

**TOWN OF CABLE WORK MEETING  
SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023  
CABLE TOWN HALL  
MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Haag called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**Attendance:** Chairman Haag; Supervisors Hambrecht, Holly, Merrill;  
Supervisor-Elect Larson, Clerk/Treasurer McCauley, Deputy Clerk Allen.

Supervisor Popelka was absent.

**Public Members:** Sue Rosa

**Approval of Agenda**

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

Motion carried 4-0.

**Continued Review of Driveway Ordinance**

The board completed its review and changes to Ordinance 26A, which is now entitled Ordinance 26A-Amended 2023, An Ordinance to Provide for the Regulation of Private Driveways and Private Roads in the Town of Cable.

A copy of the amended ordinance is attached to these minutes showing additions and deletions.

**Discussion of Available Grants**

McCauley listed current grants:

**WEDC School Demolition Grant**

This grant has been received and work has begun.

### **County Infrastructure Grant for Park Sidewalks**

This grant has been received and work will begin as soon as weather allows.

### **County Infrastructure Grant for Fitness Equipment**

The deadline for submittal is May 7, 2023, and would fund fitness stations at the Town Rec Park for ages 12 to adult. The matching funds are in the 2023 budget from room tax and tower lease revenue that are designated for the park. Four firms have been contacted for consideration of fitness equipment.

### **WEDC - CDI Grant**

There is no town match for this grant which allows up to \$150,000 for business expansion. Four Letters of Interest were received by the board to be considered for the CDI grant. It was the consensus of the board that the Brick House may be the only that complies with the grant criteria. It was noted that the Legion has applied to replace its septic system, which caused the restaurant to close with layoff of staff. Bobbi will contact WEDC Representative Dave Wierzba to see if the Legion would qualify and if the town can sponsor more than one business. At this time selected businesses would submit a pre-application for WEDC to review for qualification to apply for the grant.

Jim Kinzie and Heather Ludzack will be contacted to attend the board meeting April 19, 2023, to represent their respective businesses, the American Legion and the Brick House.

### **WEDC Vibrant Space**

The town will receive notice in May as to whether this grant will be received. There is money in reserve for the \$40,000 match.

**Roads:** Aids and grants are in process for:

Ole Lake Road

Spider Lake Fire Lane

Cable Sunset Road

Frels Road

Chairman Haag stated that all these grants have put a heavy workload on McCauley. The board needs to be clear with priorities when applying for grants. Although Delmore and the Road Department do the paperwork for the road grants, McCauley does all of the money collection and tracing of how the money is spent. The town receives a lot of benefit from grants, but it is getting to the point where a full-time person is needed to administer them. Also, grants are not free; there is the matching fund cost to the town.

### **Rural Design Grant (CIRD)**

Kelly Westlund who is with the Northwest Regional Planning Commission has approached the Board regarding Cable being a focus of a CIRD grant being applied for by University of Wisconsin Extension (UWEX). Board members expressed their response to this invitation.

Supervisor Merrill stated that the board has told electors that nothing further will be done with the school property until the school is fully demolished. The board does not know what electors want. This grant is putting the cart before the horse. A developer needs to work with this type of grant. The board has put out a consistent message that this should be a board decision and not look at more grants and getting others involved.

McCauley noted that this would not be a town grant. UWEX is the applicant and would provide information to the town about future development and how to develop businesses. There would be 9 or 10 workshops and a community meeting.

Supervisor Holly stated that two board members had a good meeting with Kelly Westlund. He would like to see this type of grant addressed in the next budget cycle. This is federal money so he would expect that there will be funds available next year. He further stated that at the meeting Westlund explained that affordable housing is housing at a cost of 30% of income. Municipal land can be used whereby a 99-year lease is granted and the county or township builds the house. The resident would own the house but not the land.

Chairman Haag agreed the board should not take up any projects or grants until the school building is down and there are work meetings with the public. The board has stated that to the public. He does not want to put up the \$6,000 match for another grant when the town is struggling with road costs. If the town is to consider housing, short-term rentals also have to be addressed. He will welcome Kelly Westlund to speak to the board meeting during Public Comments.

Supervisor-Elect Larson clarified that the \$6000 is a maximum cost and could be cash or in-kind space. The agreement states the cost is not to be a burden to the town.

Supervisor Hambrecht stated that the CIRD grant would provide a workshop to educate the town board on development and a future for the downtown. It is not just about the school property. This type of workshop would be informative to the board to mediate development issues, such as adding a housing development to the sewer district.

Allen stated that this is a training opportunity for the board with outside expertise. It could help focus planning efforts for the town.

It was the consensus of the board to not pursue participation in the CIRD grant.

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Haag declared the meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.