

**TOWN OF CABLE BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 10, 2019 - 5:00 P.M.  
CABLE TOWN OFFICE**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Rondeau called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The agenda was suspended to move the closed session to the end of the meeting. Discussion of the Big Brook project was delayed to await the arrival of Mark Dominowski.

**Approval of Minutes:** Closed Meeting May 15, 2019  
Open Meeting May 15, 2019

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to approve the Closed Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2019. MOTION carried.

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to approve the Open Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2019. MOTION carried.

**Public Input**

Shellie Milford stated that she lives on Tahkodah Lake Road. They built their home in 2002-2003. The road is poor and has been in continual deterioration, as other projects are put ahead of its repair. For three years they have been told the road would be resurfaced. When the tree cutting was done earlier in the year, they were told the road would be turned back into a gravel road. This would be hard on trailers and boats and bikes. It would also be a health issue with all the dust. She asked if the town uses the Paser system to rate roads.

Road Foreman Bob Lang answered that the Paser system is used. Often towns contract with the Northwest Regional Planning Commission for this service, but in Cable the Paser rating system is done in-house.

Mark Milford stated that he understands the current condition of the road is not caused by the current Board. The decision to make Tahkodah Lake Road gravel will change what they can do on their property and in their house and affect their property value. He has talked to realtors who used comparables from Lincoln and Atkins Lake and agree that it is very possible property values will go down. He also talked to the town's Assessor Steve Nordquist who stated that in 15 years, he has not heard of a tar road being converted to gravel. They have been told the road bed is wet. He has one layer of gravel on his driveway that is dry all year. He does not believe there are wet issues because the soil is sand. He asked the Board to develop a long-term plan for the road for which they pay taxes. Former Chair Larry Ludzack promised many times there would be a road solution. It is time for promises to be kept. They truly do not want a gravel road.

**Discussion and Possible on the Big Brook Project**

Mark Dominkowski, resident on River Road was present.

Foreman Lang explained that the signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the DNR is for funding to help engineer the failing culvert project on River Road. The deadline was October 15, 2018, which was missed. The request was made to

pull the east side from the project because the Park Service will not allow crossing their property to be able to access the east side. Contractors have said that the project on the west side of the stream cannot be done without destroying the west side. No one wants to be responsible. The DNR permit which has been extended, allows for the disturbance of one side only. The DNR will not extend funding or fund \$1000 for the west side. Bids were received from Mark Rasmussen and Chuck Jerome. The bid from Mark Rasmussen was accepted. He does not recommend continuing with the project. The town contracted with Cooper Engineering for the design work, which will have to be paid. The contract is for an estimate up to \$5000.

Mark Dominowski stated there are constrictions on the east side. He does not want the west side removed. The project has always been for the east side, never the west side.

Supervisor Merrill suggested that without permission to get to the east side, the project should be scrapped and the town cut its losses.

Supervisor Radecki stated that the culvert is failing and something will have to be done. If the east side cannot be accessed, the culvert should be replaced.

Supervisor Merrill disagreed that the culvert is failing. Foreman Lang noted that Cooper and NW Base Engineering have looked at it. Although it has not failed yet, the pipe is in a state of decay. Neither firm would provide documentation.

Chairman Rondeau agreed that the town should step away from this project.

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to pull the Big Brook project until a later time. MOTION carried.

#### **Discussion/Possible Action on Changes to Propane Contract**

It was understood that the contract presented to the Board by Superior Propane was for three years, the first year at \$1.19 per gallon and the remaining two years at \$1.24 per gallon. Actually, if a contract is signed for three years, the rate is \$1.24 all three years. If a contract is signed for one year, the rate is \$1.19 per gallon.

MOTION by Supervisor Merrill, seconded by Supervisor Radecki to contract with Superior Propane for one year at the rate of \$1.19 per gallon. MOTION carried.

#### **Discussion/Possible Action on Contract for Assessment Change of Payment Schedule**

The new contract signed with Assessor Steve Nordquist includes a full revaluation for 2020. The first payment is by the end of December 2019. As no funds were budgeted for this contract in 2019, Mr. Nordquist has agreed for the first payment to be made by the end of January 2020.

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to change the first payment of the new assessor contract to the end of January 2020. MOTION carried.

#### **Discussion/Possible Action on Change of Financial Software from QuickBooks to TownHall Software**

Clerk Allen explained that as a result of the changes to the chart of accounts in 2018, it is very difficult to complete the CT Financial report that is due to the

Department of Revenue at the end of the year. The CT report impacts state funding to the town. TownHall Software is specifically geared for municipalities and completing the CT report. Also, QuickBooks operates from a remote server. Most software is now cloud based. TownHall is cloud based and could be used anywhere. Clerk Allen requested approval for two full users on TownHall Software, the Clerk and Deputy Clerk and permission to continue use of QuickBooks through the end of the year to allow time for all the data entry on TownHall Software to be completed. The full change over would be in January 2020. The cost is \$3600, which would be taken from Deputy Clerk funding.

Chairman Rondeau stated he supports this change because most software is becoming cloud based.

Supervisor Radecki asked about backup and if entries in the TownHall system automatically populate entries into the CT report. Clerk Allen answered there is thorough backup, and entries into the system do populate entries on the CT report.

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to approve the move of financial reporting from QuickBooks to TownHall Software over the next six months with TownHall Software fully operational by January 2020; and that funding will be from the Deputy Clerk budget. MOTION carried.

#### **Discussion/Possible Action to Post Notice of Surrender of Class "A" Liquor License**

Clerk Allen reported the surrender of a Class "A" liquor license by Cirkl North. As required by town ordinance, she requested a 90-day notice for posting be signed by Board members.

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to post the 90-day notice for the surrendered Class "A" liquor license. MOTION carried.

#### **Approval of Payment of Claims: Check Nos. 8970 and 8971**

Clerk Allen reported that two checks were cut to for expedited payment before the regular Board meeting on June 19, 2019.

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to approve payment of claims, check Nos. 8970 and 8971. MOTION carried.

#### **Other Issues**

Clerk Allen showed Board members the notice for the meeting on deer that was done by Kristine Lendved. It includes the quorum language indicating that Board members may be present, but no decisions will be made.

Chairman Rondeau requested an item be added to the June 19, 2019 meeting agenda regarding sidewalks.

Louie Holly asked about the status of his application for a special use permit for a hobby farm. Chairman Rondeau stated that it was approved by the Plan Commission and will be considered at the June 19, 2019 Board meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION:** MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to go into Closed Session at 5:35 p.m., per Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of an

employee. Roll Call: Chairman Rondeau, Supervisors Radecki Merrill and Clerk Allen in favor.

MOTION by Supervisor Merrill, seconded by Supervisor Radecki ] to adjourn Closed Session and reconvene in open session at 6:04 p.m. Roll Call: Chairman Rondeau, Supervisors Radecki, Merrill, and Clerk Allen in favor.

Chairman Rondeau reconvened the open meeting at 6:04 p.m.

**Date of Next Meeting:** June 19, 2019

**Adjournment:** Chairman Rondeau declared the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.