

**TOWN BOARD OF CABLE WORK MEETING  
Immediately Followed Special Town Board Meeting  
June 29, 2022 – Cable Community Centre**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Haag called the work meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Supervisor Merrill, seconded by Supervisor Hambrecht to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried 5-0.

**Statement from Bayfield County Sheriff Candidate Mark Pope**

Mr. Pope thanked the board for the opportunity to speak. He summarized his credentials with 30 years in law enforcement. Last year he served as Interim Police Chief. In his career he has worked well with the Police Commission and has initiated the following programs:

- Youth mentor program
- Walk-through with elderly
- Girls and Boys Clubs activities in uniform
- Served on Clover Town Board 14 years
- Native American gang initiative
- Federal task force in Milwaukee
- Established partnerships with U.S. Attorney in Madison

Mr. Pope stated that law enforcement needs to be visible in communities and schools. He will work hard to build trust in the Sheriff's Department and respect in communities.

Chairman Haag asked the reason he is running for sheriff. Mr. Pope answered that this has been a goal since early in his career. He has the drive and desire to do the job.

Chairman Haag asked what changes he would make and how he could assist with enforcement of the ordinance just adopted. Mr. Pope stated that he plans to increase visibility in schools. As for the ordinance enforcement, there is a water patrol that can provide law enforcement presence to deter violations.

Supervisor Weber asked about more law enforcement presence in the southern part of Bayfield County, specifically Cable. Mr. Pope stated that the police force is not at full staff. Applicants will be encouraged. He acknowledged that Bayfield is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest county in the state in terms of miles and more visibility is needed.

**Statement from James Bolen**

Mr. Bolen was not present.

**Approval of Minutes: June 15, 2022**

A correction was made to change the name Wayne Amundson to Duane Amundson.

Motion by Supervisor Merrill, seconded by Supervisor Weber to approve the June 15, 2022 meeting minutes with the name change correction.

Motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion/Possible Approval of CARE Race Event**

Motion by Supervisor Popelka, seconded by Supervisor Hambrecht to approve the Walk/Run CARE race using Kavanaugh/Randysek Roads and the downtown area for the race start.

Motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion/Possible Approval Lions Event for July 4**

Motion by Supervisor Hambrecht, seconded by Supervisor Weber to approve the July 4 Cable Area Lions Club event at the Town Rec Park.

Discussion:

Supervisor Popelka stated that the Lions will leave a dumpster for fireworks scrap.

Motion carried 5-0.

**Discussion/Possible Action Regarding event Fees and Check List**

Supervisor Weber stated that since implementing the event planning application, including a \$50 fee, there has been discussion about events that would be exempt from the fee. One way to address this question would be to include a request for exemption on the application. When the board approves the application, the fee could be enforced or waived. Examples of events to waive the fee include: July 4 events, pancake breakfast, CARE 5/10k Walk Run, Lions picnic and fireworks. There are also those who argue that all town events/festivals should be exempt. The matter could be simplified by only charging for-profit events. However, most events are non-profit.

Chairman Haag stated that the town board does not want the fee to be detrimental to organizations. Supervisor Weber added that the town wants communication for events hosted by organizations outside the community. The town is seeking awareness of all events that take place for community and emergency services. A lot of time has been spent on this issue. Initially, the town board decided there would be no exemptions, but that is not proving to be appropriate or fair.

Supervisor Popelka stated that he does not feel a small fee will break any event. There are 100 to 150 events in the town, which takes hours of clerk time and is a burden to taxpayers some of whom would prefer to not have events here.

Plan Commission Chairman Tony Erba observed that the fee is undermining the purpose of being informed of events. He is concerned that adding exemptions further overshadows the purpose of the application to obtain event communication for the town.

Motion by Supervisor Weber, seconded by Supervisor Hambrecht to approve amending the event application to include a check box for an exemption from the fee with the Town Board having the opportunity to approve or reject the exemption when the event is presented for approval.

Discussion:

Event Coordinator Shelly Wilson agreed with Mr. Erba that the fee overshadows the application. It does make sense that town activities would be exempt. Supervisor Popelka stated that the fee is small for the overall effort of providing resources.

Brenda Brueske asked the timeline to submit an event application for board action. She is surprised that the CARE race is on this agenda, when she filled out the application a couple months ago. The event is next Monday. Organization for the CARE race begins in January.

Supervisor Weber responded that the application should be submitted at least six weeks prior to the event in order to be included on the next board agenda prior to the event.

Motion carried 5-0.

#### **Discussion with Connect Communities**

Sue Thurn explained that Connect Communities is a WEDC program. The town signs a contract every year with WEDC at a cost of \$200. An annual report is submitted every June. The contract is renewed each year in September. Training opportunities are available for the committee through this contract. Committee members include: Elizabeth Holland, Trudy Rubensam, Suzanne Rooney, Elaine Adams, Deb Nelson, Linda Podvin, Kristine Lendved, Heather Ludzack, John Hand, Mimi Crandall, Sara Balbin. These people represent extensive business and planning experience.

Ms. Thurn further stated that she does not believe the board saw the budget items requested for 2022, and the committee would like approval to continue with those projects. Currently, the committee is working to transfer nature photographs obtained from the Cable Natural History Museum to metal that would be put on garbage cans in the downtown area.

Supervisor Weber apologized for the oversight of the Connect Communities budget request. The materials presented gives him a clearer understanding. He fully supports the signs whether through town expense or fundraising.

Cable received the Healthy Communities Designation last October, which is part of WEDC. Connect Communities would like to work with the board and community on healthy goals and objectives to retain this designation.

The committee is also working on “Welcome to Cable” highway signs. Designs and price quotes will be presented to the board at a later date.

Supervisor Popelka stated that he would like to see more partnerships with downtown businesses. The board does not hear from the business community on spending initiatives for downtown. What do business owners think about pictures on trash cans? Would they share in the cost?

Chiropractor Brenda Brueske responded that she likes the proposal for decorated trash cans. Beautifying Cable is important.

Supervisor Merrill stated he would like to ask businesses to help with beautification projects. There are a lot of nice things that have been done, but he thinks downtown businesses should be involved. Everything comes with a cost and maintenance.

Supervisor Hambrecht stated that there is a tremendous group of people working on this committee. The town needs this, and he thanked them for their work.

Chairman Haag agreed there is a cost to beautification, but the town also needs to think about drawing people to a community that looks nice. Can businesses help offset costs? Making smart decisions with financials will be good planning for the future. Connect Communities should proceed within the budget for 2022. He would like to see three designs for highway signs with cost estimates presented to the board sooner than later.

Connect Communities is a committee of the Plan Commission. Plan Commission Chair Erba stated he would be happy to provide guidance and support for the committee.

#### **Discussion Regarding Vacation of Property**

The Deputy Clerk explained that paperwork for the vacation of Evergreen Court that was approved by the board last year was never recorded. In a review by the town’s attorney, it was discovered that the correct process was not followed.

Mary McCormick, property owner, stated that a legal description of the road is required, as well as one-third of neighbors’ signatures (which is one neighbor) plus what was advised by the attorney. She plans to proceed with the vacation using the proper process.

As a result of reviewing Ms. McCormick’s vacation application, it was also discovered that paperwork for the Town Hall Road vacation was not recorded. Bayfield County has indicated that the process must be done all over again. The request came from Trinity Lutheran Church, who also did not seek signatures of support from neighbors. The vacation of Town Hall Road

would land lock two properties, which is not legal. A letter, reviewed by the town attorney, will be sent to the church explaining the situation.

Motion by Supervisor Merrill, seconded by Supervisor Popelka to call a 5-minute break at 7:38 p.m.

Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Haag reconvened the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

**Discussion/Possible Approval of Park Plan/Grant for Sidewalk**

The basic park plan is to replace the playground equipment, add a rock wall, add adult exercise equipment, and put in 5-foot accessible sidewalks from the parking lot to the depot, then extending to the pavilion. An accessible paved area would be added so parents could watch their children at the playground or at the pump track.

Chairman Haag stated that he is familiar with Gerber equipment. That company installs a lot of playgrounds for schools. The playgrounds are of commercial quality. The price is higher, but the equipment will last 25 years. When Gerber installed playground equipment in Hayward, the cost of installation was zero. Gerber employees with volunteers did the work. The landscape structures are steel or aluminum posts. The recreational components are plastic.

Clerk/Treasurer McCauley reported the funding available for park improvements:

Budget	\$40,000
LGIP	\$40,000
Tower lease	\$12,000
Room tax	\$19,000
TOTAL:	\$111,000

Supervisor Popelka stated he would like to see the room tax money used for signs with fundraising for contributions from the community. The town has received a grant of \$4400 for sidewalks, but the cost will be over \$10,000. Upgrades to the tennis courts and a PA system are also needed.

Supervisor Hambrecht noted that line painting has been done on the tennis and basketball courts in the last couple of years. The physical surface is just starting to be porous. The amount of \$30,000 can be set aside for this work when it is needed.

Supervisor Weber recommended that \$50,000, or 50% of the funding be allotted for playground equipment.

Motion by Supervisor Popelka, seconded by Supervisor Hambrecht to issue Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for the purchase of activity equipment for children ages 5 to 12 in the amount of \$45,000; \$15,000 for adult exercise equipment; and \$12,000 for the accessible sidewalk. The remaining funds would be reserved in the budget for cost overruns.

Discussion:

Chairman Haag stated that if there are contributions, a rock wall be discussed at a later time.

Supervisor Merrill asked about removal of the old equipment. Chairman Haag stated that the road crew can remove it within tow days. He will meet with them.

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Merrill, seconded by Supervisor Weber, that town board enter into a closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c), with a roll call vote of the town board members present and voting on this motion. The board will reconvene in open session after the closed session.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Supervisors Hambrecht, Merrill, Popelka, Weber, Chairman Haag  
and Clerk/Treasurer McCauley and Deputy Clerk Allen.

Nays: None

The board discussed compensation for the Event Coordinator position.

Motion by Supervisor Weber, seconded by Supervisor Hambrecht to reconvene in open session at 9:08 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Voting Aye: Chairman Haag; Supervisors Hambrecht, Merrill, Popelka, Weber; Clerk/Treasurer McCauley and Deputy Clerk Allen. Nays, none.

#### **Motion Made in Closed Session**

Motion by Supervisor Weber, seconded by Supervisor Popelka to offer Shelly Wilson a salaried Event Coordinator position, effective June 1, 2022, at \$300 per month/\$3600 a year with participation in the standard employee review every six months.

Motion carried 5-0.

**Next Meeting: July 20, 2022**

#### **Adjournment**

Chairman Haag declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.