

**TOWN OF CABLE BOARD MEETING**  
**March 18, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.**  
**Cable Community Centre**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order 6:00 P.M.**

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

**2. Chairman's Comments**

Chairman Rondeau announced that the positions of Clerk and Administrative Assistant are open and will be advertised.

**3. Approval of Minutes: February 19, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to approve the February 19, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. MOTION carried.

**Work Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2020**

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to approve the March 4, 2020 work meeting minutes as presented. MOTION carried.

**Special Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2020**

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to approve the March 16, 2020 special meeting minutes as presented. MOTION carried.

**Closed Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2020**

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to approve the March 16, 2020 closed meeting minutes as presented. MOTION carried.

**4. Treasurer's Report: Kelly Rauch**

The balances for the following were reported:

<b>TOC General Fund:</b>	<b>\$728,211.49</b>
<b>Cemetery:</b>	<b>\$ 1,636.86</b>
<b>Perpetual Care:</b>	<b>\$ 3,628.16</b>

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

**5. Clerk's Report**

The Clerk distributed the most recent information and opinions on town operations and meetings during COVID 19.

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

**6. Receipt of Reports:**

**Sanitary District Draft Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2020**

**Cable Union Airport Meeting Minutes – Draft February 25, 2020**

**Plan Commission – February 4, 2020 Meeting Minutes and  
Draft Minutes for March 3, 2020**

**Law Enforcement Report – February 2020**

**Connect Communities Minutes – March 10, 2020**

**Road Report – March 2020**

Supervisor Radecki asked about using gravel from the Sanitary District. Chairman Rondeau responded that pile of gravel has been sitting for 10 years. Former Road Foreman Lang looked at it, but it is not usable for roads.

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to receive and place on file the monthly reports. MOTION carried.

**Public Comment (Limit 3 Minutes)**

There was none.

**7. Discussion/Possible Action to Approve Picnic License for Cable Natural History Museum Summer Benefit July 25, 2020, at the Birkie Start Building**

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to approve the picnic license requested by the Cable Natural History Museum for their Summer Benefit, July 25, 2020, at the Birkie Start Building, contingent upon receipt of proof of liability insurance.

MOTION carried.

**8. Discussion/Possible Action to Approve Request by Northwoods Preschool to Upgrade Playground**

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to approve the request from Northwoods Preschool to upgrade their outdoor playground. MOTION carried.

**9. Discussion/Possible Action to Approve Funding for Connect Communities Projects Requested funding for items listed in report**

Deb Nelson reported that this will be the third year of printing a walking map for Cable. Printing of 1000 is needed. The maps are distributed to all businesses and the Cable Area Chamber of Commerce.

Supervisor Merrill asked if the maps could be bigger. Deb answered that in the future the maps could include a list of businesses, their business hours. Businesses can then be asked to contribute for this added information, but that is not being done this year. A Directory Map will be printed to post on a centralized kiosk or building.

It is planned to print 2000 reusable bags. They will be printed in Illinois and will be for the same price as last year for a better-quality bag. The bags will feature three towns on one side and Cable on the other side. There is room for 16 sponsors

Supervisor Merrill asked the reason businesses cannot water their own flowers. Deb agreed, but to make sure the flowers are kept fresh, a volunteer is needed.

The total request from Connect Communities is \$2214 for projects.

MOTION by Supervisor Merrill, seconded by Supervisor Radecki to approve the request of \$2,214 for Connect Communities projects to be taken from the Contingency Fund for Summer Projects. MOTION carried.

**10. Discussion of Road Work Timeline**

Supervisor Radecki noted the road work timeline for 2020, which is contingent upon the weather and any other unforeseen work. Anyone finding a pothole should call the town garage at 715-798-3584.

Spring: Patching as roads clear

Tree cutting on Frels Road when road bans lifted

Spring Cleaning also includes: grading, yard cleanup, street sweeping, paint lines, put in docks, and crack sealing

Summer: Log the mile of Sunset Road

Gravel Frels Road

Ditch Tahkodah Lake Road

Pull stumps on Frels and Sunset

Mowing, limbing, patching, and grading

Fall: Gravel Sunset

Ditch Frels

Pave Tahkodah

Ditch Sunset, if tim

Fall mowing, brushing, patching, grading, crack sealing and removing docks

The town has received a \$5,000 grant from FireWise for cutting trees. The County has agreed the \$8,000 grant from last year can be applied to work on Frels Road. Consideratiois being given for bids to crush gravel at the town garage, which would be cheaper.

Supervisor Merrill asked if residents on Frels and Sunset have been contacted regarding tree cutting. Road Foreman Swanson is in the process of writing letters to notify residents. Supervisor Radecki stated that the statute road width is 66 feet. If trees are a hazard and residents protest tree removal, they can sign a release so that the town has no responsibility if anything happens.

Foreman Swanson noted that when the County resurfaces County Highway M in 2021, it will be no cost to the town to include Old D, as it is within the County right-of-way.

Supervisor Merrill stated that he would like to see Ole Lake Road open to through traffic only.

**11. Discussion/Possible Action to Purchase a Street Sweeper**

Foreman Swanson explained that the street sweeping process for the village is time consuming and dusty. Three pieces of equipment are needed with three people operating the equipment. The cost of street sweeping the village one time is \$5,802. He has found a used street sweeper for sale at \$20,000 in St. Paul, MN. It comes with a limited warranty. A street sweeper would cut the cost to sweep the village to \$1,100. The sweeper has a water system to keep dust down and a vacuum system for dust. The Sanitary District would be able to use it to clean manholes and debris. He suggested using one-third of the money from the sale of the dump truck to purchase the sweeper. Until the dump truck sale money is received, the purchase funds would come from the Highway Contingency Fund.

Supervisor Merrill stated that in talking to a contact in Hayward who owned this sweeper, it was recommended the town not purchase it because of problems with the vacuum system and O rings. This contact recommended purchasing a Pelican. He would like Foreman Swanson or Supervisor Radecki to talk to his contact before this purchase.

Supervisor Radecki responded that a Pelican would cost in the range of \$38,000 but agreed to contact the person in Hayward who recommended against this purchase  
MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to talk to Supervisor Merrill's contact in Hayward before purchase of the sweeper.

**12. Discussion Regarding Possible Needed Work on Telemark Road**

Foreman Swanson stated that Telemark Road ends where it meets the golf course. From that point to Telemark Lodge, the road is in poor shape. If a development proposal goes through, he would recommend Telemark taking over that portion of Telemark Road. Chairman Rondeau noted that if there is development, a TIF District could be created that would provide funding for infrastructure improvements. Telemark Road would qualify. It will depend on what happens.

**13. Discussion/Possible Action to Replace Deputy Clerk's Computer Tower (Purchased 2008)**

Deputy Clerk Tammy Rasmussen has had numerous computer issues. Her computer tower was purchased in 2008 and is overdue for replacement. Noraveo has submitted a contract for the work in the amount of \$1,565.

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to approve the Norvado contract in the amount of \$1,565 to replace the Deputy Clerk's computer tower.

MOTION carried.

**14. Discussion/Possible Action to Upgrade Existing Network Equipment at Town Office**

The town's computer router was installed over 10 years ago and is in need of replacement. The end date for support for this router was January 5, 2020. Norvado's quote for this work is \$1,751.40. An internet upgrade OPTION for \$4.99 per month is included. The upgrade is not necessary at this time, but eventually it will be mandatory.

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to approve the Norvado contract to replace the computer router and upgrade the internet. MOTION carried.

**15. Discussion/Possible Action to Approve Conditional Use Permit for Dale W. Voigt to Expand Existing Non-metallic Mine Pit and Conveyance of Property to Allen Amundson**

Supervisor Merrill noted that the Plan Commission approved this application with no issues.  
MOTION by Supervisor Merrill, seconded by Supervisor Radecki to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Alan Amundson to purchase 16145 Frels Road to continue operation of a gravel/sand rock pit, including screening and crushing. MOTION carried.

**16. Discussion/Possible Action to Approve Class A Special Use Permit Submitted by Michael and Kathleen Daily for Short-Term Rental at 42980 Cable Sunset Road**

Supervisor Merrill noted that the Plan Commission approved this application with no issues.  
MOTION by Supervisor Merrill, seconded by Supervisor Radecki to approve the Class A Special Use for short-term rental for Michael and Kathleen Daily at 42980 Cable Sunset Road. MOTION carried.

**17. Discussion/Possible Action to Adopt Motion to Increase Cost of Cemetery Plots from \$150.00 to \$500.00.**

Supervisor Merrill stated that the going rate for a public cemetery plot is from \$200 to \$2000. His proposal of \$500 is reasonable.

Supervisor Radecki that anyone who purchases a lot and for whatever reason wants to sell it back to the town, the price would be what was originally paid.

MOTION by Supervisor Merrill, seconded by Supervisor Radecki to approve raising the rate for a cemetery plot at the Cable cemetery from \$150 to \$500, with the condition that any plot sold back to the town in the future would be at the original price. MOTION carried.

**18. Discussion/Possible Action to Approve Payment of Claims:**

**Fire Department            Check Nos. 3118 through 3122**

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to approve Fire Department check Nos. 3118 through 3122. MOTION carried.

**Forest Lodge Library    Check Nos. 3559 through 3575**

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to approve Forest Lodge Library check Nos. 3559 through 3575. MOTION carried.

**Town of Cable            Check Nos. 9351 through 9380**

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to approve Town of Cable check Nos. 9351 through 9380. MOTION carried.

**19. Other Issues**

Supervisor Radecki noted that a spread sheet has been developed for snow plowing that includes number of inches of snow, hours of workers, sand maintenance, DOT fuel rates. A spread sheet will be developed for each road in Cable in case it is needed for FEMA.

**20. Next Meeting:        Annual Meeting – Tuesday, April 21, 2020, 7:00 p.m. (Tentative)  
                                  Regular Town Board Meeting – April 15, 2020, 6:00 p.m.**

**Adjourn**

Chairman Rondeau declared the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.