

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 10, 2014 POSTPONED TO 11/12/14  
AT THE MINONG TOWN HALL**

**CALL TO  
ORDER:**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harold Smith at 5:30 PM. All board members, Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer were present.

**APPROVE  
AGENDA:**

Motion by Featherly 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gottschalk to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Carried.

**APPROVE  
MINUTES:**

Motion by Jim Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> by Warner to approve the minutes of October 13, 2014. All in favor. Carried.

**PAY BILLS:**

Motion by Warner 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gottschalk to pay check numbers 25282 thru 25331 and debit transaction number 47 for a total of \$90,169.06, plus a check for Holiday Station in the amount of \$68.50 and a check for Command Central in the amount of \$520.00. All in favor. Carried.

Discussion on Boyer Truck bill. Smokey talked with them and this bill was for Labor that Freightliner didn't pay and they will continue billing with interest and will send to Collection if not paid. Interest so far is \$37.88. They will accept payment of \$631.62 without the interest.

Jim Smith stated the Town should not do business with them again.

Motion by Jim Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> by Warner to rescind Jim's original motion to not pay this bill and to now pay the amount of \$631.62 to Boyer Truck. All in favor. Carried.

Clerk stated that Centurylink has what they call a off premise extension and that this might be available for the shop instead of having two separate phone bills, Karen called them but was told they couldn't do that but instead they gave us \$10.00 off the shop bill and \$40.00 off the office bill for a year and when that year is up to call again to see if it can be extended for another year.

**FINANCIAL  
REPORT:**

Motion by Jim Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gottschalk to approve the financial report dated 11/10/2014 in the amount of \$830,410.09. All in favor. Carried.

**OLD  
BUSINESS:**

**Town Hall Improvements – committee – projects and costs**

Dawn Pearce gave report stating how nice the floor turned out. She will be meeting with the people for the sound system on November 19, 2014. Shade colors have been picked and when they get all the bids they will present as one package. She also suggested new mats for outside and inside the door to keep the floor clean.

Motion by Featherly 2<sup>nd</sup> by Warner to go ahead and purchase whatever mats are needed outside and inside to maintain the floor All in favor. Carried.

**Sound System for Town Hall -**

Featherly thanked Dawn for taking over this project for her.

**Warranty for Truck – what coverage to take (quote attached)**

Smokey stated the truck should be here in another week or two. Gottschalk stated he would like the money for the warranty to come out of the current Equipment fund balance and not put in the budget for 2015.

Motion by Jim Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> by Warner to take the complete warranty which is 5 year Basic vehicle or 200,000 miles at \$4,536.00 and the 7 yr EW4 Engine or 250,000.00 miles at \$5,610.00 for a total of \$10,146.00. All in favor. Carried.

Clerk stated the loan would be in the amount of \$116,000.00. She has the loan papers now to be signed. The grand total is \$177,119.00 with final payment being 9/12/2017.

Clerk also stated that Damlier interest rate was at 3.82% which is Riverstates finance company and Community Bank interest rate is 3% which is lower.

This will combine all other loans except the one for the Transfer Station.

**2015 Contract Renewals – Fire, Ambulance, Disposal**

Fire Department - \$108,289.00

Ambulance - \$23,164.49

Disposal - \$75,110.00

Motion by Gottschalk 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Smith to approve these Contract amounts. All in favor. Carried.

Featherly commented on the ambulance budget stating, ambulance budget went up significantly and it did not need to as there is a huge amount of increased revenue going on with the third party billing service that the ambulance is now utilizing.

**ZONING:**

**Trailer placement by Salley**

The Sally's presented pictures of the trailer and maps showing where it will be placed. The trailer is already in the Town of Minong so would just be moving to a different location in the Town of Minong. They will be putting in a well, sewer, septic and electric. They have not gone to the County as yet for a Conditional Use Permit, as they wanted approval from the Town first before going thru that expense. Motion by Jim Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gottschalk to approve the placement of this trailer with the stipulation that it is skirted and has a pitched roof. All in favor. Carried.

The Sally's stated they probably will not be able to do anything now until spring. Approval will not expire.

**NEW**

**BUSINESS:**

**Lake Grant Loan – for boat monitoring**

John Ney was present to discuss. Gave short history stating they received a grant from the DNR in 2013 to monitor 8 boat landings, which was made possible by borrowing \$24,000.00 from the Town until the Grant was received and then the Town was paid back. In 2014 they expanded the number of landings to include Totogatic Park Landing. They again asked for a grant of \$27,000.00 and also \$2,250.00 for the Lakes Fair. Again they borrowed \$27,750.00 from the Town. Clerk stated we did receive a check from the DNR for \$26,610.00. Ney stated they will get the \$390.00 paid back to the Town and there should be a check coming from the DNR for the \$750.00. Ney stated they will drop Scovil Lake landing for 2015. They inspected 2700 boats this summer in 2014.

Ney stated they will need to borrow up to \$24,000.00 again in 2015. The DNR share of the grant total is \$32,000.00 of which \$8,000.00 will come in advance.

Motion by Warner 2<sup>nd</sup> by Featherly to approve a loan for up to \$24,000.00 for 2015 to the Lakes Committee until their Grant money is received from the DNR. All in favor. Carried.

**Minong Library – Request for financial aid for 2015**

Linda Havlicek was present to give report. (Report attached)

Gottschalk questioned if they are asking Wascott & Gordon for donations also. Havlicek stated she plans too.

Havlicek stated their goal is still to become regulated by the State.

Chairman stated this will be brought up when we review the 2015 budget.

**ATV Trail Addition – Big Sand Rd from Sunset to County Line Rd**

Motion by Warner 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gottschalk to approve this addition based on the 85% landowner approval. (Copy with signatures attached). All in favor. Carried.

**ROADS:**

**Maintenance -**

Smokey stated that the Town roads are in much better shape than the County or State roads. Everyone gave a hand to the road crew.

Resident questioned the orange cone on St Croix Trail coming onto County I. The cone is tipped over now. It was explained there is a culvert there. Discussion on this and what could be done for a permanent fix in the future.

**Purchases** - Nothing at this time.

**MONTHLY  
REPORTS:**

**Fire & Ambulance – discussion on budget formula options**

Gottschalk gave report stating there were 4 fire calls of which 0 were in the Town of Minong and 15 ambulance runs of which 6 were in the Town of Minong.

Gottschalk gave the board members a spreadsheet on what he thinks is a fair way of changing not what the budget amount is, but how all the municipalities percentage of that budget are calculated.

Gottschalk explained right now each Township pays a percentage based on the equalized value. This spreadsheet goes by the number of G1 & G2 parcels in each Township. (Copy attached)

The spreadsheet shows the difference using this method would make in the Town's share of the Fire and Ambulance Contracts, less for the Town of Minong.

Discussion on passing a Resolution regarding this matter if the other Townships do not want to go along with this. Chairman stated to set up a meeting to discuss with the other Townships involved before we do a Resolution.

Gottschalk also stated that right now in the Village the low income parcels aren't even included in any of these figures.

Question on whether the Plant (Links's Snack's) is included on these figures. Clerk stated they are not included in the equalized value, as they are in what is called a TIF (Tax Incremental Finance) District.

Gottschalk also brought up why the Ambulance meetings can't be rotated between the Townships involved and not always at the Village Hall and have whoever is on the committee in each Township chair the meeting when it is their turn.

**Transfer Station –**

It was voted that Contracts to the Municipalities will be based on usage for the 2015 Proposed budget. (Copy of meeting minutes attached).

**Constable –**

Erik reported that a school bus was crossways in the road on County I during the recent snow storm and the Sherriff's Department didn't have anyone available to come out and weren't able to contact a tow truck, so Brian came out with the grader and was able to pull the bus out. Sherriff called today to thank us. Town saved the day.

Also, as a result of the picture of the truck and people that the Washburn County Sherriff's department had put on Facebook for break ins were found an arrested. The homeowner had a trail camera that caught their pictures.

**Lakes Committee –**

John Ney stated he is now able to submit the DNR Grant papers by Email.

**Discussion from Other Meetings Attended**

**Jim Smith** gave report from Wisconsin Town's Convention – Stated we could see more transportation aid out of the referendum from last election. Also the State is looking for a new formula as far as equalized values for the Tax Levy's.

**Featherly** stated her CCWP meeting is coming up this Thursday

**DATE &**

**AGENDA:** **Next Board Meeting: December 8, 2014 at 7 PM – Budget Hearing December 1, 2014 at 7:30 PM**

**REVIEW 2015 BUDGET:**

Gottschalk questioned if the assessment went down his year. Clerk stated yes the Equalized values went down 23 million.

Clerk stated the WITC Levy went down 70% due to a change in the formula.

Clerk stated our Tax Levy should stay basically the same as last year.

Clerk went thru and stated figures that were changed in the budget from last year.

Gottschalk questioned where in the budget is the money to hire part time person to fill Clerk's position for training. Clerk stated it is #719 misc. under Clerk/Treasurer & Deputy, \$5,000.00 plus Clerk is going down to 32 hours a week so that should be enough to hire someone for training.

Clerk also stated to think about making sure that a new person's position should be less than 1000 hours during the training period due to the WRS (Wisconsin Retirement) requirements.

Warner questioned the Library expense. John Ney suggested to take \$1,000.00 from the Lakes and give to the Library to make it \$5,000.00 the same as last year.

Chairman suggested putting the difference into Donations which will make that \$3,110.00.

Motion by Gottschalk 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Smith to approve the proposed budget with the above changes.

All in favor. Carried.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Gottschalk 2<sup>nd</sup> by Warner to adjourn. All in favor. Carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 8 PM

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Chairman

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Clerk/Treasurer