

**TOWN OF CABLE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
MARCH 16, 2022 - 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance

APPROVAL OF POSTED AGENDA

Motion by Supervisor Merrill, seconded by Supervisor Weber to approve the agenda as posted.
Motion carried 5-0.

CLERK'S REPORT

Deputy Clerk Allen reported that absentee ballots are now being sent out.

Voting in the Clerk's office begins March 22, 2022 and will continue through April 3, 2022.
The Clerk's hours are Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or by appointment.
This information is posted on the website.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - FEBRUARY 16, 2022

Under the Approval of Minutes portion, the word Google was misspelled and will be corrected.
Motion by Supervisor Merrill, seconded by Supervisor Weber to approve the February 16, 2022 meeting minutes as corrected.
Motion carried 5-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer McCauley reported the following balances as of January 31, 2022:

General:	\$1,405,053.14
Cemetery Annual:	\$2,405.95
Cemetery Perpetual:	\$4,165.15

The reason the general fund balance is so high is because this was before the tax settlement was paid to Bayfield County.

RECEIPT OF REPORTS:

SANITARY DISTRICT REPORT: Supervisor Popelka reported that in response to a recent backup report, the town televised the system; the Fire Department dug up the manhole and dumped in 1500 gallons of water. No backup was found which means the backup is not part of the town system.

Road: Road Foreman Connelly reported that Cable road bans will begin March 23, 2022.

AMBULANCE:

Supervisor Weber attended the Ambulance Board meeting on March 4, 2022. In the calendar year 2021, there were 1,259 ambulance runs, and \$3 million were billed. Estimated revenue in 2022 is \$300,000 to \$400,000, which includes sale of the ambulance house for \$107,000. The ambulance service is now using a new billing company. Two ambulances were ordered two years ago that potentially will be delivered in August. The cost for the new ambulances is estimated at \$300,000.

Twelve ambulance employees were lost in the last year. Two have been hired, and there is an active promotion to hire more ambulance personnel.

BIRKIE: Birkie Director Ben Popp thanked the road crew for their cooperation in keeping the roads in such good condition during the Birkie event. Approximately 13,000 cars were in the area. Mr. Popp recently returned from Madison and reported that the Birkie is being noticed statewide in Wisconsin.

2024 will mark the 50th Anniversary for the Birkie. An extra 6,000 to 10,000 people are expected. Plans are already being made for security.

Recently, a \$700,000 grant was received for investments at Telemark. Work will start in the spring. Another grant application has been submitted to WEDA to fund a building at Telemark in the fall.

More events will occur this summer. CAMBA has been hired to build trails

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

WAKE ENHANCEMENT PRESENTATION

Mary Jean Fenske, Secretary of the Tahkodah Lake District gave a presentation on the impact of enhanced wakes on Lake Tahkodah. She introduced board members present: J.B. Whelihan, Treasurer; Steve Hinz and Dean Hambrecht.

The board of Tahkodah Lake District has been working on lake protection plans. Lake protection is necessary for environmental security to preserve beauty, as well as economic and recreational opportunities. The board has statutory power to work with the local government to establish an ordinance. A proposed ordinance will be presented at the April Cable town board meeting. The ordinance is modeled after ones adopted by Hayward, Bass Lake and Hunter.

One of the reasons lake protection is needed is that the depth of Tahkodah Lake is only 18 feet. It is a seepage lake which takes longer to flush out. By comparison Cable Lake is 43 feet in depth and is a drainage lake.

Last year a Tahkodah Lake resident used a boat with an enhanced wake, a boat that can create a 4-foot wave for surfers. The energy and motion of a 4-foot wave displaces sediments that take a long time to settle. Disturbed sediment becomes food for algae and disturbs food for

fish. Such large waves make it difficult for pontoons, kayaks, canoes and other boats to use the lake. The board is also concerned about loon eggs in nests and shoreline erosion. When the owner using the enhanced wake boat was contacted, he graciously agreed to stop using it.

The Tahkodah Lake District is part of the Wisconsin DNR monitoring program and has been monitoring the lake for clarity for decades. Usual readings are between 9 and 12. The lowest recorded is 7. Last September two readings were done. The results were 3.5 and 4.5. As late as November, blooms were noticed on the lake.

Chairman Haag asked who would enforce the ordinance. Ms. Fenske answered that any law enforcement officer can respond to calls. In Sawyer County pictures are taken and given to officers to contact the owner. Many wake boat operators police themselves in order to be able to keep operating their boat.

Supervisor Merrill requested that the ordinance be sent to short-term rental owners and companies who rent property on the lake.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE GOATS FOR GRANDMAS EVENT - APRIL 30, 2022

Organizers of the Goats for Grandmas event submitted plans for parking and use of town roads for their event April 30, 2022.

Motion by Supervisor Popelka, seconded by Supervisor Hambrecht to grant permission to Goats for Grandmas to utilize town facilities for their event April 30, 2022, including use of the community parking lot, Kavanaugh Road, Randysek Road, Phillippi Road, Parker Road, First and Second Streets; approval is contingent upon receipt of a Certificate of Insurance. Motion carried 5-0.

exempt them from fees for events as a non-profit Second Hambrecht Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE OPERATOR LICENSES - ROBIN SERSCH AND MOLLY BAER

Background searches are clear for Robin Sersch and Molly Baer to receive Operator Licenses.

Motion by Supervisor Merrill, seconded by Supervisor Weber to approve issuance of Operator Licenses to Robin Search and Molly Baer, with an expiration date of June 30, 2022. Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01 REGARDING ABANDONMENT OF EVERGREEN COURT ON SOUTH SIDE OF SOUTH RIDGE IN WILD RIVER DEVELOPMENT

This request was made to the town board at its October 20, 2021 meeting, when it was approved. Since that time, property owner Mary McCormick has requested a resolution that is needed by Bayfield County for her to be able to proceed with a survey.

Motion by Supervisor Weber, seconded by Supervisor Hambrecht to adopt Resolution 2022-01 for the Town or Cable to abandon the McCormick property access stub on Evergreen Court with ownership of the access stub to revert to Mary McCormick.

Discussion:

After some discussion, it was the consensus of the board to change the language, "easement access stub" to "platted property."

Supervisor Weber amended his motion to incorporate "platted property" in place of "easement access stub" throughout the resolution. Supervisor Hambrecht seconded the amendment.

Supervisor Merrill questioned the process for abandonment. He would like the town to have a defined policy with set rules and criteria. However, the process of adopting a resolution does meet statute requirements.

Vote on Amended Motion Carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION REGARDING ADDED 4TH OF JULY ACTIVITIES

By popular request, the pledge of allegiance and singing of the national anthem will be added to the fireworks display.

The board discussed added activities for children to include bouncy houses, dunk tank, obstacle course, sale of wristbands instead of tickets.

Chairman Haag stated that his wife, Brittany, is in contact with a high school group who is interested in working with the youth activities on the 4th to raise money. It was the consensus of the board to allow 50% of money raised for youth activities to be given as a donation to the high school group and 50% to be used to pay for the equipment.

Canopies for shade will be put up. Volunteer shirts will be ordered for the high school volunteers. The Lions stop serving the picnic meal at 3:00 p.m. The board will look into whether the Lions would be willing to open the concession stand during fireworks.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT A ROAD PLAN FOR 2022

The board discussed a double chip seal coat for W. Cable Lake Road. The cost is estimated at \$30,000/mile. West Cable Lake Road is 1 3/4 miles, which would be \$105,000. Chip seal would last 5 to 7 years and possibly have a third layer added after 5 years. If chips seal does not work, it would be a good base for asphalt. Two inches of hot mix would be \$232,000. There is \$175,000 in the budget; chip seal would save \$70,000.

There is 2000 tons of gravel left from last year. The cost for gravel last year was \$625/ton. The amount of \$110,000 is budgeted for gravel this year. If \$100,000 worth of gravel is purchased, that would leave \$10,000 plus the \$70,000 from doing chip seal would mean \$80,000 to roll over to next year. The gravel purchased for \$100,000 would be enough for Frels Road and some work on Cable Sunset.

Letters will be sent to property owners on Cable Sunset requesting what they want done with trees removed. The trees belong to the property owners. If there is no response, the town can sell or dispose of the wood.

Foreman Connelly will work with Delmore Consulting and get bids for chip seal and gravel. He will also apply for the forestry grant match through Bayfield County for work on Spider Lake Fire Lane.

Motion by Supervisor Weber, seconded by Supervisor Popelka to adopt the 2022 road plan that includes double chip seal on 1 3/4 miles of W. Cable Lake Road, gravel road prep for Frels and Cable Sunset Roads.

Discussion:

In letters to be sent to property owners on Frels Road and Cable Sunset, it will be explained that road prep work will be done for work to be done in 2023.

Motion carried. 5-0

APPROVAL OF CHECKS:

TOWN OF CABLE	NOS. 10313 THROUGH 10343
FOREST LODGE LIBRARY	NOS. 3828 THROUGH 3833
FIRE DEPARTMENT:	NOS. 3227 THROUGH 3234

Motion by Supervisor Popelka, seconded by Supervisor Weber to approve payment of claims as follows:

Town of Cable	Nos. 10313 through 10343
Forest Lodge Library	Nos. 3828 through 3833
Fire Department	Nos. 3227 through 3234

Motion carried 5-0.

NEXT MEETINGS: April 19, 2022 - Annual Meeting
April 20, 2022 - Regular Board Meeting
May 16, 2022 - Open Book
May 23, 2022 - Board of Review

It was the consensus of the Board to schedule a closed meeting March 30, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss negotiations on possible purchase of property.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Supervisor Hambrecht, seconded by Supervisor Weber to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m.