

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 14, 2014 AT THE MINONG TOWN HALL**

CALL TO

ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Harold Smith at 7:00 PM. All board members and Clerk/Treasurer were present. Deputy Clerk/Treasurer is on vacation.

APPROVE

AGENDA: Motion by Gottschalk 2nd by Featherly to approve the agenda. All in favor. Carried.

APPROVE

MINUTES: Motion by Featherly 2nd by Warner to approve the minutes of March 10, 2014 as presented. All in favor. Carried.

PAY BILLS:

Motion by Gottschalk 2nd by Featherly to pay Debit Transaction #39 and check numbers 24930 thru 24983, totaling \$58,481.16. All in favor. Carried.

FINANCIAL

REPORT: Motion by Havlicek 2nd by Warner to approve the financial report dated 4/14/2014 in the amount of \$1,123,336.50. All in favor. Carried.

OLD

BUSINESS: **Discuss Allowing Class "A" Beer Licenses – review Ordinance**

Rest EZ Campground – is requesting a Class "A" Beer License – review requirements and notices – Tabled from March 10, 2014 meeting.

Clerk stated a letter was sent to them explaining what he needed to do and what the Town needed to do regarding this matter. Clerk stated he came in on Friday as he isn't able to come to tonight's meeting. He said his premises is going to be the building only, hours would be 10 AM to 10 PM, he doesn't live on the property, and his minimum time to be open would be April 15, to October 15. Him and his wife are taking the responsible beverage course. He was wondering the cost the license would be if this is approved.

This is on the Annual meeting agenda for advisory purposes only.

Motion by Featherly 2nd by Gottschalk to table this matter to May meeting followed by an advisory vote at the Annual meeting on April 19, 2014. All in favor. Carried.

NEW

BUSINESS: **Resolution of Participation in the development of a Community Wildfire protection plan**

Motion by Featherly 2nd by Warner to sign Resolution #90 for Intent to Participate in the Development of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan. All in favor. Carried.

A representative was present to explained a little about the program again. Communities included are Town of Minong, Chicog, Village of Minong and Town of Brooklyn, Town of Frog Creek. This is a National Program and will be funded by Federal Grants.

Takes about 6 months for plan to be written and adopted and then revisit every 6 months to a year. We do have the option to opt out if we want.

Smokey stated we would like a group of residents to take charge of setting this plan up.

Representative stated they want this document to be something the Town owns not the DNR. Usually, Lakes Association, Homeowners Associations, etc get involved in these Plans.

Lakes Fair can do some PR and representative stated he is signed up to be there.

Letter about Driveway Requirements for Snowplowing –

Sample letter for residents driveways that do not meet the Town requirements for Snowplowing was reviewed.

Motion by Featherly 2nd by Gottschalk to approve this letter and to also include as an attachment Washburn County's Private Road/Driveway Inspection Report. All in favor. Carried. **(Letter & inspection report attached)**

Consider Financial Support for Hospice -

Motion by Gottschalk 2nd by Featherly to approve \$500.00 for donation to Hospice. All in favor. Carried.

Library – Linda Havlicek – Discussion only for a Letter of support –

Linda Havlicek gave report: stating "the Library will be 5 years old in June and that it has grown from nothing to almost 8,000 volumes, and 400 DVD's and Audio books. The Town of Minong has been extremely generous in helping meet our expenses. Our next step is to become an official library by State standards, and to approach the County again and build a case to present to the County on why they should support the development of our Library."

Havlicek read a document "Libraries Change Lives - Declaration for the Right to Libraries". (Copy attached) She said they cannot receive County Funds until we become an official Library.

Havlicek is asking the Town Board to sign this document as a sign of their support and their understanding that the people of the Town of Minong do want a library and benefit from a library. Right now the Town of Minong and Village of Minong are supplying 90% of our support."

Chairman stated JoAnne has information that she got from the WTA.

Clerk read this information: Our yearly Library donation of \$5,000.00 as a budget item has no commitment. The board can vote to change or rescind money at any time. However, a joint library agreement could have future ramifications & responsibilities that can't be changed. Carol Narwoki of the WTA advised us before signing any agreements, letters, or especially resolutions to have an attorney review them.

Motion by Warner 2nd by Featherly to have an attorney look at this and see if it would obligate us.

All in favor. Carried.

Motion by Featherly 2nd by Gottschalk to put this on the agenda for the May meeting. All in favor. Carried.

ROADS:

Discuss 2014 Road Bidding Projects – (Cracksealing)

Smokey asked for board's approval to get cracksealing bids.

Motion by Gottschalk 2nd by Warner to send out crackseal bids. All in favor. Carried.

Maintenance

Cable Plowing by Centurylink on Town Road – Island View Rd

Smokey stated the Town's Policy is (which we have in writing) if we need to do road work they would have to move the cable at their expense.

Featherly questioned about St Croix Trail just past the new guard rail that was put up. Washing away. Larry stated is on the road plan for this year to put a wedge there.

**MONTHLY
REPORTS:**

Fire & Ambulance –

Gottschalk gave report: 14 Ambulance Calls of which 2 were in the Town.

5 Fire calls of which 0 were in the Town

Transfer Station –

Smokey gave report: 3 loads at 11.3 tons. 19 working days. Little slow when we had all the snow. Things going good now.

Constable –

Erik stated spring must be in the air as the dogs are running crazy.

Lake Committee –

Russ Robinson gave report:

They have gotten approval for 3 grants: \$36,000.00 for clean boat and water activities, \$3,000.00 for Lakes Fair, and \$2,400.00 for Educational programs.

They will need 3 advances in June, July and August for \$9,000.00 each from the Town that was approved in November.

On the Lakes Fair Grant of \$3,000.00 they will receive \$750.00 advance from the DNR and will need \$2,250.00 advance from the Town, to be paid back once the Lakes Fair is over.
Lakes Fair is July 26, 2014. They are asking for Volunteers to help set up and help out on that day.

OTHER

MEETINGS:

Dawn Pearce gave report on the Dam assessment meeting that was held on April 2, 2014.

A little over 1% mil rate was approved and will be assessed on 12 property owners on Cranberry Lake, and residents on the Minong Flowage in both Douglas County and Washburn County. Douglas County did not tax any county land, they exempted them. Washburn county did tax some county land. Residents have five years to repay their special assessment if paid on time.

Skip Fiedler stated the Dam is completed except for some cosmetic work.

Skip also stated the next thing coming up is the grade blade on County I. Will be on May's agenda and depending on how that goes will hold a public meeting here in June.

Fiedler stated there are 3 property owners that have not signed off on the high water mark.

Another \$100,000.00 has been approved by the County Board to start the process over again.

Smokey stated this blade has been there since 1968.

Fiedler stated if the blade is pulled the North end of Pokegema will go back to a channel.

Smokey stated tomorrow night, April 15, 2014, there will be the Annual Cemetery Meeting at 6 PM at the Village Hall.

CITIZENS

COMMENTS:

Jay Barrett stated once the snow is gone it will be Intensive Wildfire time.

Next week is fire prevention week.

Smokey thanked Tom Havlicek for his service and time spent on the town board.

DATE &

Next Board Meeting: May 12, 2014

AGENDA:

Agenda items are Crack sealing bids, Linda Havlicek for Library

Annual meeting is April 19, 2014 at 9 AM.

ADJOURN:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

Chairman

Clerk/Treasurer