINTMENT OF A DEPUTY CLERK – Clerk Bjork appointed Dawn Schram as Deputy Clerk. The Town Board recommended this appointment to the Town Clerk.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SETTING THE DEPUTY CLERK'S WAGE – MOTION made by Chairman Hancock to set the Deputy Clerk's wage at \$15/hr. for no more than 30 hours per week. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn and carried.

SET DATE FOR NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – Thursday, March 8, 2018 @ 6pm. Public Hearing Date is set for Tuesday, April 17, 2018 6pm to consider the re-zone of municipal properties and an amendment to the Sanitary District Ordinance. The Annual Town Board Meeting will be held at 7pm.

BUDGET REVIEW – None.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to approve payment of the Town of Cable checks #8192 through #8250 and the Forest Lodge Library checks #3187 through #3195 and the Fire Department checks #2985 through #2988. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen and carried.

There being no further business before the board, a MOTION was made by Supervisor Rasmussen to adjourn at 9:38pm. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn and carried.

Approved:
