

TOWN OF CABLE ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING
April 16, 2019 – 7:00 P.m. - Cable Community Centre

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Chairman Popelka called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The following changes were made to the agenda:

No. 9, Ambulance Report will follow No. 5, Chairman's Report

No. 7, Forest Lodge Library Report will follow No. 9, Ambulance Report

No. 16 will include AIS and Economic Development Reports

MOTION by Jack Radecki, seconded by Cecelia Peterson to approve the agenda as modified.

MOTION carried.

3. Approval of Minutes:

a. Minutes of Public Hearing – April 17, 2018

b. Minutes of Special Board Meeting – April 17, 2018

c. Minutes of Annual Meeting – April 17, 2018

d. Minutes of December 13, 2018 Elector Meeting

MOTION by Brenda Brueske-Kolve, seconded by Jack Radecki to approve the following sets of minutes: 1) April 17, 2018 Public Hearing; 2) April 17, 2018 Special Board Meeting; 3) April 17, 2018 Annual Meeting; and 4) December 13, 2018 Elector Meeting. MOTION carried.

4. Polling Method:

Chairman Popelka appointed Karl Kastrosky, Sue Rosa and Kathy Zuelsdorff to be tellers and count all votes taken at the meeting.

A vote was taken on whether to vote by paper ballot or a hand count. The results were:

36 by hand count

22 by paper ballot

All votes during the meeting were counted by a show of hands.

5. Chairmen's Reports:

Chairman Popelka read reports from former Chairman Art Hancock and gave his own report as interim Chairman over the last four months.

Chairman's Report - April 16, 2019

I want to express my appreciation to the townspeople for allowing me to help guide the direction of our community for the last 4 months. I hesitated before accepting this charge due to the complicated issues that were occurring. I am glad that I did and am proud to have been part of what has been accomplished and the community spirit that has been demonstrated. Yes, there have been obstacles, and many have

expressed their displeasure, but for each challenge the resilience and fair nature of our neighbors has persevered, and a compromise has been reached.

I have seen those who's families have been here for generations along with those who have just recently chosen to call Cable 'home' continue to band together to preserve the small-town heritage that makes our community so special while opening our area to the world. Preserving our natural beauty while hosting world renown events is something only Cableites could accomplish.

Rather than reciting the accomplishments this year, I felt it best you see how we have met the goal of moving toward the future while honoring the past, from the displays around the room and in the following reports. Your town crew and our community volunteers have excelled in their vision of making Cable a place to "LIVE-IT". All of you should be proud of your accomplishments and I am confident this trend will continue far into the future.

Please be sure to interact with your neighbors this evening. I would like to see this as more of a celebration of what has been accomplished and what is yet to be done than just a report to the community.

Today we are starting an exciting new chapter in our community by having three new representatives take office. I encourage all of you to continue to stay involved. Keep Brett, Tony and Jack informed of your preferences and vision. None of us know your thoughts, good or bad, unless you speak up. This is the only way your Town Board can be successful. I for one, am looking forward to helping Cable become even a better community under their oversight. Thank you again for allowing me to serve.

David Popelka

REPORT FROM THE FORMER CHAIRMAN - APRIL 8, 2019

It was my profound privilege to serve the Town of Cable for a year and half from April 2017 to November of 2018, and I am deeply grateful to Chairman Popelka for inviting me to write a statement regarding my tenure in office and reflections on the future of Cable.

Our town is such a special place. Not only have we been blessed by unsurpassed natural beauty, we have people who do not take it for granted. Cable has a charming downtown, unique amenities, and so many programs and events that there is always something interesting to do. We have a culture of volunteerism that few towns can rival. We have skilled and dedicated town employees and faithful elected officials that will continue to do their best to make wise decisions. We have strong businesses, some of which have been bedrock to our town and some that promise to become so. People care about each other in our town. Cable is a place in which people love to live and a town to which people dream of moving.

As I reflect on the time I served on the Town Board, I am most proud of our efforts to raise up new leaders and listen to different voices. I believe this to be essential to the town as it moves forward. We also sought to establish policies and protocols that ensure a high degree of transparency. This will be critical if future leadership hopes to establish trust among the people of the town. We also created new leadership bodies that were empowered to dream and plan and execute. It is my hope that future Town

Boards will continue to share their authority and allow the people of the town to participate in the decision-making process.

Of course, our town faces many challenges. Decisions regarding maintenance of roads and other infrastructure will continue to require much discussion among Town Board members. Maintaining the balance between retaining our rural small town identity and building a vibrant and sustainable economy should continue to be a part of the ongoing conversation among town leaders. Fostering new ideas and nurturing those ideas into fiscally responsible and workable plans will continue to be essential to the ongoing success of our town.

It was a distinct honor to serve alongside Jeff Rasmussen, Susan Thurn and David Popelka on the Town Board. Their love and dedication to Cable are unparalleled, their faithful and unflagging work on the Town Board is to be commended. The work of Deanne Allen and Kelli Tuttle in the office is often unsung but has been absolutely critical. Karl Kastrosky and the Plan Commission continue to do the difficult but essential work of filtering dreams and forging them into plans. And finally, we owe Bob Lang and the Roads Crew our gratitude for the hard work they do each day to keep our roads, parks and facilities in respectable condition with extremely limited resources.

The torch now passes to a new Chairman and a new Town Board. If Brett, Jack and Tony are to be successful, they, too, need our continued participation and support. I trust that the good people of Cable will graciously give it to them.

While it was necessary for my work to move from Cable, please know that our town remains in my thoughts and prayers. Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve.

With gratitude and love,



The Rev. Arthur B. Hancock
Rector, St. John in the Wilderness Episcopal Church
White Bear Lake, MN

6. Ambulance Report – Rob Puls

Great Divide Ambulance 2018 Summary

1285	Total Responses
864	Interfacility Transports
7%	Increase in activity over 2017

Current Licensure as State of Wisconsin Paramedic Level Service with Critical Care Endorsement. Our 16th year of Paramedic Service to our communities. We were the first in the State to obtain Paramedic Licensure in 2003 with hybrid staffing of Paramedics and EMT Basics. We opened the door for some 40 other services to obtain this Level of Care.

Great Divide continues to operate in 3 stations: Our base station is in Cable, Bayfield County. Station 13 is in Glidden, Ashland County. There is also a third station in Marengo Valley, Ashland County. Great Divide serves 4 townships in Bayfield County and 6 townships in Ashland County. Ashland County contracts expire December 2020. Talks with elected officials will begin next year.

Great Divide covers roughly 750 square miles of Response Area and approximately 70% of the geographic area of Ashland County.

Out of the 2018 budget, the 6th ambulance in the last 10 years was purchased without taxpayer monies. The 7th ambulance is scheduled to be delivered in July 2019.

A Human Resources Professional was hired to rewrite Employee Handbooks, Policies, Job Descriptions and ensure FSLA compliance.

Challenges Ahead:

- There is continued loss of employees due to them moving on to nursing degrees. There is also the loss of potential employees to other area providers with more attractive employment packages with full benefits. Some students completing the Technical College EMT entry program and then unable to pass the required National Registry Exams.
- Reduced staffing reduces the number of Revenue Generating Interhospital Transfer Requests that can be accepted.
- Great Divide is recovering from a Class Action lawsuit brought by 2 former Great Divide employees.
- Skyrocketing costs of medications and disposable supplies.
- Operating in a region with very poor County health ratings in Wisconsin and a large population of Public Aid recipients.
- Road construction and delays in our typical routes.

Positives:

- Financial reserves due to prudent management and savings to weather this current situation. The class action lawsuit will not cost the towns a penny.
- Continue to provide the very highest level of prehospital care allowed in this State to the residents and visitors of our region.
- Wisconsin is finally moving ahead with legislation to provide a new Level of Licensure, Community Paramedicine or Mobile Integrated Healthcare.
- Great Divide is repeatedly singled out by Essential/St. Mary's STEMI Program for efforts and outcomes in the field with heart attack patients.
- Focus continues to be on the person who is likely experiencing one of the worst days of their lives and positively affect their health outcomes.

We know no one gets up in the morning and says to themselves, "I can't wait to call the Great Divide Ambulance today," but we like to say that we are here to make it your best worst day.

7. Library Report

Forest Lodge Library Director Kristine Lendved presented the annual library report, and in particular noted the new library plan drawings available for electors to see.

Forest Lodge Library

Annual Report to Towns-4/16/2019

Good evening, I am Kristine Lendved, the Director of YOUR Forest Lodge Library, your local source of information, education and entertainment for residents. Over the last decade we've averaged 13,020 library visits annually, and an average annual circulation of 16, 551 library items...books, magazines, DVDs or audio books. We have nearly 2000 more print titles than we did a decade ago...and nearly 70% more DVD titles.

The library also offers our patrons access to a vast e-book, e-audio and e-video collection. In 2018 patrons checked out almost 2000 e-books and over 1000 e-audio books.

The Forest Lodge Library continues to expand technology services to patrons. Since we began counting public wireless service use in 2015, it has increased nearly five-fold. We maintain three public access computers and in 2018 they were used 1,300 times by residents and visitors.

One added feature of our tech offerings is a subscription to Gale Courses which we have through our membership in the Northern Waters Library Service. You can take classes in...just about anything; language instruction, accounting, tech skills, art classes...some of these classes even fulfill continuing ed requirements for educators and medical professionals. There is no cost to you to participate...and you can do it at home! All you need is a library card...which, if you don't already have one...what are you waiting for?

We also have a brand new website this year: forestlodgelibrary.org. We hope you'll check it out. In addition to links to our catalog and other databases, it includes news about what's up at the library in terms of upcoming programs and services...as well as what new titles we have coming in.

We've been very pleased to host the Wiz Kidz Tech Help program, initially started by the ADRC of the North. We only wish MORE people would take advantage of the mentoring offered by Katelyn Bolen and Alec Campbell who can show you how to make your devices do what you want them to do. They are generally here on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, from 4:30 until 6, but plan to be there still more often during summer months! Check the website for info going forward...or, you can also follow us on Facebook!

Over the last ten years...The number of programs for adults and children offered by the library has doubled, and attendance has increased by 460%. We served nearly 750 attendees in 2018. The Forest Lodge Library offered film screenings and local author events. and We offered Community Conversations and Makerspace events and a daylong Summer Reading Carnival for kids.

The library brought historical entertainer Bill Jamerson to the Drummond School to offer a program about lumberjacking. That evening Mr. Jamerson offered his program Up at the U.P. at the library.

Other highlights of the library's programming year:

Filmmaker John Mitchell presided over a screening of his documentary *Cheeseheads* at the Cable Community Centre. The screening was preceded by a tail-gate event in the parking lot.

We brought mobile antique's appraiser Mark Moran back to town and took him on a road trip to the Namakagon Town Hall.

The Forest Lodge Library hosted a Candidate's Forum in advance of the November 2018 election and were pleased to have incumbent State Legislators Janet Bewley and Beth Myers present, as well as their opponents James Bolen and Jeff Fahl in attendance as well as 100 area citizens interested in hearing what they had to say. We sponsored another forum on Feb. 4, in advance of the Cable primary election for the Town Chairmanship.

We are pleased to tell you that our fireplace was renovated and upgraded to include a propane-burning insert. It brings welcome warmth and comfort to the north end of the library. We are grateful to the Cable Natural History Museum for making this upgrade happen!

We offer our thanks for their service to departing Board Trustees Colleen Carter, Linda Parker and Sarah Sisco and welcome incoming Trustees Maureen Palmer, Laurie St. Aubin-Whelihan and Janis Pribyl. We are also pleased and grateful that former Trustees Anita Warren and Colleen Carter have remained active in the Katie Flowers Endowment and on the Facility Development Committee for the library expansion project.

Thanks to departing staff members Jennifer Hartling and Sarah Letke (who'll be departing in May) and welcome to Vikki Erba and Zach Larson. We are also appreciative that departed staff person Rose Lahti continues to be willing to fill in on an ad hoc basis.

Yes...all of that...but, our BIG news is we finally have something to show and tell regarding our library expansion project. After several long meetings with Keller Builds, the construction management firm we have chosen to work with, they returned to present a first draft ... concept drawings...of what our library expansion could look like, how it will connect to the existing log cabin...and how it may be laid out. We've already given them some changes...so PLEASE don't think this is anything like a final draft! As planned, the expansion facility will have a conference room and several smallish meeting or study rooms, all which will be reservable by our communities. It will also enable us to offer programming during the day! The new building will house an expanded children's area, a media center, and allow us to increase the size of our collection. The log cabin library will still be very much part of the library. Some of the collection will remain on the shelves and it will be the designated quiet reading area. We have sessions designed to gather more formal public input from our patrons and will, we hope, have updated drawings by that time. These sessions are scheduled for Thursday, June the 6th. There will an afternoon session at the Cable Community Centre and an evening session at the Namakagon Community Center and our representative from Keller plans to attend to help us field your ideas and concerns and to answer questions. I...or any member of our Board of Trustees...is also, at any time, happy to hear your input on what you'd like to see in our library expansion.

We offer our thanks to our communities for their continued support...and look forward to working with you as we proceed with this exciting addition to your library services.

8. Approval 2018 Financial Report

Clerk Allen reported that the town's finances are within budget. The majority of revenue is from property taxes and intergovernmental revenue. In 2018, the town received FEMA funding that was requested for the 2016 flood. The largest purchase, a snowplow truck, is fully paid for. The town has no loans.

Chairman Popelka added that the town is not allowed to collect more taxes than there are expenses to operate for one year. Statute does not allow savings for the future. Only a small reserve is allowed to cover expenses between tax collections. The year began with a balance of just over \$20,000 as reserve working capital. The year ended with \$274,000 in reserve working capital to pay bills, after taxes were collected. Any funds put in reserve to cover future planned expenditures must be specifically designated.

The town has the following reserve funds:

Fire Department has a reserve to purchase self-contained breathing apparatus this year.

Municipal Parking Fund reserve is for sidewalks and a possible new parking lot behind the new library.

Economic Development reserve is administered by the Plan Commission and Connect Communities to foster relationships between the town and local businesses and to encourage new business in Cable.

The Rec Park reserve carries money budgeted in 2018 for new decks, handicapped accessible ramps and new paint for the depot to be done in 2019, plus improvements to the ball diamonds.

The Airport reserve has funds to cover the Airport Commission's cost portion of improvements to the airport.

The Highway Equipment Contingency Fund has \$57,000 to replace highway equipment as needed and to help with future planning.

There has been no special levy increase since the new town garage was built, and there is no special levy this year. Everything in the last two years has been paid for within budget.

The town is very solvent, and the Board has been careful and responsible to make sure you are protected. The Board does not feel that some projects being done by Connect Communities, Cable Tomorrow and the Plan Commission should be paid by taxpayer funds. Therefore, fundraising is being done for the new mural at Rondeau's and for projects like flowers and benches. The Financial Report is attached to these minutes.

MOTION by Mike Most, seconded by Dan Malesevich to approve the Financial Report.

Tellers reported that the vote was unanimous to approve the Financial Report.

Four non-electors from Drummond did not vote.

9. Fire Department Report

Deputy Clerk Tammy Rasmussen read the Fire Department Report, as Fire Chief Kevin McKinney was unable to attend the meeting.

CABLE FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Regretfully I am unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Cable Fire Department responded to 32 calls in 2018. The two most notable ones are: The house explosion on June 14th on South Lake Owen Drive that resulted in the death of one of the occupants and severe injuries to one of our firefighters. The second one was the fire on December 6th that destroyed the building under construction on the site of the former Corner Bar. Both of these calls along with the other 30 calls throughout 2018 made for a busy and emotional time for the members of the Cable Fire Department.

Our membership currently stands at seven members. This is a disturbing low number to have, but is a trend that is being experienced by emergency services across the country. I have stated in past meetings that this low of a membership can diminish our response as a complete department. This is especially true during the work week as half of our firefighters work outside the community. This is why we rely on our neighboring fire departments to provide mutual aid when we have an emergency call. We also provide mutual aid to our neighbors when they request it.

The Fire Department is always looking for new firefighters. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at 7 pm. If you know of anyone who may be interested have them stop by one of our meetings to check things out.

Kevin Alejoki (Al –e- okee) is still our fire inspector. He performs inspections twice a year of all of our commercial establishments in Cable. He has stated that as a whole our businesses are compliant and most issues that he has found are minor and easily corrected by the owner.

The last couple of annual meetings I have talked about the fact that the fire department and the town need to look at replacing our fire engine. The fire department has already started planning for the replacement of this critical piece of equipment. The process of replacing a fire truck can take up to five years to complete. The reason the process takes so long is we first need to determine what our current needs are and what our future needs may be. We plan on keeping our fire engines for 20-25 years before replacing so we need to make sure that we adequately address potential future needs. Fire engines are a very expensive piece of equipment. The current cost for a new Class A fire engine can run around \$450,000. That is a lot of money to spend on a piece of equipment.

I can unequivocally tell everyone that a fire engine is the single most important piece of equipment a fire department can have. As Fire Chief, I am responsible for providing for the safety of this community. Making sure that we have a piece of equipment that will operate flawlessly every time we need it is part of that responsibility. This is not a truck that hauls papers or logs or sand but a truck that lives literally depend upon. There is a national standard (NFPA 1901) that we need to adhere to when dealing with fire engines and failure to do so can open the town up to unwanted liability. Due to the money, time, and especially the safety of our community, I take this issue very seriously.

Finally, I want to recognize both Karl Minges and Paul Popelka for their acts of heroism during the June 14th House explosion that resulted in severely injuring Ray Reidel and the death of his wife Joyce Reidel. Karl and Paul were the first firefighters to arrive on scene. They were directed by law enforcement personnel to the front of what was formerly a home but now a burning pile of rubble. There they found Joyce trapped and struggling to escape. With flames fast approaching where she entangled Karl and Paul rushed in to pull her free and away from danger. As a result, Karl received 2nd degree burns to his hands. These burns happened even though he was wearing firefighter gloves that are designed to protect him in extreme heat environments. Paul also received a first degree burn to his back through his fire fighters coat. Karl and Paul were able to pull Joyce from the burning rubble but unfortunately, she succumbed to her injuries at the hospital. Karl and Paul never once thought about themselves but only thought about rescuing a fellow human being from harm. Karl was unable to work for a few weeks until his hands healed. Never once did I hear Karl or Paul complain about what happened to them. I know those two and our other fire fighters wouldn't hesitate to put their lives at risk again if it meant saving someone from harm.

This is the caliber of people that volunteer their time to protect your community. Please be sure to thank them for the sacrifice. I can never thank them enough. I consider myself lucky to be able to call them my friends and colleagues. Thank you for your time. If you have any questions you can give them to the board and they can pass them along to me so I can answer them.

Respectfully submitted by Kevin McKinney, Cable Fire Chief

Current Fire Department Members:

Kevin McKinney, Chief
Karl Minges
Paul Popelka
John Tuttle

Bob Lang, Assistant Chief
Mitch Popelka
Nathan Rondeau

10. Sanitary District Report

President David Popelka presented the Sanitary District Report to Residents.

This year's report is going to be very short, not many exciting changes in the world of sewage. The Town of Cable Sanitary District #1 Commission consists of David Popelka, President, Jeanne Dixon, Secretary and Bob Flowers, Treasurer. We also contract with Chris Johnstone for operations and Ron Gran for Bookkeeping services. The assistance from the town crew in maintaining our driveways is appreciated, other than this, the operation and finances of the Sanitary District are kept separate from the Town.

Our number of users and gallons processed remain the same as they have the past several years. The commission is continuing to explore ways to expand usage closer to our capacity including the ability to accept more hauled waste, and investigation into expanding the district. As always funding for expansion remains the largest barrier.

Last fall we completed cleaning the separation tanks and filters, a task required every 3-4 years, and this spring the irrigation field will be plowed and replanted. This is required by DNR regulations after

sludge spreading. The wetlands are also beginning to have a lot of weed growth so a remedy for this is being researched.

The rate increase enacted last summer has made the district more financially stable but as most costs continue to rise, we will be reviewing rates more often to allow us to keep them more in line with expenses and avoid having to take a large increase.

The Commission meets the second Wednesday of the month, 3 PM at the treatment plant office. Please attend a meeting or contact any of the commissioners if you have any questions

11. Airport Commission Report

Airport Commissioner Sue Thurn gave the Airport Commission Report.

2018 brought about new developments, including an upgraded designation for the airport with 10-based hangars. When the designation is certified by the FAA, the airport will be entitled to federal funding in 2020. A new fuel terminal was purchased to be in compliance with new regulations. Maintenance was done on the airport hangar and terminal. BOA is helping to finalize the Airport Layout Plan (ALP), which designates future plans and priorities for the airport. This includes a future new terminal, mowing/brushing equipment, and other projects. The Commission is working with Cooper Engineering on a funded Environmental Assessment. Cooper presented a detailed aerial view of the airport property, easement locations and obstructions of Runway 17/35. Fly-ins for the year were very successful with between 10 and 35 planes visiting each fly-in. The most successful fly-in occurred during Fall Festival, when 29 planes came in.

Law Enforcement Report

Law Enforcement Officer Kevin Johnson presented the Law Enforcement Report for January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

23	Motor assists
31	Township ambulance calls
5	Township fire calls
59	ATV/UTV contacts
8	Motor vehicle accidents
1	ATV/UTV accident
0	Snowmobile accidents
100s	Property checks
23	Snowmobile contacts
53	Deputy contacts/assists
21	Special events worked
8	Incidents passed on to Bayfield County Sheriff's Department
6	Problems/concerns passed on to Road Foreman
100s	Boat landing checks
100s	Cable park checks
1	Dog complaint
100s	Public contacts

- 3 Fireworks permit check
- 7 Weather warnings
- 0 Helicopter landing zone assists
- 0 Burning complaints
- 1 Property dispute
- 4 Traffic hazards passed on to Bayfield County Highway Department
- 1 Motorcycle accident
- 1 Search for missing 3-year-old

12. Road Report

Road Supervisor Larry Ludzack presented the Road Report.

2019 Annual Meeting - Road and Property Report

We had a long winter with two significant ice storms early in the season and then record amounts of snow for the month of February. As a result of this, we used about 750 tons of sand which is about double of what we used last year. Our fuel usage for the season was considerably above average also. The Town crew completed a number of projects in 2018:

- 1) West Cable Lake Road – This project was started in 2017 and is 1.78 miles to the T intersection.
- 2) Spider Lake Fire Lane – This project was also started in 2017. We received \$9,250 for this project from the Bayfield County Road Aids program.
- 3) Randysek Road and Second Street Intersection – We had Xcel Energy come in and remove one of the power poles, removed the brush and a few trees, lowered the elevation and created some drainage. All of this increased the safety and visibility at the intersection.
- 4) Randysek Road at Sawyer County line – The road had deteriorated to a point where it was impassable by vehicles. We created drainage in the bad areas and then put approximately 700 tons of gravel on the worst section of road. There is still considerable work to do in that area.
- 5) Perry Lake Road/Kavanaugh Road Intersection – We removed a number of the large pine trees that were crowding the intersection. They had multiple scars on them from being impacted numerous times through the years. We also added a Stop sign on Perry Lake road at the intersection to address the visibility issue created by the hill.
- 6) Ole Lake Intersection – We completed this project by removing the blacktop from the old intersection and then top soiling and seeding the area.
- 7) Wilde River Fuels Reduction Project – We received a grant from the Wild Fire Fuels Reduction program which we put towards tree removal on two miles of road that they determined to be the most hazardous.
- 8) Tahkodah Lake Road – Tree removal was performed on the first section of road to prepare for future roadwork on that segment.
- 9) West Side Turnarounds – Tree removal, grade changes, and graveling were performed at the ends of Big Brook Road, Sunset Extension, Ole Lake Road, Radloff Road, and Totogatic. This was done to make it easier, safer, and faster for the plow trucks and emergency vehicles to turn around.
- 10) Totogatic Landing Improvements – In cooperation with the Wisconsin DNR, we changed the grades and created drainage to divert runoff from our road into low areas around the landing instead of running directly into the lake. The DNR also assisted by covering the cost of the gravel.

- 11) Perry Lake Landing Improvements – We opened up an area near the restrooms to create additional parking. We widened the circle drive to allow easier access for fire trucks and vehicles with boat trailers. We also made some landscaping grade changes to create more seating area for swimmers and sunbathers.
- 12) Community Center Parking Lot Improvements – We opened up the area at the west end of the parking lot to create drainage and allow snow storage. This enabled us to keep more of the parking lot available this winter as well as eliminate the damage caused by pushing snow on the lawn to the south.
- 13) Airport Entrance Project – We worked with the Town of Namakagon crew to make major grade changes to create drainage in front of the Municipal Hanger.
- 14) Cemetery Improvements – We removed a handful of dead trees and limbed quite a few others before we graveled the main roads. The blacktop had deteriorated beyond repair and the roads had become recessed and were holding water after rain events.

There were numerous other small projects that were completed ranging from things like work done on our old garage to keep the roof structure from failing to getting electricity to the Legion Triangle.

Our impact from the flood of 2018 was minimal compared to its impact on our neighboring communities, but Big Brook, which drains an area of Drummond that was heavily impacted, did see flood stage levels. It washed out Wollin Road, but did not disturb the new culvert which was upgraded after the 2016 flood. The flood also utilized the full capacity of the two additional overflow pipes on Sunset Road which were added during the repairs from the 2016 flood. It also flooded River Road, but did minimal damage there.

The culvert structure on River Road is currently being accessed and engineering is being conducted by Cooper Engineering out of Rice Lake. The first step in the process is to remove a restriction created by an old driveway downstream from the culvert. Once that is completed, they will do a hydrology study to calculate the size of the replacements structure needed, and then present us with options. We received a grant to cover a good portion of these costs.

Other things that occurred in 2018 include the crushing of 8,000 tons of gravel at the town garage pit. A portion was used on the Spider Lake Fire Lane project. The rest is intended to be used in Wilde River and other needs on the east side of town.

We took possession of our 2018 Tri-axle Western Star plow truck in the spring of 2018. This truck has proven to be exceptional for winter road maintenance and as well as efficient at hauling in the summer time.

We contracted with Ratliff Construction out of Ashland to replace the roof on the Depot during the summer of 2018. We hope to paint the building and replace the entrance ramps and decks this coming summer.

The slow start of our past winter allowed us to get an unusual amount of roadside brushing done during the fall of 2018. We are behind, so this worked out well and allowed us to catch up quite a bit.

We look forward to working with the new Town Board and continuing our efforts to improve the roads and safety of our community. Bob Lang, Road and Property Foreman

13. Plan Commission Report

Report from the Town of Cable Plan Commission to the Town of Cable electors meeting April 16, 2019:

The seven-member Commission is appointed by the Town Chairman. The Plan Commission makes recommendations to the Town Board regarding decisions that pertain to the Town of Cable Comprehensive Plan and other requests from the public and town officials. The latest version of the town's Comp Plan was reviewed and approved almost 10 years ago. Some revisions have been made subsequent to that adoption date, and other revisions will be ongoing. Updates and revisions must be reviewed through the public hearing process and approved by the Town Board before they can be incorporated into the Comp Plan. The Comp Plan is advisory and the Town Board is the decision-making authority.

The elements for review under the Comprehensive Plan are as follows:

- Issues and Opportunities
- Housing
- Transportation
- Utilities and Community Facilities
- Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources
- Economic Development
- Intergovernmental Cooperation
- Recreation
- Land Use
- Implementation

The monthly meeting agenda is set according to where items fall within one of these elements. Meetings are open to the public and usually are scheduled the first Wednesday of the month. Robert's Rules of Order apply.

A big thanks to all those who took the time and effort to make our projects successful. We have very dedicated, as well as sincere, commissioners who look forward to working with the citizens of Cable and assisting the Town Board whenever possible. Please take a minute to look at the displays of some of the projects we are working on as well as past accomplishments.

Respectfully submitted, Karl Kastrosky, Chairman

14. Connect Communities Report

Shelly Wilson presented the Connect Communities Report and thanked Deb Nelson and all the volunteers who have worked hard on many projects.

Cable Connect Communities

CABLE... LIVE IT! These three words are taking on a new meaning for the Town of Cable.

In 2018 the Town of Cable applied and was accepted into the Wisconsin Economic Development's Connect Communities program. The program is similar to the more familiar Wisconsin Main Street program, only tailored to smaller communities like Cable. Its focus is on revitalizing the state's downtowns, creating commercial districts that are stable, physically attractive, competitive, and visible.

Successful commercial districts don't just happen. They need to be planned and nurtured. Their prosperity requires interest and action from many stakeholders who share a vision for the community. Thankfully, Cable Tomorrow started the vision process for Cable and has contributed their time and talent to getting this effort off the ground.

Job description for Cable Connect Communities: Plan, manage and implement beautification and revitalization efforts in Downtown Cable. Implementation to be accomplished through business and town engagement and community volunteers

Projects completed and in the works

Completed:

- Logo for the Town of Cable and tagline "Live It!"
- Bicycle vignettes with flowers
- Cable Walking Map
- Bench and Flowers at Public Restroom
- Community Calendar – www.cableareacalendar.com
- Light up Cable - white lights on buildings
- Use Old vintage town decorations at area businesses during Christmas holiday
- Lighting of the town Christmas Tree
- Purchase fire pit to use at community events
- Business Seminars – Cyndi Kastrosky took charge
- Halloween Trunk or Treat – Shelly Wilson took charge

Projects in process:

- Completion of Town of Cable Mural on east side of Rondeaus
- Six Leopold benches placed in town painted by artists
- Three flower pots placed with benches
- Add one new bike with basket and flowers
- Soften up the look of the public bathroom with flowers and a sign
- Order the public bathroom Donor Recognition sign
- Design/recruit sponsors/order re-useable bags to be sold at a low cost to residents and visitor of the Greater Cable area.

Design Committee

Job description: The Design Committee is part of the Plan Commission. Members are appointed by the Plan Commission. The Design Committee's responsibilities include development of Cable Design Guidelines, assist with design of town-owned properties and to provide a resource for business owners on ideas and direction to create a look and feel in keeping with Cable.

Projects completed:

- Cable Design Guidelines

Project in the works:

- Urban Plan
- Downtown Park – next to Higgins property

Suzanne Rooney added that Velo's is offering free monthly gatherings with a lecture to bring people together.

15. Other Committee Reports

Cable Rec Park: Kathy Zuelsdorff reported that efforts are being made to promote more use of the park, which is a great resource. Pickleball courts will be taped on the tennis courts. The courts can be used for either pickleball or tennis.

Five primitive walk-in campground tent sites are being prepared on a self-serve basis with a fee tube. The plan is that the camp sites will be ready for use by Memorial Day.

A bike pump track is planned. No taxpayer dollars will be used. Fundraising for the project has begun.

The town trails that were implemented in 2017 have been used by over 3000 people. This is a great resource and ties directly into the town's Healthy Community award.

Healthy Community

Supervisor Sue Thurn reported that an application for a Healthy Community Award was sent to UW School of Medicine and Public Health. Cable received the bronze award and is the only town in the state as well as the northern part of Wisconsin to receive such recognition. The award is based on the world class events held in Cable, as well as the many artists and activities that bring people together and make Cable a healthy place to live.

AIS

Supervisor Thurn reported that Cable has received the DNR AIS grant for over 10 years. The grant is used to promote clean waters and inspect for clean boats at public landings. In 2018, there was 316 hours of monitoring at Cable Lake with over 685 boats inspected. There were 365 monitor hours and 129 boats inspected on Tahkodah Lake; and 351 hours with 91 boats inspected on Perry Lake. The program also checks for invasive species, such as purple loosestrife.

Economic Development Committee

Cyndi Kastrosky reported that information received from a survey to Cable businesses indicated a need for more information and resources to the business community. The Committee partnered with Andy Donohue, Director of Small Business Development at UW, to offer a series of seminars. Two were done in March. Two more will be offered in May—one on social media marketing and one on

operations and how the tourist season affects business. The seminars are free. The only cost to the town is \$30 for refreshments. Mr. Donohue is also willing to consult privately with any business.

A new Shop Local Program is being planned and will begin soon.

16. Discussion/Adoption - Resolution 19-03, Deer Management

The following resolution was considered for adoption by the electors.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-03

NUISANCE DEER MANAGEMENT

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Town of Cable

Bayfield County

The eligible electors of the Town of Cable, Bayfield County, Wisconsin, by a majority vote at the Annual Town Meeting, April 16, 2019, do hereby resolve and make the following recommendations to The Town Board of Cable :

To take measures to educate residents in the different methods of urban deer control, non-lethal, such as a no-feeding ordinance, habitat/planting modifications, repellants, fencing and scare devices; or lethal methods that include: 1) archery hunting during the State structured hunting season (no DNR permit required); or sharp shooting/special hunts (DNR permit required); or trapping (DNR permit required);

To further implement a first effort to control the deer population in Section 18 of the Town of Cable with a “voluntary ban on deer feeding” on private and public lands to be established from May 1st to December 1st of each year, beginning in 2019.

Should the “voluntary ban on deer feeding” not be successful, to adopt an ordinance that bans feeding deer in Section 18 of the Town of Cable.

Should no other method achieve control, to implement lethal methods to reduce the deer population in Section 18 of the Town of Cable.

Discussion:

Chairman Popelka stated that the letter to residents that is part of the hand outs on deer was authorized by the previous board to be sent to residents in Section 18. It will be posted on the website and on Facebook for everyone to review. In essence, the letter asks residents to voluntarily stop feeding deer from early spring to winter so as to encourage deer to not congregate in the village.

The resolution reiterates the request to voluntarily stop feeding deer. Next steps would be to adopt an ordinance to ban feeding deer in the Town of Cable, educate residents on non-lethal deer control, such as habitat/planting modifications, repellants, fencing and scare devices. Lethal methods would include bow hunting or sharpshooting and trapping, both of which require a DNR permit.

Betty Rasmussen asked if there could be a separate vote on the different methods stated in the resolution. She does not want to see deer killed. Chairman Popelka explained that further action as stated in the resolution would be the decision of the board.

Caroline Fiala also asked if the second and third paragraphs of the resolution could be voted on separately.

Jack Radecki noted that residents can hunt in town during hunting season but only with a bow or cross bow.

Al Kolve stated that the resolution gives the board approval to use expanded options until the problem is solved.

Jim Jenkins stated that the deer go from feeder to feeder and still die on the road or are injured by cars and die in the woods. When they come into yards, they bring ticks and disease that are not good for dogs or pets.

Paulette Frels stated that she lives in the midst of deer on First Street. The herd is 16 to 20 deer that come and go. She cannot grow anything in her yard because it is full of deer droppings. If feeding is banned from May to Dec., there will be more deer in town and the problem will not end. She suggested an ordinance to ban deer feeding and let them return to their natural habitat.

Jane Benson agreed and stated that she has counted as many as 20 deer that are not healthy. She also cannot grow anything in her yard.

Tammy Rasmussen stated that she sees up to 19 deer in her field. With the use of spray and fencing, she is able to garden. Those methods work.

Matt Koshollek, Game Warden, stated that the most concentration of deer is in Cable and on Highway 63. He suggested that before voting another meeting be held with a deer biologist to get more education that would be helpful. He further stated that if anyone sees someone feeding deer more than 2 gallons of feed to call him and he will go talk to the resident.

Chairman Popelka stated that the resolution allows the Board a number of options and it will be up to the Board to determine what is best for the town.

The questions is whether to recommend that the Town Board take further steps to educate residents and control deer populated areas, especially in Section 18, and to continue planning methods to control the deer herd.

Vote: **Yes – 46**
 No - 3

17. Discussion/Adoption - Resolution 19-04, Long-Term Lease of Town Property

to Cable and Area Lions Club for Storage Building

The following resolution was considered for adoption by the electors.

RESOLUTION 19-04

LONG-TERM LEASE OF TOWN PROPERTY TO CABLE AND AREA LIONS CLUB

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Town of Cable

Bayfield County

The eligible electors at the Town of Cable, Bayfield County, Wisconsin, by a majority vote at the Annual Town Meeting, April 16, 2019, do hereby resolve and order as follows:

Approval for the Town of Cable to enter into a long-term lease of 99 years for space at Cable Rec Park with the Cable and Area Lions Club to build a new storage building on town property at the Cable Rec Park for Lions Club equipment and supplies used at various events throughout the year in Cable or other uses as they see fit; and that the fee for such lease shall be \$1.00 per year.

Discussion:

Chairman Popelka explained that elector approval is required for the town to sell or lease real property. A bigger Lions storage building than the current one behind the old Fire Hall is needed. The Lions have requested to build a 30' x 60' building on town property.

Different sites were considered for this request: 1) near the town garage, 2) next to the Community Centre, 3) near the fire hall and 4) at the town park. The concern with locating the storage building near the town garage is that keys to the gate of the site would be in the hands of many more people, when the Board would prefer to restrict access to the area. The Lions are also discussing allowing storage usage for the Boy Scouts in the new building. With youth in and out of the new building, the town garage area is not a preferred site.

The Lions have identified a site in the Town Park as the preferred location. The site is near the cell tower and would be accessible year-round because the driveway is plowed. The resolution allows the Board to enter into a long-term lease for 99 years at \$1 per year. The Lions would be allowed to construct the 30' x 40' storage building on town property at the Town Park.

Dan Malesevich asked what would happen to the existing storage building. Chairman Popelka answered that it would be disposed of, and the new building would be owned by the Lions so it would be their decision as to its disposition if use of it is discontinued. If there ceased to be a Lions Club, there would be no liability to the town. The building does not automatically revert to the town if the Lions abandon the lease, but the town has right of first refusal to purchase the building on the same terms as anyone else. The town would then have the right to sell the building, or assign a new lease to a new owner. If someone other than the town purchases the building, it must be moved.

Brenda Brueske asked if the town has other lease agreements. Chairman Popelka responded that land is leased for the cell tower. The ATV Club and Fat Tire are allowed to use the old fire hall for staging, but there is no other lease to a non-profit organization.

Tammy Rasmussen asked if there would be a maintenance contract. Chairman Popelka answered that a provision will be added to the lease to keep the property in good repair. The building will be metal and must meet town approval.

MOTION by Gil Rasmussen to table this item to next year's Annual Meeting. The motion died for lack of a second.

MOTION by Mike Most, seconded by Roman Lucyk to authorize the Town Board to enter into a 99-year lease agreement with the Cable and Area Lions Club for the rent amount of \$1.00 per year.

Vote: Yes – 52
No - 0

18. Discussion/Adoption - Resolution 19-05, Disposal Old Fire Hall/Village Garage

The following resolution was considered for adoption by the electors.

RESOLUTION 19-05

DISPOSAL OF OLD FIRE HALL AND VILLAGE GARAGE

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Town of Cable

Bayfield County

At the Town of Cable, Bayfield Bountly, Wisconsin, the eligible electors by a majority vote at the Annual Town Meeting, April 16, 2019, do hereby resolve and order as follows:

FINDING: That the Old Fire Hall and Village Garage, minimally utilized by the Town, are now in disrepair; and that there are more advantageous uses for the property where these buildings are located, it is, therefore, prudent to declare the buildings excess property and dispose of the buildings.

WHEREAS Wisconsin Statutes 60.10(2)(g) provides that electors at the Annual Meeting have authority to authorize disposal of town real property, other than property donated to and required to be held by the town for a special purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the electors of the Town of Cable authorize the Town Board of Cable to dispose of the Old Fire Hall and Village Garage. Disposition shall first be by competitive bid for sale to be removed, or if this method proves to be unsuccessful, by whatever means the Town Board determines is in the best interest of the Town of Cable.

ALSO BE IT KNOWN that sale or transfer of the land that these buildings are located on is forbidden and that the ownership of the land shall remain solely by the Town of Cable.

Discussion:

Forest Lodge Library has requested use of the property where the old fire hall and village garage are located if a new library is built. The property would be used for parking and a new building entrance. Elector authorization is required for the town to sell or otherwise dispose of the old fire hall and old village garage. The library is jointly owned by the Town of Namakagon and the Town of Cable. The resolution prevents any transfer of ownership of the property to the library.

MOTION by Brenda Brueske, seconded by Sue Rosa to adopt Resolution 19-05 to dispose of the old fire hall and village garage.

Vote **Yes - 56**
 No - 1

19. Discussion/Adoption - Resolution 19-06, New Town Storage Building

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Town of Cable

Bayfield County

At the Town of Cable, Bayfield Bount, Wisconsin, by a majority vote, at the Annual Town Meeting, April 16, 2019, the eligible electors hereby do resolve and order as follows:

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the Town for efficiency and safety to have convenient storage space near the location where material and equipment is to be used; and

WHEREAS, the potential disposal of existing storage facility will create a lack of such space;

THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN: That the Town Board of Cable is authorized to plan and budget for a new town storage building to be constructed on existing town property near the Community Centre or Fire Hall to house material and equipment utilized for town purposes.

Chairman Popelka explained that the reason for this resolution is if the old fire hall and village garage are disposed of, there may be a need for added town storage for the items now in the old fire hall and village garage. At this time, there are no plans and no money budgeted. The town would have to start a budget and planning process.

Laura Bjork stated that if there are further plans, this could be considered at the budget meeting in November, when there would be more information.

MOTION by Jack Radecki, seconded by Tony Merrill to table this item to a future elector meeting. MOTION carried by a majority vote.

20. Discussion/Adoption - Resolution 19-07, Expand Town Board to Five Members

Electors considered adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-07

CREATE A 5-MEMBER TOWN BOARD

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Town of Cable

Bayfield County

WHEREAS, town electors are authorized to exercise village powers pursuant to ss. 60.10(2)(c) and 60.22(3), Wisconsin Statutes to expand the size of the Town Board;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the electors of the Town of Cable do hereby authorize the Town Board to establish a Town Board of five (5) members to provide greater representation to the residents of the Town of Cable and write an ordinance to that effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should an ordinance to create a 5-member board be adopted before the end of this year, the 5-member board could take effect at the April 2020 election, when two new supervisors would be elected; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should an ordinance to create a 5-member board be adopted in 2020, all 5 members would be elected in the 2021 election. In that case, the board may (by ordinance) stagger the terms of its supervisors, according to s. 60.21(2)(b) and (c), when the chair and 4 supervisors would be elected. The 2 supervisors receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected for 2-year terms. The 2 supervisors receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected for one-year terms. Each year thereafter, 2 supervisors will be elected for 2-year terms at each spring election, thus creating staggered terms pursuant to s. 60.21(1), Wis. Stats.

Discussion:

Chairman Popelka stated that the town has enacted village powers, and in cities of less than 2500 population, the Town Board by ordinance can enact a 5-member Town Board. Several townspeople have come forward to say that a 5-member Town Board would be better. This resolution is not binding because the town's population is less than 2500. The resolution is advisory to the Town Board to authorize and recommend the Town Board enact an ordinance for a 5-member Town Board. Board meetings are difficult if there are tie votes because one member is out of town, or unable to attend, or has to recuse him or herself from an issue.

Gil Rasmussen suggested the Clerk break any tie vote. Chairman Popelka explained that while the Clerk attends Board meetings, the Clerk is not an elected voting member.

Tammy Rasmussen noted that Board members have full time jobs, but there is also a lot of work for Board members to serve on the Town Board. Chairman Popelka agreed and added that it would be a positive to expand the Board to 5 members.

Jack Radecki noted the cost that would have to be budgeted.

MOTION by Sue Rosa, seconded by Tammy Rasmussen to adopt Resolution 19-07 to recommend the Town Board adopt an ordinance for a 5-member Town Board.

Vote Yes – 37
No – 22

21. Discussion/Adoption of Resolution 19-08, Authorize Additional Pay for Elected Officials

Electors considered adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-08

AUTHORIZATION FOR TOWN OFFICERS TO RECEIVE HOURLY WAGE

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Town of Cable

Bayfield County

At the Annual Town Meeting, April 16, 2019, at the Town of Cable, Bayfield County, Wisconsin, the eligible electors by a majority vote do hereby resolve and order as follows:

To establish a maximum hourly wage of \$20.00 per hour to be paid under s. 60.37(4), Wis. Stats., to a Town of Cable officer serving as a town employee.

The total amount of hourly wages paid may not exceed \$5000 per year for each such employee, except that the total amount of hourly wages to an employee who also serves as the Town Clerk, Town Treasurer or Town Clerk/Treasurer, may not exceed a total of \$15,000 per year.

Discussion:

Chairman Popelka explained that electors must approve authorization for the Board to pay elected officials additional pay for duties performed that are not official statute duties. An example would be authorization to allow the Board to hire a supervisor, clerk or treasurer to do extra tasks for the town.

Tony Merrill suggested this be considered at the budget hearing.

The resolution failed due to lack of a motion.

22. Set Date for Next Annual Meeting

By a majority vote, the date for the next Annual Meeting was set for April 21, 2020.

23. Presentation of Appreciation Certificates

Chairman Popelka presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following who have worked hard in town positions, and as members of commissions and committees:

Duane Amundson

Ted Benson

Laura Bjork

James Bolen

Bill DeVries

Major Dudley

Thomas Frels

Art Hancock

Kristine Lendved

Larry Ludzack

Deb Nelson

David Popelka

Suzanne Rooney

Jeffery Rasmussen

Phil Rasmussen

Tammy Rasmussen

Sue Thurn

24. Welcome New Board Members/Pass the Gavel

Chairman Popelka welcomed newly elected officers Chairman Brett Rondeau and Supervisors Jack Radecki and Tony Merrill. The gavel was passed to Chairman Brett Rondeau.

25. Adjournment

Chairman Popelka declared the meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.