

**TOWN OF CABLE PUBLIC HEARING  
OCTOBER 15, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.  
Cable Community Centre**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

Chair Hancock opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m.

The following were in attendance:

Bob Lang

Deanne Allen

Karl Kastrosky

Kelli Tuttle

Shelly Wilson

George Dumont

Town Board Members: Art Hancock, Sue Thurn, David Popelka

**Approval of Agenda**

MOTION by Supervisor Thurn, seconded by Supervisor Popelka to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION carried.

**Public Input on Ordinance 35-18, Referendum to Make Clerk and Treasurer Positions Appointed by Town Board Rather than Elected**

Chair Hancock explained that the Town Board would like to make the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer positions appointed because the positions are becoming more complex. It is important to be able to have qualified staff with the skills needed for the positions. It will also provide continuity of services with longer term employees.

George Dumont stated that he received the postcard in the mail regarding appointment of the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer. It does not make any sense. He would not support it because it takes power away from the voter.

Chairman Hancock acknowledged that there are residents who feel that way. However, the duties of the Clerk and Treasurer are for the Town Board. This change would enable the Board to set job descriptions and compensation.

Karl Kastrosky asked if an appointment for Clerk could be made to someone who is not a resident of Cable. Chair Hancock answered, yes. An elected Clerk must be a resident. An appointed Clerk could live outside Cable.

**Presentation and Public Input on Recommendation from the Plan Commission to Amend Cable Comprehensive Plan**

Karl Kastrosky, Chair of the Plan Commission, explained changes proposed to the Comprehensive Plan:

Section 4:

- Change 1981 Flood Hazard Boundary Map for Bayfield County to the current one of July 2013
- To encourage sustainable local farming
- Discourage overcrowding of livestock and farming practices that would negatively affect the natural environment, tourism and recreation in the area
- Direct agricultural, as well as commercial, away from lakes, streams and watersheds with the exception of a home-based business that has a low impact on the environment

Section 8:

- Provide for continuance of active, sustainable agricultural and forestry issues
- Add a new policy to discourage concentrated agricultural or other developments that would have negative impacts on existing economic drivers.

Section 9:

- **Agricultural:** Add a recommendation that large concentration of animals that could be detrimental to lands with diverse watersheds, as well as diminish air quality for populated areas in Agricultural Limited Residential parcels will be discouraged.
- **Natural Resources Protection:** Add a recommendation that the Master Plan should provide details to avoid negative impacts to clean surface water, ground water and air quality conditions for current and future uses.

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These changes emphasize the importance of practices that provide sustainability, as well as protect the environment, water resources and recreation in Cable.

George Dumont noted that there may be farmers who want large concentrations of animals for economic reasons. Kastrosky responded that it is a balance issue. The purpose of the policies are to protect the environment and natural resources.

### **Presentation and Public Input on Recommendation from the Plan Commission to Rescind Telemark Overlay**

Kastrosky stated that February 22, 2010, a Telemark Overlay District was adopted by the Town Board to facilitate development by Telemark Partners LLC. However, Telemark Partners did not purchase the property. Bayfield County had concerns about the Overlay District and did not approve it. It is a document that is attached to the land. Since the anticipated development did not take place, the Overlay District needs to be rescinded to clear an encumbrances on the land.

MOTION by Bob Lang, seconded by Shelly Wilson to close the public hearing at 6:33 p.m. MOTION carried.

**Adjournment:** Chair Hancock declared the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.