

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 12, 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. Deputy Clerk/Treasurer was also present. Clerk /Treasurer was out of Town.

APPROVE

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

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MINUTES: Motion by Jim Smith 2nd by Featherly to approve the minutes of December 8, 2014 as presented. All in favor. Carried.

PAY BILLS:

Motion by Warner 2nd by Featherly to approve Debit Transaction #49 and check numbers 25379 thru 25450 in the amount of \$224,827.61. All in favor. Carried.

FINANCIAL

REPORT: Financial report for year ending 12/31/2014 in the amount of \$1,262,263.66 and 1/12/2015 in the amount of \$1,894,959.05 were read. Motion by Jim Smith 2nd by Featherly to approve both Financial Reports. All in favor. Carried.

OLD

BUSINESS:

Town Hall Improvements – update on painting & sound system

Dawn Pearce stated not much to report as she has been gone. Additional parts were ordered for the Sound System, she just needs to call them. The new mats have come and been put down. They have a bid for the blinds but Becky is out of Town so do not have a picture to show. Hope to have more information next month. A color has still not been agreed upon for the painting.

NEW

BUSINESS:

Beer License – Gruzy’s - Ice Fishing Contest on Pokegama Lake – Jan 31st

Bob from Gruzy’s was present to discuss. The fishing contest will be from 10AM – 6PM. This contest will be put on by Gruzy’s & Link Rv & Link Ford with all money generated going to the Northwood School. Will need the license extended from existing description to include up to 200 feet from the shoreline. They have purchased 2 tents for the designated areas.

Motion by Featherly 2nd by Warner to grant this Beer License from the existing description to include up to 200 feet from the shoreline from 10 AM to 6 PM on January 31, 2015 only. All in favor. Carried.

Employee Wage Increase –

Chairman and board members had figures showing the amount of raise for each employee at the CPI rate of 1.57% and also at .50 cents per hour.

Motion was made by Harold Smith 2nd by Jim Smith to approve the .50 cents per hour. Harold Smith and Jim Smith - Yes, Featherly and Warner - No Motion failed.

More discussion followed regarding the benefits that were lost to the employee’s the previous year and the \$35,000.00 that the employees saved the Town by going with their union insurance.

Motion by Jim Smith 2nd by Harold Smith to approve the .50 cents per hour raise. All in favor. Carried.

ROADS:

Maintenance -

Smokey talked about the snow and ice we have had and that the road crew has done an excellent job so far this year.

Purchases - Towing Warranty for New Truck

Smokey stated we have all new tires on the grader now so it is up and running and that Lee's new truck is here and working good.

Smokey stated he got the bridge report and the Nancy Lake Bridge will have to have some work and also Lakeside bridge North will need work.

Featherly stated she would like to see if there are any grants out there for the possibility of putting a bridge on Old Bass Lake Rd where the culvert is.

Smokey stated this is something we can work on.

Smokey explained we have a good warranty on the new truck but this does not cover all the towing.

Smokey explained the towing warranty is \$800.00 for 5 years and would cover \$500.00 a time for work that is covered under the truck warranty. The cost for towing would be \$750.00 each time, which the towing warranty would pay \$500.00 each time and we would pay \$250.00 each time.

Motion by Featherly 2nd by Warner to purchase this towing warranty for \$800.00 for 5 years. All in favor. Carried.

**MONTHLY
REPORTS:**

Fire & Ambulance –

Smokey gave report stating the ambulance had 14 runs of which 2 were in the Town. Fire runs were 5 of which 2 were in the Town.

Transfer Station –

Smokey reported there were 4 loads in November, 2 in early December averaging 39.5 ton.

As of May 1, 2015 Rod Beeman will be retiring so there will be a full time position available, but will require a CDL license.

Constable –

Erik Gulbrandsen was present and stated that there has been an increase in burglaries with bigger items being taken such as compressors, guns etc. Wants everyone to keep their eyes open.

Lake Committee – Nothing at this time.

Discussions from Other Meetings Attended

Featherly stated she had a CCWP meeting on Thursday following the last Town meeting and that there will be one last meeting on the 26th of January 2015. She will have a report for the February meeting.

Smokey stated that Rick Gottschalk has given is resignation as a Town board member as of 12/31/2014.

Motion by Warner 2nd by Featherly to accept this resignation. All in favor. Carried.

Motion by Harold Smith 2nd by Jim Smith to leave this seat vacant until election in April. All in favor. Carried.

DATE &

AGENDA:

Next Board Meeting: February 9, 2015

ADJOURN:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

Chairman

Clerk/Treasurer