

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 11, 2014 AT THE MINONG TOWN HALL**

**CALL TO**

**ORDER:**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harold Smith at 7:00 PM. Board members present were Jim Smith, Linda Featherly and Rick Gottschalk. Charles Warner not present. Also present were the Clerk/Treasurer and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer.

**APPROVE**

**AGENDA:**

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

**APPROVE**

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Jim Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gottschalk to approve the minutes of July 14, 2014. All in favor. Carried.

**PAY BILLS:**

Motion by Gottschalk 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Smith to approve Debit numbers 43 to 46 and check numbers 25134 thru 25187 for a total of \$161,008.06. All in favor. Carried.

**FINANCIAL**

**REPORT:**

Motion by Featherly 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Smith to approve the financial statement dated August 11, 2014 in the amount of \$811,530.89. All in favor. Carried.

**OLD**

**BUSINESS:**

**Town Hall Improvements – committee report if available**

Dawn Pearce stated the committee hasn't had a chance to meet yet, but will have a report at next month's meeting.

**NEW**

**BUSINESS:**

**Advertising Town Notices -**

Smokey stated we have always put the Town's notices in the Northwood Shopper but now a lot of people do not get this paper anymore. We have a choice of using the Spooner Advocate or the Wild River Advertiser. The Weekender was brought up also. Costs were questioned.

Motion by Gottschalk 2<sup>nd</sup> by Featherly to post the Town's notices in the Weekender, except any legal notices to be posted in the Spooner Advocate. All in favor. Carried.

**Salt Shed – Quotes for blacktop floor**

Gottschalk gave update on the Salt Shed stating it is on schedule for completion by 9/1/2014.

Clerk stated there are 3 quotes for the blacktop for the floor. (Spreadsheet attached)

- Taylor Paving - \$7,150.00,
- Monarch - \$4,970.00,
- Statewide - \$5,460.00.

Motion by Gottschalk 2<sup>nd</sup> by Featherly to accept quote from Monarch in the amount of \$4,970.00. All in favor. Carried.

**Finance for New Truck – Loan/Equipment Account**

Clerk stated the interest rate would be 3% for 5 years. The cost of the truck is \$116,000.00. The clerk needs to know from the board how much we want to finance and how much will come out of the Equipment Fund. Smokey questioned what this would do to our road aids.

Clerk stated we would be able to include the total cost of the truck in our road aids even if we have a loan on it. We will have a high year to average in over three years. The entire cost of the truck will be towards road aid spending for this year. We will not have a problem meeting the 100% of road aids. Clerk's recommendation is to borrow whatever it takes to keep our payments as they are now and take the rest from the Equipment fund to keep our tax levy down.

Clerk stated she will get a figure from the Bank as to how much we will need to borrow to keep our payments as they are now, and will have this figure at the next meeting.

**ROADS:**

**Maintenance –**

Where to put the storage shed was discussed. Smokey stated he would like to move it straight forward and butt up against the cement. Only other choice would be to put it on the end. Links will come out and move it for \$200.00. The road crew will level it up. Motion by Gottschalk 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Smith to move the storage shed straight forward and hire Link's to move it for \$200.00. All in favor. Carried.

Smokey stated most Blacktop roads have been mowed. Still shouldering

**Purchases -** dump truck tires, mower blades

Smokey gave report on St Croix Trail. Finally somewhat keeping up with St Croix Trail. Told Larry to keep track of everything we have done out there and will bill the loggers for it.

**MONTHLY  
REPORTS:**

**Fire & Ambulance –**

Gottschalk gave report: Fire runs were 8 with 3 in the Town, 5 in the Village  
Ambulance there were 31 calls in July of which 11 were in the Town.

**Transfer Station –**

Smokey gave report: There were 8 loads at Average 11.10 ton per load. Monies taken in to date are \$12,665.95. Free Day will be this Saturday 8/16/2014.

**Constable –**

Smokey stated nothing to report at this time.

**Lakes Committee –**

Laurie Johnson gave report:

Thanked The Minong Fire & Ambulance and Erik Gulbrandsen for their help with the Lakes Fair.

John Ney gave report on Lakes Fair:

Reported they had great speakers, food and great volunteers. Attendance about the same as the 2<sup>nd</sup> one. Was to nice of a day so attendance was not what was expected but had about 500 people come. October sometime they will pay back the loan to the Town.

Smokey thanked the committee for all their work and effort put into the Lakes Fair.

**Discussion from other meetings attended –**

**Featherly stated she attended the first CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection) meeting** and gave report.

It is the group's objective to accomplish this entire process in about 6 meetings. Following are the 6 main steps the group will be working on.

1. Engage interested parties in the form of a Core Team
2. Community base Map (terrain, lay of the land)
3. Develop Community risk assessment
4. Establish Community priorities & recommendations
5. Interim plan
6. Complete a final plan that all involved Town's can sign off on.

Bottom line, this is to protect our homes and forest lands.

**Featherly also attended a Wisconsin Town's Association meeting and gave report**

Key things discussed were:

There will be a Constitutional Referendum in November that will ask voters, "should transportation funds be used only for Transportation programs". This will be on the November ballot.

Another thing is to seek local government authority to replace culverts at the same size and dimension without requiring permits from the DNR.

Another thing will be to seek more flexibility to all local units of government with regards to Levy limits. Also they are thinking about getting into the State funding formulas for schools.

**Smokey urged the residents** to notify their representatives and push to keep local government.

**CITIZENS**

**COMMENTS:** Resident Jean Barth was present to discuss a problem with her deeds at the cemetery. This was not on the agenda for tonight.  
Motion by Jim Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gottschalk to put on next month's agenda. All in favor. Carried.  
**Jim Smith stated he would like to attend the Town's convention in October**

Smokey stated he has no problem with that.

Featherly talked about her concern on Nancy Lake Road from Buck & Wing to County I, being a road hazard with residents walking with ear buds in their ears, and bike riders. Road has lots of curves and very narrow. She would like this on next month's agenda.

**DATE &**

**AGENDA:** **Next Board Meeting:** September 8, 2014, at 7 PM

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Gottschalk 2<sup>nd</sup> by Featherly to adjourn. All in favor. Carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

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Chairman

Clerk/Treasurer