

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2015 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 Chuck Warner, Linda Featherly and Jim Smith. Clerk/Treasurer was also present. Deputy Clerk /Treasurer was out of Town.

APPROVE

AGENDA:

Motion by Featherly 2nd by Warner to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Carried.

APPROVE

MINUTES:

Motion by Jim Smith 2nd by Featherly to approve the minutes of January 12, 2015 as presented. All in favor. Carried.

PAY BILLS:

Motion by Warner 2nd by Featherly to approve Debit Transaction #50-52 and check numbers 25451 thru 25512 in the amount of \$658,269.02. All in favor. Carried. Clerk mentioned that the constable called and has a check for 5 hours coming and the phone bill just came. Those were approved to be made out prior to next month's meeting.

FINANCIAL

REPORT:

Financial report for 2/9/2015 in the amount of \$3,023,914.92 was read. Motion by Warner 2nd by Featherly to approve the Financial Report. All in favor. Carried.

OLD

BUSINESS:

Town Hall Improvements – update on painting & sound system

Sound system is set up and working now, and painting of the hall should begin this week, possibly tomorrow.

BUSINESS:

WTA District meeting – which board members will be attending

Smokey would like to recommend that anyone available to go, should. The agenda of this meeting looks worthwhile. Smokey, Chuck, and Linda will be attending the one on March 6th at Cable.

WI Disaster Aid Grant Papers – approve and sign

Chairman stated that we received the papers stating that the town would receive \$9,668.65 reimbursement for costs due to the storm last fall. All the work was done by the road crew and Smokey thanked the clerk for all the paperwork involved in getting this reimbursement. Motion was made by Jim Smith 2nd by Featherly to approve the grant papers at this amount. All in favor. Carried.

CWPP Fire Protection Plan

Linda Featherly spoke on this she stated that they have completed the draft copy except for proof reading. She said she enjoyed working on this project and believed the town will benefit from it. Possibly some road widening expenses etc. can be reimbursed. Smokey stated that surely St Croix Trail west and Nancy Lake Rd west would be prime examples where this grant could be of help. He stated he wants to work on these two roads this summer. Motion made by Linda Featherly 2nd by Jim Smith to approve the Notice of Declaration of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Community Wildfire Protection Plan. All in favor. Carried. Linda would like to see this plan placed on the website. This can be done when the final plan is done.

ROADS:

Maintenance -

Smokey stated that the road crew are salting and sanding and scraping the blacktop when needed. When they are not doing this they have been brushing and doing maintenance on the equipment.

Purchases

Nothing at this time.

MONTHLY

REPORTS:

Fire & Ambulance –

Smokey gave report stating the ambulance had 19 runs of which 5 were in the Town. Fire runs were 3; of which 2 were in the Town.

Transfer Station –

Smokey reported there were 6 loads in December, 11 ton’s each, averaging 66 ton total. And the year to date money received from the transfer station receipts was \$30,350.00.

Constable –

Erik Gulbrandsen was not present, so no report at this time.

Lake Committee – Clerk stated that the town received a check for \$8,000 from the DNR for the lake grant money and that it has been deposited into the town’s account same as last year until the lakes committee needs it. There was no one at this meeting from the Lake’s Committee so it will be left this way for now.

Discussions from Other Meetings Attended -

Chuck Warner attended the WTA district meeting in Spooner and reported that the WTA attorney was the speaker and went over several of the things discussed in the governor’s budget that they want to focus on: Increase in road aids by 4%, support general transportation aids, TRIP and TRID grant increases, heavy equipment on town roads, increase the limit of road costs without town meeting approval over the 5,000 per mile limit, and then discussed the County Zoning and the lack of Washburn County having a comprehensive plan. Town needs to push the county board members to make a comprehensive plan. **Town has a comprehensive plan but can’t enforce it without the county’s Zoning having a comprehensive plan also.** Last thing discussed at this meeting was they are trying to make websites a legal posting place.

Smokey stated that Warner does such a good job at reporting back to the town that he would like to see him be a designee to go to these meetings in the future. Chuck agreed he would when possible.

DATE &

AGENDA:

Next Board Meeting: March 9, 2015

ADJOURN:

Motion by Warner 2nd by Featherly to adjourn to closed session pursuant to WI Statues 19.85 (1) (C) to review applications for part time office position at 7:25. All in favor. Carried.

RECONVIENE

TO OPEN

SESSION:

Motion by Jim Smith 2nd by Linda Fatherly to call Ms Barr and see if she would like to meet with the board after next month’s meeting. However, a motion was made by Chuck Warner 2nd by Featherly to advertize in June/July in the Yellow River paper, the Spooner Advocate, and the Weekender, for the position again, but this time as a 32 hour position at \$15.00 per hour with benefits. When and what benefits are outlined in the employee handbook and will be discussed at the time of interviews.

Chairman

Clerk/Treasurer