

**TOWN OF CABLE TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**October 18, 2018**  
**Cable Community Centre – 6:00 p.m.**  
**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Hancock called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Residents Attending:** George Seeboldt  
Ron Gran,  
Deb Nelson  
Tony Merrill  
Steve Prevost  
Suzanne Rooney  
Rick Schmahl, President Wilde River Board  
Jim and Sybil Braaken

**Approval of Agenda**

No. 17, Discussion/Possible Action on Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve the Class B Special Use Home Based Business Firearms Sales Application, was moved to immediately following Public Input

No. 11, Discussion/Possible Action on Restricting ATV Use on East Cable Lake Road, was moved to be considered after No. 17.

No. 12, Discussion/Possible Action on Town Logo, was moved ahead of No. 5.

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

**\*Approval of Consent Agenda**

- Budget Review Minutes – October 15, 2018
- Public Hearing Minutes – October 15, 2018
- Special Town Board Meeting – October 15, 2018

On page 1, of the Budget Review Minutes, Supervisor Popelka corrected the Park budget which was reduced to \$10,000.

**Treasurer's Report:**

General Account Balance:   \$39,872.71  
Cemetery:                     \$. 1,283.68

**Sanitary District Report (see attached minutes)**

Supervisor Popelka noted that the Sanitary District will end the year with a negative balance, will be taken from contingency.

**Forest Lodge Library Report (see attached report)**

It was the consensus of the Board to invite Library Director Kristine Lendved to the November 15, 2018 Town Board meeting to report on work for the new library.

**Cable Union Airport Commission Report** – Receipt Draft Special Meeting Minutes – October 7, 2018

**Plan Commission Report** – Receipt Draft Meeting Minutes – October 3, 2018

**Roads Report (see attached report)** – Foreman Lang reported that the Cable crew has helped the airport with the apron project in front of Parod Hangar. The Town of Namakagon will finish work yet needing town help.

Matt Bolen was hired to trap beavers and may charge a trapping fee of \$75 per pelt.

### **Chairman's Report**

October 18, 2018

To Susan Thurn and David Popelka, Town Board Supervisors; to Lori Lang, Town Treasurer, Deanne Allen, Town Clerk, and to Kelli Tuttle, Town Deputy Clerk; to Karl Kastrosky and the Plan Commission; to all those serving on various committees in the Town of Cable; to all Town of Cable staff; and, most of all, to all of my fellow citizens of this fair town...

It is with a certain degree of sadness that I announce my resignation as the Chairman for the Town of Cable, effective December 1, 2018. There have been any number of rumors regarding this resignation, but the simple fact of the matter is that I have taken a new job in another state that will necessitate a move. Per state statute, even if I so desired, I am not legally allowed to serve in my current capacity while being resident in another town. Thus, with some regret, I must hand over the reigns to another.

When I made the decision to stand for election, I was not looking for a new job and truly not considering a move. Cable has been my home for over a decade, and indeed, will always feel like home to me. But life being what it is, this new opportunity presented itself, and my family and I made the difficult decision to take it.

During my tenure as your Chairman, we have accomplished much, and I am proud of the work that I and so many of you have done together. In particular, I am pleased that we have established a culture in which our townsfolk feel empowered to make decisions and participate in our common life. People have stepped up in both small and very large ways, and our town is benefiting from their hard work. It has been challenging and sometimes messy work, but I still believe that government is most healthy when its citizens are motivated and engaged. It is my sincere hope that this culture of engagement will continue well beyond my short term as your Chairman.

The process for providing for a new Chairman to fill the remaining four months of my term is rather simple. Sue Thurn and David Popelka, your other Town Supervisors, along with Deanne Allen, your Clerk, will appoint a new person to the Town Board. A Chairman will then be agreed upon by all three Town Supervisors. While I am entitled and fully intend to make a recommendation to Sue, David and Deanne, they may or may not abide by my recommendation. It should also be noted that my term as Chairman was to conclude with the election on April 2, 2019. If our town is to continue to progress, we will need good leaders to step up and stand for election.

We are keeping our home in Cable. My wife, Katie, will continue to serve as the Director of the Cable Community Farm and the Lead Teacher of the Northwoods Preschool. I plan to return to Cable often, but when I do, I will come simply as so many others come to our town – as one who loves the forests and the streams and the lakes, as one who walks and skis our trails, as one who supports our library and our museums and our businesses and our community groups, and as one who is nourished by the good hearts of our citizens. This town has given to me and my family much more than we could ever repay in a hundred lifetimes. Thank you.

And so, on November 30, 2018, I will bid you farewell. I remain confident that your Town Board will continue to serve you to the very best of their abilities. I trust that you will give them your full support. May God bless your lives and our common life in this fine town.

Most sincerely and with much gratitude,



The Rev. Arthur Hancock, Chairman

MOTION by Supervisor Popelka, seconded by Supervisor Thurn to accept the first ten items of the the Consent Agenda with the correction to the Budget Review Minutes, dated October 15, 2018, and regretfully accept the last item. MOTION carried.

### **Public Input**

Deb Nelson stated that Brad Nelson would be glad to trap beavers free, if needed.

Deb Nelson also asked if reports submitted to the Board could be posted with the minutes as was done previously. Clerk Allen stated she would see that the reports are posted.

### **Discussion/Possible Action on Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve the Class B Special Use Home Based Business Firearms Sales Application**

Prevost stated that he moved from Bayfield to Wilde River. He did talk to Ron Gran, a Wilde River board member, to make sure he would be able to continue holding a firearms license when he bought his property. It was his understanding that his business would be okay as long as there were no signs. In order to change his address on his federal license, he must have local and county approvals to send in to the ATF. He has a federal license in order to be able to do background checks on clients who buy his guns. Approximately 99% of his sales are at gun shows. He orders guns to take to gun shows. Only a few people may come to his house to pick up a purchase, perhaps three in a month. His total advertising is by giving people his business card.

Ron Gran reported that the Wilde River Homeowners Association met Monday, October 14, 2018, and decided that sales of weapons from the home is against Association bylaws. If items are only delivered, there would be no problem. The Association has had requests for bed and breakfasts and short-term rentals. All of these requests have been turned down. He acknowledged speaking with Mr. Prevost when he purchased the property but stated that Mr. Prevost did not present a formal request or meet with the Association. He answered questions on a phone call from Mr. Prevost.

Rick Schmahl, President of Wilde River Homeowners Association, stated that once a business is allowed, it becomes a slippery slope to control more requests for home-based businesses.

Prevost noted that there are residents selling Mary Kay and Pampered Chef products. Mr. Schmahl answered that those people act as agents, not a business. No applications have been received to sell Mary Kay or Pampered Chef products. If they were a business, selling product out of the home, they would be required to obtain the same permit as Mr. Prevost.

Chairman Hancock stated that the Plan Commission recommended approval of this application but had not received any response from the Wilde River Homeowners Association at the time. The Plan Commission encourages home-based businesses because they are a boon to the community if there is not a lot of traffic and no retail signs. He expressed concern that if Mr. Prevost's business were to become more successful, more people would come to his house. His main concern is to not permit something homeowners do not want. Although the bylaws do not specifically state home-based businesses are not allowed, it is the intent. The decision needs to be based on the will of the homeowners. The bylaws need to be tightened so it is clear what is allowed.

Supervisor Popelka noted that there are people in Wilde River operating snow plowing and lawn care businesses, although there is no business front. There are customers who come to pick up Mary Kay products or discuss a contract with a contractor.

Supervisor Thurn suggested setting conditions on a Special Use Permit. She asked if firearms are discharged on the property. Mr. Prevost answered that he joined the Cable Rod and Gun Club so he would have a place to shoot. There is no shooting on the property. He would agree to work with conditions of approval.

Supervisor Thurn suggested the following conditions:

- No on-premises deliveries; all sales will be shipped to customers
- No retail signage or showroom will be allowed
- Guns must be locked on the premises
- A permit is only for this property owner; it is not attached or tied to the land in any way for a subsequent owner.

Mr. Gran also stated that the Association could work with Mr. Prevost with conditions of approval. He sent a letter to Bayfield County Zoning, which he read: (need copy). The letter states that advertised retail is not allowed. No advertised business is allowed with customers coming to the home.

MOTION by Supervisor Popelka, seconded by Chairman Hancock that based on the recommendation of the Plan Commission and the fact that the property is zoned RRB, which allows home-based businesses, the Class B Special Use Permit for a home-based firearms business for Steve Prevost at 7455 Woodcrest Drive is approved with the following conditions:

1. Sales shall be conducted primarily off-site;
2. There shall be no on-site signage, no showroom and no storefront;
3. Best Practices shall be used for storage of firearms;
4. There shall be limited retail traffic to the home; and
5. The permit is only for the current landowner and does not transfer to any subsequent owner of this property.

Discussion

Mr. Prevost noted that he does have a sign on his truck, but there is no sign on the property.

MOTION carried.

#### **Discussion/Possible Action on Restricting ATV Use on East Cable Lake Road**

Chairman Hancock explained that the town has received a request to not allow ATVs and UTVs on East Cable Lake Road. The issue is that the town allows their use on all town roads because of trail access. There is a trail that parallels E. Cable Lake Road that goes through the woods.

Mr. Jim Braaken stated that the old town policy was that ATVs and UTVs are not allowed on town roads if there is a way to get through the woods. People who live on town roads would prefer these vehicles to be in the woods. When permission was granted for ATVs and UTVs to be on all town roads, it ended the opportunity to decide which town roads should allow them and which not. The Sheriff's Department recommended allowing ATV use on all town roads because enforcement on just certain roads would be too complicated. At that time, there was not through-woods trail to Blue Moon Road for ATV use. The only route was E. Cable Lake Road. Two years ago a trail was opened to Blue Moon Road. Mr. Braaken noted that snowmobiles are not allowed on E. Cable Lake Road except for local resident access. There is no reason to allow access on E. Cable Lake Road because it is hilly and curvy, and there is a safer trail through the woods.

Supervisor Popelka agreed that E. Cable Lake Road is not a safe road for any kind of recreation, but it is difficult to make an exception for one road. He noted that the town has always required the ATV Club to properly sign and direct ATV use to trails. The signs have not kept up with usage.

Supervisor Thurn noted that an exception was made on Reynolds Road. Foreman Lang explained that the sign on Reynolds Road is actually for County Highway M, where ATV use is not allowed. The placement on Reynolds Road is a convenient location for the sign. He noted that in talking to the Sheriff's Department, there are no documented ATV accidents on E. Cable Lake Road in spite of the danger.

Sybil Braaken asked if there would be any liability for the town, if the road is not safe. Residents do not call in incidents because there is no way to catch perpetrators, but there is a danger for old people and children who cannot get off the road quickly. Chairman Hancock answered that there would be no liability to the town for any accident.

MOTION by Supervisor Popelka, seconded by Chairman Hancock to properly sign the Town of Cable for ATV use at all borders, stating that town roads are open to ATV use; and at E. Cable Lake Road direct ATV use to the trail and remove the ATV route sign for use of the road. MOTION carried.

#### **Discussion/Possible Action on Town Logo**

Chairman Hancock commended those who have done a ton of work to present a recommendation for approval of the design for the town logo to go with the town theme of "Live It!"

MOTION by Chairman Hancock, seconded by Supervisor Thurn to adopt the logo design presented as the official town logo.

Discussion:

Supervisor Popelka stated that the logo does not say "Cable" to him, but it is a better logo than many town. Deb Nelson responded that the designer is willing to continue to make minor changes. The final version may be a little different.

Tony noted that in Barnes there is a banner that says "Live." He does not know if the banner belongs to a homeowner or the town.

MOTION carried.

#### **Discussion/Possible Action Regarding Role of Design Committee and Plan Commission Subcommittees**

Chairman Hancock stated that the Design Committee is an official body appointed by the Planning Commission. Connect Communities is an ad hoc group that follows up on ideas. Some conflict occurred between the Design Committee and the Planning Commission regarding the logo. The Planning Commission would have liked input with the log, but the Design Committee presented it directly to the Town Board.

Chairman Hancock proposed that when ideas are generated, they are reviewed by the Plan Commission. The Plan Commission will assign projects to the Design Committee and indicate whether the Committee needs to report back to the Plan Commission or go directly to the Town Board.

Deb Nelson responded that there is a Plan Commission liaison on the Design Committee. It is that person's responsibility to report back to the Plan Commission on all the work being done by the Design Committee. The liaison had copies of logo designs and attended the meeting when a decision was made. The Design Committee welcomes input but not at the last minute. Nels

Supervisor Popelka stated that nothing was brought to the Plan Commission. When a request was made to see the designs, the Plan Commission did not get them. Suzanne Roone responded that Design Committee minutes are sent to the Chair of the Plan Commission and posted on the Cable Tomorrow web page. Plan Commission members are welcome at Design Committee meetings.

Deb Nelson stated that it is her understanding the Design Committee reports directly to the Town Board. The original motion made by the Board is not totally clear. It is not the problem of the Design Committee that the Plan Commission felt uninformed. She clarified that she is head of Connect Communities; Linda Podvin is the Chair of the Design Committee. Any questions regarding the Design Committee should go to Linda.

Chairman Hancock stated he does not want the process to change, but the liaison needs to report to the Plan Commission so it can weigh in if it sees fit to do so.

It was the consensus of the Board to continue working with the process in place. The Plan Commission will give an assignment to the Design Committee as to where the logo signs need to be posted in town. Supervisor Popelka will take this direction to the Plan Commission.

#### **Discussion/Possible Action on Recommendation from Plan Commission to Proceed with Walkway from Public Restrooms to Kavanaugh Road**

This idea is from Cable Tomorrow to connect the municipal parking lot to downtown with a path from the parking lot to Kavanaugh Road. Easements will be needed. Impacted property owners, Velo and the UCC Church are agreeable to this plan. An easement will also be needed from Chippewa Valley Bank which has raised questions about liability. Karl Kastrosky, Chair of the Plan Commission is working with the bank. Initially, a gravel path was planned. That has changed to a hard surface so it will be easy to plow. There are 2018 funds from Cable Tomorrow to cover this project in 2019.

Supervisor Popelka expressed concern that foot traffic will be directed away from the library, museum and town businesses, and whether this is a good use of town funds. It would be better to not use taxpayer funds.

Supervisor Thurn responded that there is benefit in making the community increasingly pedestrian friendly. It can be enhanced with landscaping by the property owners, which could involve the Community Farm and the museum with use of native plants. Another path is being considered from the green space behind the new restaurant to the main street. She expressed her support for the walkway.

Suzanne Rooney added that John Hand is working on an Urban Plan to create places of interest and a reason for people to walk through the town. The path will meander, and there are many ideas to make it interesting.

Tony Merrill stated that he is against using taxpayer money for this project because there are other priorities that need to be done. Upkeep will be an ongoing expense. Another priority is gravel for Ole Lake Road.

Chairman Hancock noted there is no sidewalk to connect the parking lot to County Highway M. He suggested possibly the church sidewalk could be extended to the parking lot.

MOTION by Supervisor Thurn, seconded by Chairman Hancock for the town to support proceeding with putting in a pathway from the public restrooms to Kavanaugh Road and for the Design Committee to be included in the planning process.

#### Discussion

Chairman Hancock noted that the parking lot is large. The pathway will direct people in interesting ways through town. This is something that should be done, even Large parking lot – directing people in interesting ways thru town is something that should be done, even with the cost.

Tony Merrill stated that if the town wants something, it is given to a committee and the cost goes up.

MOTION carried.

#### **Discussion/Possible Action on Recommendation from Plan Commission for Shop Local Program at Christmas**

Chairman Hancock stated that the Shop Local program is being developed as part of Economic Development and has been budgeted.

It was the consensus of the Board to support the Shop Local program going forward.

#### **Discussion/Possible Action Regarding Plan Commission Recommendations for Implementation of Event Checklist**

The Event Checklist was sent to the Plan Commission to brainstorm on ideas of how it can be implemented. It was noted that Ron Bergin, who designed the checklist, does not believe it needs to be mandatory. The Plan Commission acknowledges there is no way to enforce use of the event checklist. However, it is encouraged that it be posted on the town website, make it available at the Chamber of Commerce and include it on the Community Calendar.

Supervisor Thurn noted the appendix to the Recreation Plan adopted by the Town Board has a list of events that could provide contact information for sponsors.

**Discussion/Possible Action on Recommendations from the Roads Committee**

Chairman Hancock reported that the Roads Committee has submitted two recommendations to the Town Board. The first is to purchase crack sealing equipment (a router and a heat lance). This would be good maintenance equipment to protect roads.

MOTION by Chairman Hancock, seconded by Supervisor Thurn to accept the recommendation from the Roads Committee and authorize the purchase of crack sealing equipment that would include a heat lance and a router, with the cost not to exceed \$25,000.

Discussion:

Foreman Lang stated that he has learned from Fahrner that a router may not be a cost-effective item to purchase. A compressor heat lance would be helpful. The town could get by with the heat lance for half the money, and it would be adequate for 95% of the crack sealing work needed.

Chairman Hancock amended his motion to not specify equipment to be purchased but allowed up to \$25,000 for crack sealing equipment determined to be needed. Supervisor Thurn accepted the amendment.

MOTION carried.

The second recommendation from the Roads Committee is to designate up to \$116,000 in the 2019 budget for chip sealing.

MOTION by Chairman Hancock to accept the Roads Committee recommendation to budget up to \$116,000 to contract out for chip sealing on roads in 2019. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Popelka with an amendment to to identify the excess roads fun in capital outlay for chip sealing. Chairman Hancock accepted the amendment.

Discussion

Foreman Lang stated that flex patching may be required before chip sealing can be done. Flex patching could cost \$4000/mile.

MOTION carried.

**Discussion/Possible Action on West Cable Lake Road**

Chairman Hancock stated the issue is the final surface for the road. Recycled asphalt was to be used, but that material is no longer available.

MOTION by Supervisor Popelka, seconded by Supervisor Thurn to leave W. Cable Lake Road as gravel and maintain it accordingly until the 2020 season, when it will be reviewed again. MOTION carried.

**Discussion/Possible Action about Work Left on Town Garage**

Supervisor Popelka reported contact with the architect. The steel was ordered, but there is no communication of when the contractor will get the work done. If the town has to pursue action legally, he would suggest pusuing them for the entire contract, not just what was accepted as a compromise.



It was the consensus of the Board for Supervisor Popelka and Foreman Lang to draft a letter to the contractor for the work to be done by a 30-day deadline with a copy to the bonding agency. The town attorney will review and finalize the letter. If the deadline is not met, the town will have its attorney contact the bonding agency for the corrections. The town has not fully paid the contract. The amount of \$8000 is still being held by the town and not paid.

**Discussion/Possible Action on Snow Plowing Plan**

Supervisor Thurn will contact John Higgins to let him know the town will be clearing some trees on town property on the railroad grade beyond the Leonard Higgins property for snow plowing. This will not impact the Higgins property.

Chairman Hancock agreed to contact Mr. Higgins to inform him. He will Foreman Lang know by Sunday evening so the work can be scheduled for next week.

**Discussion/Possible Action on Agenda Items for 4-Towns Meeting**

Two items were requested to be included on the 4-towns meeting agenda: 1) attracting new people to be Firefighters; and 2) a closed session to discuss the ambulance lawsuit.

**Discussion/Possible Action Regarding Town Participation in Cable Area Trunk or Treat**

Trunk or Treat is an event being planned in the municipal parking lot for Halloween. Car owners will give out treats from their decorated car trunks. The event will be 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. Possibly a fire truck could be available, kids love to see fire trucks. Suprvisor Thurn stated she would like to make Trunk or Treat an annual event, similar to the Easter Egg Hunt. Supervisor Thurn will coordinate with Foreman Lang.

**Action to Approve Payment of Bills**

MOTION by Supervisor Popelka, seconded by Chairman Hancock to approve payment of the checks listed:

Cable Fire Department	Check No. 3031
Forest Lodge Library	Check Nos. 3318 through 3324
Town of Cable	Check Nos. 8596 through 8615

MOTION carried.

**Other Issues**

Clerk Allen noted a request from a biker to park his RV in Cable while he bikes with friends this upcoming weekend. Clerk Allen suggested behind the old school but was advised that is private property. Area RV parks are closed, and the town does not have any place for parking RVs.

Two items were added to the budget Middle Meeting agenda: 1) snowmobile trail(s) into town; and 2) letter received from Allen Amundson.

**Adjournment.**

Chairman Hancock declared the meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

# TOWN OF CABLE SANITARY DISTRICT #1 MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 10, 2018

President – David Popelka Treasurer – Robert Flowers Secretary – Jeannie Dixon

**1. Call to Order** - The Regular Meeting of the Town of Cable Sanitary District #1 was called to order at 3:08 p.m. on October 10, 2018 at the Sanitary District office. David Popelka, Robert Flowers and Jeannie Dixon were present.

**2. Minutes** – Minutes of the September 12, 2018 meeting were presented by Jeannie Dixon. Following review, Bob Flowers made motion to accept the meeting minutes as presented, with second by David Popelka. Motion carried unopposed.

**3. Treasurer's Report** - The monthly Treasurer's report was presented by Bob Flowers. Monthly bank statements from Peoples Bank dated 9/20/18 and 9/28/18 were received for the record. Account balances listed below are current to September 28, 2018. Following review and discussion of the two reports, David Popelka made a motion to accept them as presented which was seconded by Jeannie Dixon. Motion carried unopposed.

Debt Retirement #9707786 \$ 2,522.82

## 4. Financial Actions

- **Monthly accounts payable reports were presented by Bob Flowers.**
- **Following review and discussion, David Popelka made a motion to approve payment of the September Group 3 and October Group 1 reports, pay invoices as presented and delay payment of Commissioner stipends pending end of month receipts. Jeannie Dixon seconded the motion and it passed unopposed.**
- **Quarterly budget forecasting figures were provided by Bob Flowers. Given our current O&M account balance, estimate of expenses to end of year and outstanding invoices owed, Bob gave a cautious estimate of -\$4,127.00 balance at end of year. This estimate does not take into account any delinquencies that may be paid or any increase in expenses.**

## 5. Operators Report

- **Chris Johnstone has started draining down the system for fall.**
- **The top of the holding tank will be repaired when tank is pumped this fall. Chris will be getting estimates for repair from pumpers.**

Equipment Fund #9707824	\$ 6,999.10
O&M Account #154421	\$18,803.47
Backup Debt Retirement #23690	\$70,000.00
Contingency Fund #23691	\$40,000.00

## 6. Correspondence

- Received USDA request for annual budget data. President Popelka has e-mailed accountant Ron Gran who will complete the form and return to USDA.
- We have received the 2017 Workers Comp account audit statement from West Bend which has been reviewed and filed.

## 7. Old Business

- The time is passed to apply for a grant/loan from USDA to assist with costs to install a new holding tank. This will be put on calendar to apply for next year's budget cycle.

## **8. New Business**

- No new business this month. 9. **Closed Session**

• President Popelka made motion at 3:42 pm to enter a closed session in compliance with WI Statute 19.85(1)(f). The motion was seconded by Bob Flowers and carried. Following closed session discussion Bob Flowers made motion to adjourn closed session and rejoin open session meeting at 4:36 p.m. This motion was seconded by David Popelka and carried. There are no actions required as result of the closed session.

## **10. Next Meeting**

- The next meeting of the Town of Cable Sanitary District #1 Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 3 pm at the Sanitary District Office.

11. Meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jeannie Dixon, Secretary.

## Forest Lodge Library

Report to Towns-10/08/2018

- On Tuesday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, The Forest Lodge Library sponsored a visit by historical entertainer Bill Jamerson to the Drummond School. Mr. Jamerson performed *Daylight in the Swamp*, a show about lumberjacks and lumber camps up here in the Northwoods. In attendance were 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders who learned a few new vocabulary words...like...*teamster* and *sawyer* and other lumberjack lingo. Ninety-some kids enjoyed the show. That evening Mr. Jamerson performed his show about mining days on the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, *UP in the U.P.* Twenty people crammed into the library and enjoyed the show.
- On Wednesday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, we welcomed area poets Jan Chronister and Naomi Cochran to the library to read from newly or recently published work. Nine were in attendance for that programming. If anyone missed this but wish they hadn't, we encourage you to check out a reading coming up Sunday, 10/14 at the Drummond Library, an annual reading celebrating the release of the new Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets calendar.
- The Katie Flowers Endowment wrapped up its season at The Book House over the Fall Fest weekend. The Katie Flowers Endowment is considered to be the "fund-raising" arm of the library and has its own Board (although it is mostly the same as the library board) and By-Laws and can, and does, hold donated funds for the benefit of the Forest Lodge Library. It is that organization that has managed Book House efforts. It is VERY likely that they will soon cut-off book donations until next spring, so, if you've been meaning to clean off that book shelf, you should maybe get on it.
- The library has scheduled a Candidate's Forum to take place at the Cable Community Centre on Tuesday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Confirmed are Janet Bewley and James Bolen, candidates for the 25<sup>th</sup> State Senate District and Beth Myers and Jeffrey Fahl, candidates for the 74<sup>th</sup> State Assembly District. Those attending will be given the opportunity to ask questions, likely via writing them on a card for the moderator to present to the candidates. We sincerely hope that all will take advantage of this opportunity to hear from those who will be representing us at State level. There will be refreshments after!
- We have another meeting scheduled with Keller Builds on Thursday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. They will have assembled a "project book" based on information received from us at our last meeting, assigning square footage to various service elements discussed at our last meeting; i.e. size of children's area, circulation desk, staff work area, staff offices, etc. We're looking forward to moving forward!
- The Forest Lodge Library will plan to stay open until at least the "close" of trick or treat time on Wednesday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. We love to see the kids in costume!

## October Road and Property Report

We have been working on cleaning up a number of projects during the last couple of months. During the first week of this month, we finished putting down the last 4,200 tons of road gravel on West Cable Lake Road. We still have to do a final grading and some driveway approach work to do. We also did some final graveling and grading on Spider Lake Fire Lane in early September.

Ole Lake intersection is complete now with the removal of the blacktop, topsoiling, and seeding of the old intersection.

We have been taking care of some problem trees around Town recently. We took out the large trees at the Perry Lake/Highway 63 intersection which were quite a traffic hazard over the years, demonstrated by all of the scars on those trees. We also were requested by citizens to removed numerous dead and dying trees around the village.

We borrowed Town of Drummond's line painting equipment and freshened up the lines around the village in September. This spruced things up nicely before our fall events occurred.

We made some major improvements at Perry Lake Landing. This includes expanding the turn around circle, creating a parking area by the bathrooms, and landscaping the hill next to the beach to increase seating and lounging space.

We made some improvements at the Community Center recently. By removing a couple of trees, some old stumps, and a mound of dirt, we created an area to deposit snow at the west end of the parking lot. This will leave many parking spaces usable which have been occupied with the snow pile in past years.

We have been improving a few turnarounds on the west side of Town recently. Adequate turnarounds make plowing faster and more efficient. We also used this opportunity to make some improvements at the Totogatic boat landing. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is working with us and funding a portion of these upgrades.

We have been mowing and brushing as time allows. The whole town was mowed back two passes where possible. We are focusing brushing efforts on the east side of town this year, although equipment failures have made that a slow process.

This is the time of year when beaver become more active as they prepare for winter. Please be aware that traps may be set in waterways where culverts are being plugged and beaver dams are being built.

Last week we drained the Depot and turned off the lights for the season, although the public is still welcome to use park. We also drained and closed the parking lot public restrooms for the season.

I converted the Town office lights to LED during September. This involved some equipment and wiring changes, but will be much more efficient and easier to maintain in the future.

Our 2015 plow truck is currently in Superior for repairs to the power steering system. When it gets back, we will be setting up the trucks for winter operations. It's that time of year!

Bob Lang

Road and Property Foreman