

**TOWN OF CABLE BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 21 2026  
WEDNESDAY, 6:00 P.M.  
CABLE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

**3. ATTENDANCE:**

Chairman Holly; Supervisors Larson, Merrill, Smits; Clerk Bobbi McCauley; Treasurer Susan Kinzie, Deputy Clerk Deanne Allen

Supervisor Popelka was absent.

**4. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

- The Cable Community Centre will be heated and open and a place to get warm if needed
- The town is looking for a part-time assistant to work at the dump
- Birkie is in February; the town board meeting will be February 11, so as not to interfere with any Birkie events
- Bayfield County is looking at establishing a county-wide ambulance system Cable, as part of the Four Towns, currently supports Great Divide.
- This was Deputy Clerk Allen's last meeting. Chair Holly graciously presented her with a plaque of appreciation for her eight years of service to the town as Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Election Inspector. Deputy Allen expressed her appreciation to Chair Holly and to those attending for all the help she received.

**5. CLERK'S REPORT**

- A new index of all resolutions adopted by the town was distributed to board members. Resolutions are kept in a 3-ring binder in the Clerk's office.

**6. TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2025:**

General Fund Balance:	\$658,096.51
Cemetery Perpetual Care:	\$6,349.58
Cemetery Annual Care:	\$10,446.93

## 7. PUBLIC COMMENT

**Sue Rosa**, County Representative, said that the EMS Committee is working on a count-wide system. A proposal will be presented to the board by June 2026.

**Ted Harmon** presented two petitions to Chair Holly in opposition of the streetscape project. People are upset that the board is contemplating bike lanes on County Highway M. He submitted three articles telling how bikes kill pedestrians, and bikers riding in traffic lanes and do not use the bike lane. Petitioners would like to kill the streetscape project. During the July 12, 2023 meeting, it was misrepresented that motorists drive through town at as much as 40 mph. At the July 19, 2023 meeting, he reported that after talking to truck drivers, it is impossible for trucks to go through town over 18 mph. When bike lanes were put in up in Washburn, some businesses closed. People are very upset and expect the board to kill this project.

**Judy Hanks** said that Trinity Lutheran hosted the Community Dinner and was told the dishwasher does not work. She is puzzled why it is not working, as dishes need to be run through the dishwasher to be sanitized. She is aware of an investor who is interested in investing in this facility. If things need to be replaced, please let her know. There are resources to upgrade.

## 8. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. **Approval of Board Meeting Minutes - 12/17/2025**
- b. **Approval of Haywards Lions Pre-Birkie Event on 2/27/26**
- c. **Approval Goats for Grandmas Event 4/25/26**
- d. **Approval Operator License - Tom Gaier**
- e. **Approval of Checks:**

Fire Department	Nos. 3393-3397
Forest Lodge Library	Nos. 4245-4257
Town of Cable	Nos. 11785 – 11824

***Motion by Supervisor Larson, seconded by Supervisor Smits to approve the consent agenda as listed.***

### Discussion:

- Operator License application signed by Tom Gaier is not an accurate signature but a rubber stamp. The signature is acceptable, and his background check is fine.

***Motion carried 4-0.***

**9. Discussion/Possible Action Regarding Streetscape Process**

- Discussion about tabling this item for now to send it to the Plan Commission before approval by the board.
- This phase is architectural, not construction.
- Do not want to get ahead of ourselves when there are petitions and so many questions.
- To apply for grants there has to be backup money available and on hand. The streetscape project should have at least \$1 million before applying for grants.
- After experience with library, a lot of concern about something going wrong and the town on the hook for the large grants that would be needed that would bankrupt the town

***Motion by Supervisor Merrill, seconded by Supervisor Smits to table action on the streetscape process until after the Plan Commission has reviewed it and given a recommendation to the board.***

**Discussion::**

- A lot of steps to happen for a process to be approved.
- There is a concept plan that shows a general direction but not details. Asking permission to begin the public process.
- Community approved detailed plan will be developed that will be budget worthy and give costs.
- Plan Commission and board approved the concept plan three years ago and gave approval to raise money for an architect. He does not understand why it would go back to the Plan Commission.
- Good ideas from local businesses, and there is some opposition.
- Goal to increase pedestrian safety
- Need to talk to people in surrounding areas who are upset
- Will need many permits
- Cable Community Centre needs thousands of dollars in repairs – why are we doing a streetscape with so many other needs?
- No agendas, meeting notices or minutes from Cable Forward meetings
- Meetings must be public and comply with Open Meetings law
- People feel decisions are being made behind their backs
- Chair Holly made clear the expectation to follow state statute for open meetings must begin.
- Plan Commission is arm of board to discuss harder decisions and make recommendations on pros and cons
- Board does not want to circumvent Plan Commission who reviews for compliance with town's 10-year Comp Plan to make sure the concept plan fits

- Cable Forward can hire architect, as they raised the money and it is a no bid process
- Committee could wait to hire until after the Plan Commission meeting to make sure there is a positive recommendation before spending the money
- Streetscape will be sent to Plan Commission for review with a recommendation to the board at its February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting

**Vote on Motion:                   Ayes – 4                   Nays - 0**  
**Motion carried.**

**10. Discussion/Possible Action on Trash Services during Spring Road Bans**

- Trash trucks exempt from road bans in some areas
- Dump trucks are restricted vehicles
- Only township restricting trash trucks is Lenroot in immediate area
- Suggestion to restrict to earlier hours or smaller trucks
- Suggestion to limit hours and not frequency of trucks
- Contact Republic and Waste Management with report for next board meeting on February 11.

**11. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE SUSAN KINZIE AS SIGNATOR ON TOWN OF CABLE CHECKS**

*Motion by Supervisor Larson, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to adopt Resolution 2026-01, authorizing Susan Kinzie, Town of Cable Treasurer, as a signator on checks for the Town of Cable.*  
**Motion carried 4-0.**

**12. GRANT UPDATES**

Supervisor Larson said a detailed plan for a pavilion on the green space of the old school property will be presented at the March meeting. This is part of the Vibrancy Grant.

**13. NEXT MEETING:                   Regular Town Board Meeting February 11, 2026**  
**Work Meeting – 5:00 p.m., Monday, Town Hall**

**ADJOURNMENT** - Chair Holly declared the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.