

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2013 AT THE MINONG TOWN HALL**

CALL TO

ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Smokey Smith at 7 PM. All board members, Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer were present.

APPROVE

AGENDA:

Motion by Featherly 2nd by Slavick to approve the agenda. All in favor. Carried.

APPROVE

MINUTES:

Motion by Jim Smith 2nd by Havlicek to approve the minutes of January 14, 2013 as presented. All in favor. Carried.

PAY BILLS:

Motion by Jim Smith 2nd by Slavick to approve Debit Transaction #26 and check numbers 24223 thru 24278. All in favor. Carried.

FINANCIAL

REPORT:

Motion by Jim Smith 2nd by Featherly to approve the financial report dated 2/11/2013. All in favor. Carried.

OLD

BUSINESS:

Transfer Station Trailer -

Smokey stated there is nothing to report at this time.

NEW

BUSINESS:

Resident asked if he could bring up a request for an ATV/ Snowmobile route at this time

Smokey stated whatever road you are proposing you would need to have signatures of 85% of the property owners that live on that road, then we would have to put this on the agenda for the March meeting. Owner of the Rest Easy Campground would like to have an ATV/Snowmobile access approved from his entrance on Old Bass Lake Rd to Brancel Rd. This will put on the agenda for March and then the board will be able to act on it.

ZONING:

Rezoning application for Rick Gottschalk was approved by Washburn County Zoning on 1/22/2013.

However, Clerk stated they did not approve it with the stipulations we requested regarding driveways. Rick Gottschalk was present and stated that Washburn County Zoning told him that it is illegal for them to add any stipulations to rezoning applications. Discussion on this matter. Smokey stated we will have to check with the County on this matter.

ROADS:

Smokey complimented the road crew on doing a good job keeping the roads clean.

Smokey stated they will be doing some brushing yet this winter. Featherly questioned what happens to the wood from brushing. Smokey stated the wood belongs to the property owner. Our tractor should be back in a few weeks after getting a new mower put on it. Smokey stated he's isn't sure if all the board members know that we had a truck go down: the new Freightliner. We took it up to Boyer and had it fixed, the cooler had went bad and the EGR system. The cooler was covered by warrantee, but they said anti freeze got into the system and that repairs cost \$7,000.00 which they say is not covered by warrantee. We have not paid the bill as yet and will not until we get done battling this out. They said instead of adding antifreeze we should have shut it down and had it towed up to them. Smokey stated he is in the process of dealing with the General Manager to try and get this settled. He will keep the board updated.

MONTHLY

REPORTS:

Fire & Ambulance –

Jim Smith stated there were 3 fires of which none were in the Town of Minong Also there were 16 ambulance runs of which 8 were in the Town of Minong Featherly reported that the ambulance got approvals on Feb 6th for their EKG units.

Transfer Station –

Smokey reported there were 5 loads at 11.1 tons. Money collected to date is \$23,714.80. We are 24 tons less this year than last year at this time. Approximately 2 truck loads difference

Constable –

Erik reported there have been no calls, but wanted to let the residents know that this has been a bad year for cabin break- in's.

Lake Committee –

Nothing this month.

Other meetings attended -

Havlicek reported he attended the WTA meeting in Spooner. The main issue was recycling. He has given JoAnne copies of the new recycling rules regarding things you can or cannot recycle. Another issue discussed was the Community Development Block Grant Program. Eligibility goes by Income. Some of the things that are covered under this program are roofing, siding, heating, electrical, insulation, foundation, windows, doors, sewer & water and handicap accessibility. Copies are available of all this information. This is all thru the Northwest Regional Planning Commission.

**OTHER
MATTERS:**

Items or matters for the Annual Meeting –

Smokey stated this year's annual meeting is April 20, 2013 at 9 AM. Anyone who has something they would like to be put on the agenda can contact JoAnne Denninger. One thing Smokey would like on the agenda is to have a Pavilion at the Town Hall. Smokey stated the Annual meeting is for the taxpayers and they can bring up any subject they want to discuss.

Clerk wanted to make the board aware of an application for Black Bear Golf which is now owned by Link International Investments, for Liquor, Beer and Operators Licenses. She will place required ad in the paper so the board will be able to act on it at the March meeting.

Havlicek asked if there would still be a \$10,000.00 fee. Clerk stated no this will be one of our normal quota licenses' as Sleepy Eye and Greenwoods no longer have their licenses. Clerk explained the Town has 5 licenses, only 3 are intact, and this will be our 4th one. She explained it's the over quota license that cost the \$10,000.00.

Owner of Rest EZ campground asked what he would have to do to be able to have off sale beer just during the summer months. Clerk stated to sell beer would require an approved building. He would need to come in and talk with the clerk and get an application to be approved by the board.

Library Update – Linda Havlicek-

Linda stated they are still operating as the Minong Community Library, however their funds from the County are on hold and they are in danger of losing those funds. Linda had talked with Lloyd Wallace this evening and the Village had turned the Agreement over to their lawyer.

Linda stated this is not a funding agreement just an operating agreement and read portions of it. Linda stated she has a difficult time in understanding why The Town of Frog Creek not signing this agreement keeps our Town from signing this agreement.

Featherly stated "I think that what this board did to the Library is absolutely unconscionable. The Towns people told us they wanted to support this library. There were no monetary funds involved in this and if persons on this board chose not to sign this, was there inside knowledge that other Townships were not going to sign it? I don't understand the reasoning in not signing that paper. This board was told by the Towns people to support this library."

Smokey stated, "Linda, I made the motion if Frog creek or the other municipalities did not sign this contract, ours was null and void, and I believe that you were the one that seconded that motion."

Linda stated, "No, you were the one that added, after the fact, the Null and Void. I seconded a motion that had to do with signing that paper. After that motion was made you added the null and void."

More discussion between the board.

Jim Smith stated he did not vote to sign this agreement to start with. Linda stated it was in the January minutes that it was a unanimous vote.

Linda Havlicek wanted to know how she can go forward. More discussion.

Smokey stated to Tom Havlicek that this is a conflict of interest for him being he abstained at the meeting in December from the vote, and according to a WTA attorney he should not be speaking on this matter.

Erik Gulbrandsen asked if there is any reason this can't be brought up again without the null and void situation. Smokey stated yes it could be put on the agenda again.

Jim Smith questioned that all three Townships were on the agreement, Frog Creek, Village of Minong and Town of Minong. Linda Havlicek stated that they did that because all 3 Townships had a financial stake in the Library, but at that point she did not know that the Town of Frog Creek was not supporting the Library in 2013. Linda stated they felt whatever Townships had a financial stake should have the right to sign the agreement. The Town of Minong and the Village are both supporting the library in 2013. The Library wants to expand to include services they can get thru the Spooner Library because of the grant the County is willing to give them. Jim Smith stated he talked to a county board member and was told that all the Townships had to sign in order to receive the \$18,000.00 grant from the County. Linda Havlicek explained that the County came to the Minong Library and offered the money for 3 years. Jim Smith suggested that they get together with a Representative from the County, Village of Minong and the Town of Minong and if the County says you can have the money without the Town of Frog Creek, then he would not have a problem with this.

Smokey stated he has no problem with it either as long as the Village of Minong signs the agreement, he just doesn't want the Town of Minong to be supporting the Library on its' own. Smokey stated he will get with Mr. Wallace tomorrow and if their attorney says that the agreement is worth signing then he doesn't have a problem with it either.

Smokey stated we will put this on the March 11, 2013 Meeting and ask the Representatives from the County and the Village come and discuss this matter.

DATE &

AGENDA:

Next Board Meeting

March 11, 2013 at 7PM

Havlicek asked if he could attend the District Towns Association Meeting on March 16, 2013 in Cumberland. There is a fee. Smokey stated he has no problem with that.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Jim Smith 2nd by Featherly to adjourn. All in favor. Carried.

Chairman

Clerk/Treasurer