

TOWN OF CABLE BOARD MEETING
November 15, 2018
Cable Community Centre - 6:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda

Item 9, Parking at Gun Club for Birkie, was moved for consideration after item No. 5, Deer Problem, on the agenda.

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

MOTION carried.

***Approval of Consent Agenda:**

- Approval of Minutes: Town Board Work Meeting - October 24, 2018
Budget Public Hearing - November 12, 2018
Special Elector Meeting - November 12, 2018
Special Town Board Meeting - November 12, 2018
Special Town Board Meeting - November 13, 2018
- Treasurer's Report:
General Account Balance: \$39,180.79 (September Revised)
Clerk Allen explained that accurate reconciled balances will be reported for the first day of the previous month of the Board meeting. Therefore, the balance given at the December 2018 Town Board meeting will be for November 1, 2018.
- Chairman's Report: Chairman Hancock stated that due to his new job requirements and move, his resignation will be effective November 19, 2018.
- Sanitary District Report: Supervisor Popelka reported that prep work for winter is being done.
Residents are being contacted about maintenance work yet to be done this fall.
- Forest Lodge Library Report: Library Director Kristine Lendved will be invited to the Middle Meeting, November 27, 2018, to report on new library plans.
- Cable Airport Commission Report - Receipt 10-7-18 Draft Special Meeting Minutes
Foreman Bob lang reported that the slab for the apron for Parod Hangar is not at the grade designed. He has concerns about water flowing in. Supervisor Thurn stated that work will continue in the spring. The plan is to blacktop from the tarmac to the apron. There is no additional expense for the blacktop if it is not done until spring. Supervisor Popelka asked if the reparis to Mr. Nelson's hangar are satisfactory. Supervisor Thurn reported there is no problem.
- Plan Commission Report: Supervisor Popelka reported the recommendation of the Plan

Commission to proceed with the downtown PA system and accept the quote from CTG Corp. This item is budgeted in 2019. Preliminary work is being done at the park for campsites.

- Roads Report: Chairman Hancock noted that the Roads Committee discussed at length the size of the new truck purchased. Foreman Lang reported that the new truck can turn in the same radius as the small truck.

Foreman Lang reported that the roof over the entryway to the Old Fire Hall is collapsing. He would like permission to remove it. Also, the conduit that feeds the electric meter on the building has snapped off. This will be discussed at the Middle Meeting.

Chairman Hancock requested a thank you letter be sent to the American Legion for permission to have electricity at the triangle for a town Christmas tree.

MOTION by Supervisor Popelka, seconded by Supervisor Thurn to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION carried.

Public Comments

Scott Gooler reported attending a meeting of the Lake Owen Association. Locations are being sought for decontamination units and staffing, as now required by a new Bayfield County ordinance. Units cannot be located at Lake Owen because it is in the National Forest. Boats must be decontaminated before going into another lake. AIS Monitors can check tags to be sure boats go through the decontamination units. There will be several more meetings to work an enforcement system. These units will require staffing of 10 to 14 hours per day to comply with the ordinance. Grant opportunities are being sought.

Tony Merrill reported a beaver problem on Ole Lake. The beavers are downstream from the culverts, about 50 yards. Water is up over the culverts. Foreman Lang responded that later in the winter when the lake is frozen, the dam will be taken out.

Discussion/Possible Action Re: Section 18 Deer Problem - Tom Frels

Tom Frels reported that no action has been taken since last September when the deer problem was reported in Section 18. Deer are all over town. He has had as many as 16 or 17 in his yard. His grandson has no place to play because the yard is so full of deer droppings. It is a health issue. Because so many people are feeding them, does are teaching their fawns where to go to find feeders. Supervisor Popelka stated that the town has asked residents to voluntarily stop feeding deer, but that has not been successful. Supervisor Thurn added that a committee was discussed to look into the issue. Her mother is a Master Gardener and lives in town. The deer eat everything, even plants they reportedly do not eat. It is extremely frustrating for many residents.

Scott Gooler stated that he presented a 20-page packet to the Town Board December 14, 2017, after talking to Todd Nast from the DNR. Information in the

packet related to a feeding ban, educational outreach to residents and an archery season. It was agreed then to have a deer feeding ordinance. Tony Merrill noted that it is illegal to feed deer within 50 yards of a dwelling.

Chairman Hancock requested the issue be sent to the Plan Commission to develop a deer management plan. Karl Kastrosky, Chair of the Plan Commission stated that he will form a task force to make recommendations. Tom Frels and Scott Gooler offered to be on the task force.

Discussion/Possible Action Re: DNR Lakes Grant/AIS Application

Supervisor Thurn reported that the AIS Grant Application is due December 10, 2018. The town has participated in this program for the past 15 years. She agreed to serve as Project Manager. Monitors will be hired for the landings at Perry Lake, Cable Lake and Tahkodah Lake. Grant funding pays for 75% of the project. The remaining cost is from the sponsor, and there have been donations.

Scott Gooler noted that monitors worked 318 hours at Cable Lake; 365 hours at Tahkodah Lake; and 351 hours at Perry Lake. The number of boats on each lake as of December 31, 2018 will be reported at the Annual Meeting.

MOTION by Supervisor Thurn for the Town of Cable to apply for the 2019 Clean Waters Aquatic Invasive Species Program, and to submit an application by the due date of December 10, 2018. Supervisor Popelka seconded with the addition that Supervisor Thurn serve as Project Manager. MOTION carried.

Discussion/Possible Action Re: Road Closure Reynolds Street for Tree Lighting - November 30, 2018

A request has been submitted to the Town Board for permission to close Reynolds Street in front of the Brick House during the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

MOTION by Supervisor Popelka, seconded by Supervisor Thurn to authorize closure of Reynolds Street on November 30, 2018, from 3:30 to 7:30 for the first Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.
MOTION carried.

Discussion/Possible Action Re: North End Ski Club Cross Country Ski Race on February 10, 2019

Request Permission to cross Timber Trail Road in Two Locations

MOTION by Supervisor Popelka, seconded by Chairman Hancock to allow the North End Ski Club permission to cross Timber Trail in two locations with the stipulation that all snow will be removed and the new Cable Event Checklist will be completed and submitted.

MOTION carried.

Discussion/Possible Action Re: Parking at Gun Club for Birkie and McNaught Road Closures for Birkie

Karl Kastrosky stated that the Cable Rod and Gun Club has capacity to park approximately 200 cars and will be seeking the opportunity to provide parking

during the Birkie. His concern is whether McNaught Road will be closed and car access to gun club property. This is a good fundraising opportunity that the gun club does not want to lose. The gun club hopes to be able to work with the Birkie on this parking opportunity. A contingency plan would be to use Telemark Road and cross airport property to reach the parking area at the gun club. It would be a lot of work to maintain that large area and then shuttle people from the gun club to the Birkie. He asked if McNaught will be closed to all vehicles.

Foreman Lang responded that the Sheriff's Department is talking about closing the entrance at McNaught with only residents allowed for safety reasons and traffic congestion. If parking is pre-sold and passes issued, he believes it would be a non-issue.

Chairman Hancock stated he would be in favor of cooperation with the Birkie. There is room for buses and 200 cars.

Supervisor Thurn noted that last year there was discussion about a shuttle from the municipal parking lot as an added service for skiers. All could benefit.

Supervisor Popelka asked about pedestrians on McNaught. Kastrosky stated that he will work to find a way to not allow pedestrians.

Discussion/Possible Action Re: Resolution for Library Funding

Chairman Hancock read the resolution:

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes S.43.64 (2) provides for the exemption from the County Library Levy for any municipality which has higher municipal library expenditures than the municipality's share of the county Library Levy, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cable has appropriated and will expend \$43,700.00 on local library service in 2019, and the Town of Cable's share of the 2019 County Library Levy is \$41,157.96.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town of Cable hereby applies for exemption from the Bayfield County Library Levy for 2019.

Supervisor Thurn noted that if the Town does not apply for the exemption, the money is distributed throughout the County.

MOTION by Chairman Hancock, seconded by Supervisor Thurn to adopt the Resolution for Exemption from the 2019 County Library Levy.

MOTION carried.

Discussion/Possible Action Re: Execution of Purchase Option for Leased Excavator

Now Returned to Dealer

Chairman Hancock stated that there has been a lot of discussion about the purchase of an excavator. The Town executed a lease with option to purchase for

six months. However, the item was not budgeted and the excavator was returned to the dealer.

MOTION by Supervisor Thurn, seconded by Supervisor Popelka to return the excavator to the dealer and decline the purchase option on the lease agreement.

Discussion:

Larry Ludzack asked how much money was spent. Foreman Lang answered, \$28,000. If the excavator were purchased, the amount would be \$142,000. It is valued at \$188,000. Until it is sold, the dealer will honor the purchase option. Ludzack noted that the excavator could have been purchased, then sold to make money for the town.

MOTION carried.

Discussion/Possible Action on Appointment to Town Board Supervisor Vacancy

Chairman Hancock explained the process for filling a vacancy on the Town Board according to State Statutes and the Wisconsin Town Association. The decision is made by the two remaining Supervisors and the Town Clerk. Chairman Hancock recused himself from this portion of the meeting and designated Supervisor Thurn to act as Chair.

MOTION by Clerk Allen to nominate Supervisor Popelka as Chair, effective November 19, 2018. Supervisor Thurn seconded the nomination. Supervisor Popelka accepted the nomination and recused himself from voting. MOTION carried.

Having been appointed Chair, Supervisor Popelka resigned from his Supervisor position.

Supervisor Popelka stated that applications were received from three excellent candidates: Bruce Hanson, Larry Ludzack and Kathy Zuelsdorff. A lot of thought was put into this decision to make the transition as smooth as possible.

MOTION by Supervisor Popelka, seconded by Supervisor Thurn to nominate Larry Ludzack to fill the vacant Supervisor position, effective November 19, 2018.

Discussion:

Supervisor Thurn outlined Larry Ludzack's qualifications and noted that he steps in with 10 years solid experience on the Town Board and has been in office within the last two years.

Clerk Allen stated that her preference was candidate Kathy Zuelsdorff who has extensive administrative experience in government. She will abstain from voting.

MOTION carried with 2 Ayes: Popelka and Thurn
1 Abstain: Allen

Discussion/Possible Action on Resolution to Update Accounts at Chippewa Valley Bank and Adopt A Safety Deposit Box Policy

Chairman Hancock resumed chairing the meeting.

MOTION by Supervisor Thurn, seconded by Supervisor Popelka to adopt the resolution to update the account signatures at Chippewa Valley Bank and adopt a Safety Deposit Box Policy.
MOTION carried.

Other Issues

There were no other issues.

Action to Approve Payment of Bills

MOTION by Supervisor Popelka, seconded by Supervisor Thurn to approve payment of the following checks:

- Fire Department - Check Nos. 3032 through 3037
- Library - Check Nos. 3325 through 3334
- Town of Cable - Check Nos. 8626 through 8664

MOTION carried.

Date of Next Town Board Meeting: December 13, 2018

Date of Next Town Board Middle Meeting: Tuesday , November 27, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.

at the Town Office.

Adjournment

Chairman Hancock adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Supervisor Popelka has brought a cake as a sendoff for Chairman Hancock, which was very much enjoyed by all.