

CABLE TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2020
MINUTES
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The Town of Cable Board held a regular meeting on September 16, 2020 at 6:00 PM at the Cable Community Centre.

Members present: Chairman Rondeau
 Supervisor Radecki
 Supervisor Merrill

The Town Treasurer and Town Clerk were also present.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Chairman made a brief comment about a slight adjustment in the agenda to receive the update from the Chamber of Commerce as soon as the interim director arrived.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the August 19, 2020 Regular Meeting were presented. No additions or corrections were made. A motion to approve the Minutes was made by Supervisor Merrill and seconded by Supervisor Radecki. The Minutes for the Regular Meeting were accepted as written

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer’s Report was presented by Bobbi McCauley reported the following balances:

General Fund	\$	533,450.97
Perpetual Care	\$	4,162.94
Annual Cemetery	\$	2,404.68

Clerk’s Report was presented by Bunkie Miller. She reported that attention has shifted toward 2021 budget preparation. Target date for the Public Hearing and Elector’s Meeting is November 16th. A combination in-person and virtual meeting is being investigated. Both the Clerk and administrative assistant participated in the Towns’ Association Fall Workshops that focused on budget matters.

Absentee ballot mailing will begin September 17th. To date, 198 requests have been received.

The Town just received reimbursement for election expenses under the CARES Act. Additional election expenses will be covered under the Routes To Recovery Grant. The Routes grant will also allow upgrades to plumbing fixtures to the Community Center and the clerk will work with the Road Supervisor..

VERBAL REPORT

Heather Ludzack, Interim Director of the Cable Chamber of Commerce reported on the changes that have been made at the chamber since she became Interim Director. Improvements have been made to the accounting system, past due bills have been paid and staff reductions were made to achieve cost savings that allowed debt to be paid. Improvements have been made to the Chamber Building including a new deck and ramp and new signage is planned. The chamber is working with a former Wisconsin Tourism regional staff on outreach efforts and steps to increase membership. This year, the room tax is up.

WRITTEN REPORTS

Written reports were received from the following entities:

- Road Report
- Sanitary District
- Forest Lodge Library Report
- Law Enforcement Report

The Clerk reported that the Plan Commission did not meet in September. The reports were received and placed on file.

VERBAL REPORT

Ben Popp, Executive Director of the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation, resented a verbal report on the Telemark Idle Sites Grant status. He reported that formal word from WEDC is expected in mid-October, but preliminary indications are that they will receive \$250,000 this year. The ABSF may receive the balance next year when the program is refunded. The Birkie is reviewing demolition bids from the final three contractors and hope to start in October. They are trying to save parts of the building, including the existing fireplace.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A question was asked about the repaving of Frels Road. The paving status is to be discussed later in the agenda. Another question was asked why the Plan Commission has seven members that they have limited duties. Supervisor Radecki indicated that the commission is a working commission. A party noted that Fall Fest still appears on the town calendar. The matter will be investigated.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- 1 Resolution approving the purchase of property maintenance equipment by the Cable Union Airport and to allow for contingency financing for the purchase.

Bob Rasmussen with the Airport Commission reported that the Three Towns will consider the equipment purchase. The Commission recommends the purchase because repair costs for the existing tractor are more than the new equipment cost. Funding will be through the BOA. A copy of the purchase proposal was presented to the Board.

The Commission also evaluated purchase of equipment add-ons such as a snow blower for removing snow around the buildings as a time saving matter even with Cable still providing the main plowing. The Commission has money in its contingency fund, but requested spending \$15,000 more through authorized borrowing from the three towns.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Radecki and seconded by Supervisor Merrill. The motion was approved.

Adopted Resolution number: 20-09-01

- 2 Resolution approving Class "B" Temporary/Picnic Licenses for the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation

Ben Popp, Executive Director of the ABSF, indicated that the Birkie desires to distribute beer as a beverage option at two upcoming events and needed the license. When asked about Bayfield County's mandate on large gatherings, Mr. Popp indicated the Birkie is working closely with the Bayfield County Health Department. Neither event will violate the county's mandate because no more than 100 will be on site at any time, racings have staggered start times and participants will leave the venue after picking up their meal and beverage.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Supervisor Radecki and seconded by Supervisor Merrill. The motion was approved.

Adopted Resolution number: 20-09-02

DISCUSSION ITEMS / POSSIBLE ACTION

- 3 Update on the Frels Road resurfacing project.

Jason Swanson, Road Foreman, reported that paving would be delayed until next year in part because the required gravel crushing could not be completed by the contractor in time for paving. The Road Crew evaluated buying crushed gravel, but the cost of \$12/ton was significantly greater than the \$2.95/ton crushing cost at the Town Garage. He will work on a contract amendment with Iron River Sand & Gravel, Inc. to establish start and end times for the work.

Frels repaving was also delayed by a DNR wetland permit. The Town has hired Cooper Engineering to conduct the work necessary to obtain DNR permits. These permits are valid for two years.

M. Swanson indicated that logging work along Frels will be completed in October and a culvert replacement will also be completed this fall.

In related matters, the Foreman reported that paving on Takodah Lake Road will start soon. The paving will be conducted one lane at a time. He also expects that two roads can be paved next year – Frels and Cable Sunset.

4 Approval of Payment of Claims for Town of Cable General Fund: Check Nos 9608 through 9634.

A check listing was provided the Board.

A motion to approve the claims as made by Supervisor Radecki and seconded by Supervisor Merrill. The motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair moved to adjourn and to schedule the next regular meeting of the Town Board for October 21, 2020 at 6:00 PM and requested agenda submission on or before 5:00 PM on October 14, 2020. The motion was carried without objection. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Elaine "Bunkie" Miller
Town Clerk

Approved: _____