

TOWN BOARD OF CABLE
August 23, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.
Cable Community Centre

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:01 by Chairman Hancock.

The following were in attendance: Chairman Art Hancock, Supervisors Susan Thurn and David Popelka, Deputy Clerk Kelli Tuttle, Roads Foreman Bob Lang

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Changes made to agenda include moving discussion of Cable Area Lions Club item immediately following public comment and moving of Great Divide Ambulance report to top of consent agenda. Motion made to approve agenda with changes made by David Popelka, second by Susan Thurn. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Susan Thurn, seconded by David Popelka to approve consent agenda. Motion carried.

- Approval of Minutes – August 9, 2018
- Treasurer's Report:
 - General Account Balance: \$32,359.52
 - Cemetery: \$ 1,283.04
- Budget Review
- Chairman's Report
- Sanitary District Report
- Forest Lodge Library Report
- Roads Report
- Cable Union Airport Commission Report
- Fire Department Report
- Plan Commission Report
- Enforcement Report
- Great Divide Ambulance Report
- Cable Tomorrow Committee Report

ROADS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Susan Thurn shared information on recent committee activities including: road inspection tour, Spider Lake Road inspection, recommendation to increase routine road maintenance, motion to pursue memorandum of understanding with the WI DNR to pursue funding for engineering expertise for placement of culvert on River Road, recommendation to the Town Board to participate in roads tour with Alan Amundson. The committee continues to prioritize road maintenance and priorities. The next Roads Committee meeting is Monday, August 27th at 6:00pm at the Cable Community Centre.

REFERENDUM QUESTION: CHANGING CLERK AND TREASURER POSITIONS TO APPOINTED

Question and answer session led by Art Hancock.

PUBLIC INPUT

Tony Merrill asked when Spider Lake Fire Lane will be complete and what surface will be used to finish West Cable Lake Road. Bob Lang responded that Spider Lake Fire Lane is complete excepting a small bit of gravel and grading and that recycled asphalt was selected for West Cable Lake Road to be placed in 2019. Frosty Palmer asked what projects are being completed at the airport. Sue Thurn responded that after 12-15 years, the Cable Rod & Gun Club is purchasing the property they currently utilize and that there are now 10 planes housed out of the airport which means the airport has access to new funding sources. Bob Land responded that they recently completed some major elevation changes to correct drainage near the hanger owned by the airport. Ed Hilz asked if committee reports are available online. Kelli Tuttle responded that he can always contact our office for information and that some are available online. Ed Hilz then asked if Cable Tomorrow can post their reports online. Suzanne Rooney responded that she will have Shelly Wilson post to their specific website. Ed Hilz asked if the status of County Road M and reconstruction. Bob Lang responded that he understood County Road M was to be worked on in 2019 from D all the way in to Cable. Ed Hilz asked if there is an update on the status of Telemark. Art Hancock responded that he was not at liberty to discuss the issue.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ALLOWING CABLE & AREA LIONS CLUB TO CONSTRUCT A STORAGE BUILDING ON TOWN OWNED LAND

Susan Thurn read letter dated August 17th, 2018 to the Town of Cable from the Cable Area Lions Club requesting placement of a permanent storage facility at the Cable Recreation Park. Cary Palmer, President of Cable Area Lions, stated that the Lions recently formed a building committee to study and plan the project. Art Hancock stated that the Town could use some additional storage and proposed a joint project. Art Hancock also requested that Cary Palmer facilitate a meeting between the Lions Buildings Committee and the Town of Cable to discuss the project. Dave Popelka will be the liaison on behalf of the Town of Cable to the Lions.

REVIEW OF QUOTES AND SELECTION OF PROPANE VENDOR

Propane vendor estimates for 2018-2019 were reviewed. Art Hancock made a motion to contract with Superior fuel for one year at a price of \$1.199/gallon of fuel. Susan Thurn seconded. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON GREENSPACE PLAN

Susan Thurn led discussion of this project. The Design Committee has been working with John Higgins to develop a town park between his property at the corner of Cty Hwy M and US Hwy 63 and the buildings west of his property. John Higgins has requested that invoices to complete work on the project be paid by the Town of Cable and he will reimburse the Town of Cable 100% of costs. The project has two phases. Phase 1 includes excavation, groundwork, electric installation, irrigation installation and major plantings to be completed in 2018. Phase 2 includes smaller plantings, furnishings and finish work to be completed in 2019. Specific details continue to be developed. Motion made by Art Hancock to approve Phase 1 of the greenspace plan to include excavation, groundwork, electric, irrigation and major plantings in 2018. Seconded by Susan Thurn. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF LAURIE ST. AUBIN-WHELIHAN TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A 3 YEAR TERM

Art Hancock approves appointment of Laurie St. Aubin-Whelihan to the Library Board of Trustees for a 3 year term.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON QUICKBOOKS CHANGES

Kelli Tuttle asked permission to simplify the Town of Cable QuickBooks chart of accounts for efficiency and ease of understanding. Permission received. Kelli Tuttle will try to complete this task for use in 2019 budgeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION FOR AVIGATION EASEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF MCNAUGHT RD. RIGHT-OF-WAY

Susan Thurn led discussion and explanation of this project that has come to fruition after many years of work. Motion made by Susan Thurn to approve the resolution as written and accept the right-of-way for McNaught Road. Seconded by David Popelka. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION TO CHANGE CHECK SIGNING POLICY

Motion made by Susan Thurn to approve resolution for adopting alternative procedure for approving financial claims. Seconded by David Popelka. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SUPERIOR DAYS DONATION

The Superior Days lobbying organization sent a letter requesting a \$100 donation to support their efforts at Superior Days in 2019. Concern was expressed that the group may not exactly represent Cable's interest fully. No donation was made.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SPRAYING OF HERBICIDE BY XCEL ENERGY UNDER UTILITY LINES IN CABLE

David Popelka noted spraying within the Town of Cable along Cty Hwy M from the town line to the River. Cable has an ordinance prohibiting spraying within the township and this matter is addressed in the comprehensive land management plan. Art Hancock has contacted Xcel Energy and is waiting to hear from Dennis Fallon regarding this matter. He will provide an update at the next Town Board meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON OVERTIME PAY

No action taken. Confer with Deanne Allen on the intent of this agenda item.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EMERGENCY PROTOCOLS

This item is a result of the storm that occurred on July 4th, 2018 during the parade. The Town of Cable would like to have some emergency protocols in place in the event of a similar incident. Art Hancock will contact Bayfield County Emergency Management to begin the process of establishing protocols.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CLEARGOV

Cleargov is a business that uses municipal finance information and translates them into more easily understood graphics for public understanding. They also make comparisons between communities. The cost is \$1,875.00. David Popelka and Susan Thurn do not feel our residents would use this tool. The Clerk/Deputy Clerk will try to prepare some similar graphics for presentation at the annual budget hearing in lieu of purchasing this product.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SUBMITTING AN URBAN FORESTRY GRANT TO THE WISCONSIN DNR

The WI DNR offers an urban forestry grant opportunity to fund community urban forestry projects. The application is due October 1, 2018. Kelli Tuttle will reach out to John Hand and Linda Podvin to gauge whether they feel there is a need for an application.

Motion to go into Closed Session at ___8:25pm___ by Susan Thurn, seconded by Dave Popelka pursuant to S.19.85(1)(e) of the WI Statutes for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified

public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Motion carried.

MOTION by Susan Thurn, seconded by David Popelka to continue Closed Session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(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 the subject's right to open the meeting applies. These exemptions may be used only if public discussion would be likely to have a *substantial adverse effect* on the reputation of the person involved. Sec. 19.85(1)(f). This exemption applies to "specific persons" rather than the narrower class of public employees or licensees. The board will reconvene in open session to take necessary action as required and resume regular town business. Motion carried.

MOTION to leave closed session made by Dave Popelka at 8:47pm. Seconded by Susan Thurn. Motion passed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion made by David Popelka to pay bills. Seconded by Susan Thurn. Motion carried.

OTHER ISSUES

No action

NEXT MEETING DATES

- September 6, 2018 at 4:00pm at the Town Office – Middle meeting followed by budget meeting
- September 20, 2018 at 6:00pm at the Cable Community Centre – Town Board meeting
- October 15, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Cable Community Centre - public hearing on Clerk and Treasurer ordinance
- October 18, 2018 at 6:00pm at the Cable Community Centre – Town Board meeting
- November 15, 2018 at 6:00pm at the Cable Community Centre – Town Board meeting
- December 13, 2018 at 6:00pm at the Cable Community Centre – Town Board meeting

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:24PM BY ART HANCOCK.

Approved September 6, 2018