

TOWN OF CABLE BOARD MEETING
January 20, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
Cable Community Centre

MINUTES

Call to Order at 6:00anu

Chairman Rondeau called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Chairman's Comments

There were none.

Approval of Minutes:

December 16, 2020

Motion by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to approve the December 16, 20 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

January 13, 2021 Special Meeting

Motion by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to approve the January 13, 2021 special meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report as of November 30, 2020

Treasurer Bobbi McCauley reported the following:

Town's general account balance:	\$313,154.63.
Cemetery balance:	\$2,404.98.
Perpetual care balance:	\$4,163.46 .

Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that there will be a state primary election on February 16, 2021 for the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The Clerk requested an amendment to the agenda to consider a land use permit request from North End Ski Club to cross Timber Trail Road during the North End Classic cross country ski race on February 7, 2021.

Motion by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to amend the meeting agenda to include consideration of the North End Ski Club land use permit request for the North End Classic on February 7, 2021. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to approve the land use permit request from North End Ski Club to cross Timber Trail Road ½ mile east of Randysek Road and 1/8 mile east of the Birkie Trail during the North End Classic cross country ski race on

February 7, 2021. Motion carried.

Reports Received:

Road Report – January 2021

Forest Lodge Library Report – January 12, 2021

Cable Union Airport Meeting Minutes – December 15, 2020

Plan Commission Draft Meeting Minutes – January 5, 2021

Motion by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to accept and file the reports listed.
Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Action to Approve 2021 DOT Rates

Supervisor Radecki reported that DOT rates change each year. The rates list costs for construction and equipment. The rates are used as a comparison when renting equipment and soliciting bids.

Also, each year in January, the town board must formally adopt current DOT rates in order to charge those rates to FEMA should there be an emergency. Otherwise, FEMA would be able to pay for work done at a lower rate.

Motion by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill for the Town of Cable to adopt DOT rates set for 2021. Motion carried.

Public Comment (Limit 3 Minutes)

Kathy Zuelsdorff reserved the opportunity to comment on item No.4 about the campground.

Discussion/Possible Action to Approve Picnic Licenses for Birkie Events

The Birkie has requested two picnic licenses to serve alcohol: one for the Birkie Tour on January 31, 2021, and one for the Fat Bike Birkie on March 13, 2021. Supervisor Merrill questioned having a large gathering during COVID. Andy Schwartz explained that there will be no large gathering. Those who attend will simply line up to receive a lunch and drink and then leave.

Motion by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to approve the picnic licenses for the Birke Tour on January 31, 2021, and the Fat Bike Birkie on March 13, 2021.

Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Action Regarding Clearing Town Sidewalk

Supervisor Merrill noted that Ordinance 22-97, Regulating the Removal of Snow and Ice from Sidewalks in the Town of Cable, specifically requires property owners or tenants to clear public sidewalks within 24 hours of the time that snowfall ceases. The town currently has a contract with Dan Malesovich, to clear sidewalks for town property, the skating rink and sidewalks in front of businesses. Supervisor Merrill stated that after this year he would like to see property owners take responsibility for clearing their own public sidewalks and not the town.

Supervisor Radecki explained that the contract with Mr. Malesovich dates back to 2015, when former Road Foreman Bob Lang asked him to clear public sidewalks. This was approved by the board. The ice

rink was then added, as well as the Community Centre, town office walkway and parking area in front of the fire truck bays.

Chairman Rondeau stated that the town pays for the sidewalks by the street. Walkways around doors are paid for by individual business owners.

No action was taken. It was the consensus of the board to look at this issue again in June or July before next winter.

Discussion/Possible Action Regarding Sales Tax and Fees for Town of Cable Campground

Kathy Zuelsdorff explained that in her research to amend the Accommodation Tax Ordinance, she found that campgrounds were included in most such ordinances. Therefore, she did not seek to remove that provision.

The town receives \$10/night per site. Room tax would cost the town \$0.40/night per site, but when room tax is redistributed at the end of the year, the town receives \$0.12 of that back, with the remaining \$0.28 going to the Room Tax Commission. It was the consensus of the board to amend Ordinance 12.19 by either deleting item a. under No. 1 Definitions, the reference to campgrounds or exempt public campgrounds.

Discussion Regarding Xcel Energy Claim

The town has received a letter from Excel Energy, dated 12/31/2020, claiming \$1,713.29 in damages to Excel Energy property by a town employee. The incident occurred on February 28, 2019, when an Excel post was hit. The post was not properly marked and covered with snow. The employee could not see the post.

Supervisor Radecki reported that Excel has been contacted. Pictures are being sent to Excel to contest their claim. A copy of the letter from Excel has been sent to Rural Mutual Insurance. This matter was tabled pending a response from Excel.

Approval of Checks:

Fire Department – Nos. 3177 – 3179

Motion by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to approve Fire Department check Nos. 3177 through 3179. Motion carried.

Forest Lodge Library – Nos. 3678-3688

Motion by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to approve Forest Lodge Library check Nos. 3678 through 3688. Motion carried.

Town of Cable – Nos. 6517-6573

Motion by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to approve Town of Cable check Nos. 6527 through 6573. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: Motion by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to go into Closed Session at 5:34 p.m., pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c) and 19.85(5). ROLL CALL: Chairman Rondeau; Supervisors Merrill and Radecki; and Clerk Allen voting aye. Treasurer Bobbi McCauley and Administrative Assistant Kelly Rauch also attended the closed session.

MOTION by Supervisor Radecki, seconded by Supervisor Merrill to adjourn the CLOSED SESSION at 6:48 p.m. ROLL CALL: Chairman Rondeau; Supervisors Radecki and Merrill and Clerk Allen voting aye.

Next Meeting: Supervisor Radecki stated that he will be out of town the week of the February 17th meeting. Board members will check calendars and select another date.

Adjournment: Chairman Rondeau declared the meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.