

**TOWN OF CABLE
TOWN BOARD MEETING - APRIL 20, 2022
CABLE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Call to Order

Chairman Haag called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Supervisor Merrill, seconded by Supervisor Hambrecht to approve the April 20, 2022 meeting agenda as submitted.

Motion carried 5-0.

Clerk's Report

A letter received from Weld Riley was distributed to the board regarding approval of the recently revised Employee Handbook with one addition. The correction will be made and a final handbook will be sent to board members.

Motion by Supervisor Popelka, seconded by Supervisor Weber to amend page 13 of the Employee Handbook to include the suggested attorney's language from Weld Riley.

Motion carried 5-0.

**Approval of Minutes: Open Work Meeting - April 8, 2022
 Closed Work Meeting - April 8, 2022**

Motion by Supervisor Merrill, seconded by Supervisor Hambrecht to approve the Open and Closed Meeting Minutes dated April 8, 2022.

Discussion:

Supervisor Weber offered an amendment to correct the amount of tower lease funds to \$1000/month. Supervisors Merrill and Hambrecht accepted the amendment.

Amended Motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer's Report as of 2/28/2022

General Account Balance:	\$1,077,857.20
Cemetery Perpetual Account Balance:	\$4,165.15

Annual Care Balance:

\$2,405.95

Treasurer McCauley reported the above-listed account balances as of February 28, 2022.

Reports: Forest Lodge Library

Plan Commission Draft Minutes 4-6-2022

Public Comment

Sue Thurn distributed copies of potential designs of “Welcome to Cable” signs. Welcome signs will be on the agenda for the May town board meeting. Once the top 3 are determined, she will get pricing.

Discussion/Possible Action to Adopt Ordinance No. 2022-48, for Motorboat Wake Protection Area on Lake Tahkodah

Motion by Supervisor Popelka, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-48, a Motorboat Wake Protection Area Ordinance.

Supervisor Hambrecht recused himself from voting on this matter, as he serves as Town Representative to the Tahkodah Lake District.

Discussion:

Supervisor Popelka noted that part of Tahkodah Lake shoreline is in Drummond. Drummond adopted the same ordinance at their town board meeting the previous evening. This ordinance will help protect the shoreland of Tahkodah Lake, which is small.

Supervisor Popelka asked when the Tahkodah Lake annual meeting took place. Mary Fenske answered, March 31, 2022. On March 1, notice of the proposed ordinance was sent to all residents. A virtual and in-person meeting was held with 35 in attendance. The vote was 33 for the ordinance, 2 abstained, and there were zero no votes. Asked if there were any written comments, Ms. Fenske stated that one resident proposed a change to remove one sentence that was ambiguous. A copy with that change was mailed to all members. At the annual meeting, the changes were approved with no major opposition.

There were questions about enforcement. Response time is similar to other townships with the unit of local government as the first line of contact. The

ordinance will be included in packets sent to realtors so buyers know about it and know what is appropriate for the lake.

Chairman Haag requested that the ordinance be posted at the boat launch.

Ms. Fenske added that the ordinance will be sent to the DNR for review, but the DNR does not have approval authority.

Motion carried 4-0.

Supervisor Hambrecht recused himself from voting, as he serves on the board of Tahkodah Lake District.

Discussion/Possible Action to Approve 39th Annual Chequamegon MTB Festival September 17, 2022

Motion by Supervisor Weber, seconded by Supervisor Hambrecht to approve the 39th Chequamegon MTB Festival on September 17, 2022.

Discussion:

The checklist submitted is helpful and provides good information on a medical plan and location of the race.

Supervisor Popelka stated that the application should include what town properties or roads will be used. In this case, the information is in the letter submitted. This information also needs to be posted for the public on the town website. He offered an amendment to the motion to approve and accept the application submitted. Supervisors Weber and Hambrecht accepted the amendment.

Vote on amended motion carried 5-0.

Discussion/Possible Action to Approve North End Trail Run, May 28, 2022

Ron Bergin stated this will be the 4th annual North End Trail Run. There are two crossings one of which is Timber Trail Road. Otherwise, most of the race is in the forest. There are no changes from previous events and no road closures, just crossings.

Motion by Supervisor Weber, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to approve North End Trail Run event as proposed on May 28, 2022.

Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion/Possible Action to Approve Epic Bike Fest, June 4-5, 2022

Motion by Supervisor Weber, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to discuss possible action on approval of the Epic Bike Fest event.

Discussion:

Kristi Maki stated this is the first year for the event to begin at Birke Start. It will finish at Telemark and cross Timber Trail, the only town property. Approximately 1500 participants are expected—800 on Saturday and 400 to 500 on Sunday.

Sunday will be a full gravel race of 70 miles. A half race will be offered of 22 miles. Both races will begin at the Birkie Start. ABSF is working with the Sawyer County Sheriff’s Department to ensure all road crossings are safe. The Birkie will take care of all barricades and signage.

Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion/Possible Action to Approve Hungry Bear 100 Gravel Race - May 14, 2022

Motion by Supervisor Weber, seconded by Supervisor Popelka to approve the Hungry Bear 100 Gravel Race on May 14, 2022.

Discussion:

Dave Schlabowske, Director of the event, noted that traditionally the event registration was at Rivers Eatery with the event starting at the municipal parking lot. This year he offered to move the start of the race to the Birkie Start. Mr. Schlabowske commented that the checklist is helpful to use. It would also be helpful to be able to check the Chamber calendar for conflicting events. If businesses don’t want parking in front of their business, he is happy to put up sandwich boards to indicate customer parking.

It was the consensus of the board for the event to continue registration at Rivers and start at the municipal parking lot. It was noted that overflow parking can use the Community Centre parking lot.

Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion/Possible Action to Approve Class A Special Use Permit for Shawn Taher for Short-Term Rental

Motion by Supervisor Popelka, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to approve the Class A Permit for Short-Term Rental at 14625 Resort Road, Unit 2.

Discussion:

Supervisor Popelka stated that this unit is a condo on Lake Owen that traditionally has been a short-term rental. It does not conflict with other residential uses.

Mike Furtek, Realtor Agent, added that there is plenty of parking available. The owner is familiar with the room tax process. There are no issues.

Supervisor Merrill stated that he would like to see courtesy extended to neighbors by informing them of a short-term rental. Mr. Furtek agreed and stated he will ask property owners to advise neighbors in the future.

Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion/Action to Temporarily Suspend Class A Special Use Permit

Mr. Jim West, adjacent neighbor to the Klimas, explained that the facts presented with the application to the Plan Commission were inaccurate. He was never notified of the application and opposes approval to allow the driveway to be shifted closer to his cabin. It will impact his property with removal of trees. He has tried to communicate with Mr. Klima with no success. Mr. Klima does not want to access his property from East Cable Lake Road which is a steep bank.

Supervisor Weber noted that the new driveway will be 20 feet closer to the lake as well as closer to the West cabin.

Mr. West stated there is also the issue of a shared access easement for three properties. The easement is defined on the survey map. The proposed relocation of the easement road is not restricted to the Klima property but would encroach on the West property. A lot of easement issues should have been worked out in advance before a permit to excavate was issued.

Chairman Haag explained that the town board approved the permit on the basis of good faith that the information presented was accurate. He acknowledged

the board does not have enough information to support granting a Special Use Permit. He would support the application if the easement were kept within its current confines. The town also has to be responsible for safe access for fire and emergency vehicles.

Supervisor Popelka noted that Code only allows a driveway area 40 feet from the center line of an easement. What is being asked is 50 feet. The proposal does not comply with the town ordinance.

Motion by Supervisor Weber, seconded by Supervisor Popelka to revoke the Class A Special Use Permit for 45263 E. Cable Lake, unless a plan can be provided for a new proposed driveway that does not impact the neighboring property outside the easement.

Discussion

Supervisor Merrill offered an amendment to the motion for a temporary suspension of the permit rather than revoking it.

Chairman Haag agreed with a temporary suspension until clear criteria can be met to show the proposal complies with the town Driveway Ordinance and agreed easements.

Supervisor Weber stated that the permit was misrepresented. Due diligence would be to redo the permit properly in consideration of the easement.

Supervisor Popelka noted that if the permit is revoked, then the applicants have to start all over through the permit process, notifications, waiting periods and payment of fees. That would eliminate the possibility that anything could get done this summer. The building permit for the addition is dependent on the driveway relocation.

Chairman Haag expressed respect for both property owners and the need to navigate intentions. The board does not know the Klima intention. He would suspend the permit until what is proposed is fully understood.

Supervisor Weber countered that the property owner has had ample opportunity but has not come to any meetings to present his plan.

Supervisor Hambrecht stated that he would prefer to suspend the permit rather than making Mr. Klima go through the whole permit process again. However, he noted that there is no way the proposed new driveway meets town standards. The Driveway Permit was not completed and submitted to the town.

Vote on Motion:

Ayes – 1 (Weber)

Nays - 4 (Hambrecht, Merrill, Popelka, Haag)

Motion by Supervisor Popelka, seconded by Supervisor Hambrecht to suspend the Class A Special Use Permit for 453263 E. Cable Lake Road until conditions are met so as not to impact neighboring property.

Discussion

Mike Furtek noted that the permit is issued by Bayfield County. The town's role is to recommended or not recommend approval. He recommended the motion rescind the town's recommendation for approval and request that the Zoning Committee suspend the permit.

Supervisor Popelka amended his motion, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to rescind the town's recommendation for approval of Mr. Klima's application for a Class A Special Use Permit and submit this decision to Bayfield County. Supervisor Hambrecht accepted the amendment.

Chairman Haag stated that Bayfield County has the final authority. The board will send an email of this decision to Bayfield County Zoning tomorrow.

Vote on Amended Motion

Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion/Possible Action to Reappoint Kristine Lendved and Sue Thurn to New Three-Year Terms on the Plan Commission

Supervisor Merrill stated that both agreed to serve another term.

Supervisor Popelka added that both have done a great job and he would like to see them reappointed.

Plan Commission Chair Tony Erba agreed and stated that both bring important history about the town and businesses. Longevity in the town is beneficial to

what happened in the past. He is very pleased they are both willing to continue to serve on the Plan Commission.

Chairman Haag reappointed Sue Thurn and Kristine Lendved to serve new three-year terms, effectively immediately until April 2025.

Discussion/Possible Action to Reappoint David Popelka to the Sanitary District

Supervisor Popelka recused himself from discussion.

Chairman Haag appointed David Popelka to the Sanitary District for a three-year term, effective immediately to May 2025.

Discussion/Possible Action to Reappoint Dean Hambrecht as Town Representative to the Tahkodah Lake District

Supervisor Hambrecht recused himself from this discussion.

Supervisor Merrill stated that Supervisor Hambrecht has represented the town well.

Supervisor Popelka noted Supervisor Hambrecht is a long-time resident on Lake Tahkodah and is a good liaison for the board.

One resident on Tahkodah Lake questioned Supervisor Hambrecht's representation as a representative to the Lake District for the town and county with the opportunity to vote twice. Supervisor Hambrecht responded that neither the town nor county representative have a vote.

Chairman Haag stated that Cable is a small town. Board members wear multiple hats to work with different agencies.

Chairman Haag reappointed Dean Hambrecht as Town Representative to the Tahkodah Lake District for a term of three years, effective immediately to April 2025.

Discussion/Possible Action to Appoint Bobbi McCauley as Clerk Treasurer

Motion by Supervisor Merrill, seconded by Supervisor Weber to appoint Bobbi McCauley as Clerk/Treasurer for the Town of Cable for a three-year term, effective immediately to April 2025.

Supervisor Merrill commended Bobbi for her excellent quality work as treasurer. She takes her job seriously and cares a lot about the town.

Supervisor Weber thanked Bobbi for her work in the office and support to the board.

Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion/Possible Action to Approve Resolution for Audit Contract for Calendar year 2021

Clerk/Treasurer McCauley requested this matter be tabled as there is another quote pending.

Motion by Supervisor Weber, seconded by Supervisor Popelka to table the resolution for an audit contract to the May town board meeting in order to receive a third quote.

Motion carried 5-0.

Resident Kelly Rauch stated that if the same firm is used for the audit, it cannot be the same team leader on the audit.

Approval of Checks

Motion by Supervisor Weber, seconded by Supervisor Hambrecht to approve the following checks:

Fife Department	Nos. 335 through 3238
Forest Lodge Library	Nos. 3834 through 3842
Town of Cable	Nos. 30344 through 30377

Motion carried 5-0.

Next Meetings:	Open Book	May 16, 2022
	Board Meeting	May 18, 2022
	Board of Review	May 23, 2022

Adjournment: Chairman Haag declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.