

**TOWN OF CABLE BOARD MEETING**

**December 18, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Cable Community Centre**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

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

**Chairman's Comments**

Chairman Rondeau noted the 30 inches of snow that fell in 3 days. He commended the Road Crew for their good work. The cemetery area will be used for excess storage of snow. Also, the lower lot on Telemark property may be used if needed and if permitted by the Birkie.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Public Hearing – November 18, 2019**

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to approve the Public Hearing November 18, 2019 minutes as presented. MOTION carried.

**Special Elector Meeting – November 18, 2019**

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to approve the Special Elector Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2019, as presented. MOTION carried.

**Special Board Meeting – November 18, 2019**

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to approve the Special Board Meeting minutes of November 18, 2019, as presented. MOTION carried.

**Town Board Meeting – November 20, 2019**

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to approve the regular Town Board Meeting minutes of November 20, 2019, as presented. MOTION carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Kelly Rauch reported that for October 2019, the general account balance is \$97,610.20, and the cemetery account balance is \$3,026.97. She will be presenting a more complete report for November.

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to receive and place on file the Treasurer's report. MOTION carried.

**Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported that a draft report has been received from independent auditors CliftonLarsonAllen LLP in Eau Claire. Staff have responded to further questions submitted, and a final report is being prepared. Copies of the draft report were distributed to the Board.

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to receive and place on file the Clerk's report. MOTION carried.

**Receipt of Reports:**

- **Forest Lodge Library**
- **Cable Union Airport Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2019**
- **Plan Commission – Draft Minutes December 3, 2019**
- **Road Report – December 2019**
- **Connect Communities Minutes – November 13, 2019**
- **AIS Final 2019 Report**
- **Sanitation District Minutes**

**AIS Report**

Scott Gooler reported receipt of the balance of the AIS Grant for 2019. In 2020, port-a-johns will not longer be considered in-kind payment as part of the Town's grant match.

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to receive the reports submitted and listed for December 18, 2019, and listed above. MOTION carried.

**Public Comment (Limit 3 Minutes)**

Pat Cherney asked for a list of commissions and their members. The Clerk stated that she will make a list for him to pick up.

Pat also stated that in looking at Annual Meeting minutes he noted that there was a vote in favor of establishing a 5-member Town Board. Chairman Rondeau responded that the vote is only a suggestion. The Board has not discussed it.

**Discussion/Possible Action to Adopt Resolution #551 – Resolution for County Library Levy Exemption/**

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to adopt Resolution #551, Resolution for County Library Levy Exemption as provided for in Wisconsin Statutes 43.64(2). MOTION carried.

**Discussion/Possible Action Membership Dues for Town Advocacy Council with Wisconsin Towns Association**

The Town Advocacy Council of the Wisconsin Towns Association (WTA) is the legislative advocacy arm of the WTA. The Council advocates for legislation that advances town government interests. The WTA, as a non-profit organization, provides municipalities counsel on many issues free of charge. Dues for the Advocacy Council are on a per capita basis. With a population of 829, the dues for Cable are \$207.25.

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to approve payment of 2020 membership dues for the Town Advocacy Council of the Wisconsin Town Association in the amount of \$207.25. MOTION carried.

**Discussion/Possible Action to Approve Plans for George's Goats for Grammas Event, April 25, 2020**

Kelly Rauch explained that the money raised from the Goats for Grandmas event pays for goats, wells, and other items to build local economies in undeveloped communities.

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to approve the plan submitted for the George's Goats for Grandmas event on April 25, 2020. MOTION carried.

**Discussion/Possible Action to Approve 46<sup>th</sup> American Birkebeiner Ski Race Restricted Road Requests for February 22, 2020**

Kristy Maki explained that the Birkie this year is requesting to close Randysek Road to McNaught Road. Only permitted vehicles and buses will be allowed from Philippi Road to Fire Tower Road. The request to make Short Road a one way west to east is withdrawn.

Supervisor Merrill noted that the Cable Rod and Gun Club will need access to McNaught Road to park vehicles on their property. Kristy responded that last year passes were given out with monitors at the intersection to check passes. That system worked.

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to approve the Birkie road restriction requests as listed in the December 10, 2019 letter to the Town Board, with the exception that Short Road will not be a one-way road for the Birkie on February 22, 2020; and that Randysek Road from Timber Trail Road south be closed on March 7, 2020 for the Fat Bike Birkie event. MOTION carried.

**Discussion/Possible Action to Approve Ralph & Donna Govert Special Use Permit**

The Town's inspector has inspected the property and found it suitable for short-term rental.

MOTION by Supervisor Merrill, seconded by Supervisor Radecki to approve the Special Use Permit for Ralph and Donna Govert, for short-term rental of 42680 U.S. Highway 63 in Cable. MOTION carried.

**Discussion/Possible Action to Approve Norvado Contract to Purchase Desktop Computer with Election Security Subgrant Award**

The Clerk explained that the original proposal did not include a monitor. Norvado was requested to revise the proposal, which now exceeds the \$1200 Election Security Subgrant award by \$175.00.

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to approve the Norvado proposal to install a DELL OptiPlex computer funded by the \$1200 Election Subgrant Award and the remaining \$175 from the computer portion of the Clerk's budget. MOTION carried.

**Discussion/Possible Action to Appoint Election Workers for Years 2020 and 2021**

The Clerk presented a list of nine election workers who have agreed to serve for the election term of 2020 through 2021.

MOTION by Supervisor Merrill, seconded by Supervisor Radecki to approve the following election workers for the election term of 2020 through 2021: Lori Popelka, Chief Inspector; Amy Byrd; Bob Flowers; Margaret Flowers; Lynne Wehrheim; Rhonda Rasmussen; Sue Rosa; Deneen Carpenter and Lisa Nelosn.

MOTION carried.

**Discussion/Possible Action to Approve Hourly Wage Increase for Election Chief Inspector**

The Clerk explained that the Chief Inspector is the person in charge of the election polling place on election day. Those duties include completing six hours of training, overseeing poll workers, completing paperwork for the election and generally supervising all activities of the election. Therefore, the request is made for the Chief Inspector to be paid \$12.00/hour instead of the \$10.00/hour paid to poll workers.

MOTION by Supervisor Merrill, seconded by Supervisor Radecki to approve the wage increase for the Election Chief Inspector from \$10.00/hour to \$12.00/hour. MOTION carried.

**Discussion/Possible Action to Adopt Ordinance No. 43-19, Authorization for Town Board of Cable to Appoint the Positions of Town Clerk and Town Treasurer and Call for A Referendum for Electors to Approve Ordinance No. 43-19**

The Board is seeking authority to be able to appoint the Clerk and Treasurer positions. The reason is because the work of these positions has become very complex, and it is important to have qualified people in the positions. Therefore, an ordinance is proposed as a referendum question to the town electors at the April 7, 2020 election.

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to adopt Ordinance no. 43-19, authorizing the Town Board to appoint the positions of Town Clerk and Town Treasurer and call for a referendum at the April 7, 2020 election for electors to approve Ordinance No. 43-19. MOTION carried.

**Discussion/Possible Action to Approve Solicitation of Bids for 2020 Mowing Season**

MOTION Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to table this item to the next meeting. MOTION carried.

**CLOSED SESSION: Motion by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to go into Closed Session at 6:45 p.m., pursuant to 1985(1)(c) Employee Evaluation. ROLL CALL: Chairman Rondeau, Supervisors Radecki and Merrill and Clerk Allen voting in favor.**

**MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to adjourn the Closed Session at 6:55 p.m., and reconvene the regular meeting in open session. ROLL CALL: Chairman Rondeau, Supervisors Radecki and Merrill and Clerk Allen voting in favor**

The following motions were made during Closed Session:

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to appoint Dave Swanson for the part-time Seasonal Position. MOTION carried.

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to appoint Al Kolve to the first back up position and John Mueller to the second backup position at the rate of \$18.00 per hour. MOTION carried.

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to appoint Jason Swanson as Road Foreman contingent upon completion of a 90-day probation period, effective January 1, 2020, with Mr. Swanson receiving a \$0.50 hourly increase January 1, 2020, and a second \$0.50 increase upon successful completion of probation. MOTION carried.

<b>Approval of Checks:</b>	<b>Fire Department</b>	<b>#3099 through #3104</b>
	<b>Forest Lodge Library</b>	<b>#3513 through #3529</b>
	<b>Town of Cable</b>	<b>#9179 through 9193 &amp; #9223 through 9249</b>

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to approve the following payments:

Fire Department	Check Nos. 3099 through 3104	
Forest Lodge Library	Check Nos. 3513 through 3529	
Town of Cable	Check Nos. 9179 through 9193 and Check Nos. 9223 through 9249	MOTION carried.

### **Other Issues**

Supervisor Merrill recommended George Wolski be given a separate plaque of recognition for land donation he gave for the public restrooms.

Bonuses were discussed for staff. The Board requested bonus amounts be brought to the Board in September next year for consideration of increasing them.

The Board requested a holiday celebration be planned with staff at Garmisch Inn, Wednesday, January 8, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

**Next Regular Meeting – January 15, 2020 7:02 p.m.**

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Rondeau declared the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.