

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 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 and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer were also present.

APPROVE

AGENDA:

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

APPROVE

MINUTES:

Featherly requested two corrections to the minutes of February 9, 2015. First one - under the Transfer Station, should read "6 loads, 11 ton each averaging 66 tons". Second one under Other Meetings regarding the County. Should read "Town has a comprehensive plan but can't enforce it without the county zoning having a comprehensive plan".

Motion by Featherly second by Warner to approve the minutes of February 9, 2015. All in favor. Carried.

PAY BILLS:

Motion by Featherly 2nd by Jim Smith to approve Debit Transaction #'s 53 & 54 and check numbers 25513 thru 25562 in the amount of \$1,935,925.06. All in favor. Carried.

FINANCIAL

REPORT:

Motion by Jim Smith 2nd by Featherly to approve the financial report dated 3/9/2015 in the amount of \$1,105,229.18. All in favor. Carried.

OLD

BUSINESS:

Town Hall Improvements – update on painting & other projects being considered

Dawn Pearce was present to show samples of the new blinds for the Hall. The estimate is from Floor to Ceiling in Hayward and is approximately \$1,300.00 for the meeting hall and also the office. Dawn also requested to get a bid from Ed Block to paint the bathrooms a light beige and to spend about \$50.00 on odds and ends that need replacing such as paper towel holders, and beige trash cans.

Motion by Featherly 2nd by Warner to approve the new blinds for the hall and office, whatever colors the ladies have decided on, to go ahead and have Ed Block paint the bathrooms and also to cover whatever incidentals Dawn needs. All in favor. Carried.

ZONING:

Washburn Co Zoning Ordinance – vote on changes to text amendment on bunkhouses, camp grounds, and mining.

Smokey recommended to deny this request as the County has enough power over zoning already.

Motion by Jim Smith 2nd by Warner to deny this Ordinance request from the County. All in favor. Carried.

NEW

BUSINESS:

Decide items for discussion at the Annual meeting

No comments at this time.

Employee Retirement Resignation

Smokey read letter of resignation with regret for Lee Coons. (Copy attached)

Motion by Jim Smith 2nd by Warner to accept Lee Coon's resignation as of March 26, 2015 being his last day, with regret. All in favor. Carried.

Smokey and the board thanked Lee for his service with residents giving him a clapping hand.

Also a cake was brought for the occasion.

ROADS:

Smokey stated he would like permission to send out bids for Crack seal.

Motion by Jim Smith 2nd by Warner to send out Crack seal bids to be on the April agenda.

Smokey stated Friday morning March 13, 2015 the roads will be posted, possibly earlier.

Maintenance – Have been brushing, sanding and plowing.

Purchases - Wi-Fi Internet for shop

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer stated the cost would be \$28.00 more a month.

Motion by Jim Smith 2nd by Warner to approve Wi-Fi for the shop. All in favor. Carried.

Discussion on wireless for Hall meeting room.

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer will check to see what the cost would be for another Wi Fi for the hall meeting room for residents to use when renting hall.

**MONTHLY
REPORTS:**

Fire & Ambulance –

Smokey reported there were 11 ambulance calls of which 4 were in the Town, and 3 fire calls with none being in the Town.

Transfer Station –

Smokey gave report. There were 4 loads average 10 tons.

Troy Waggoner will be the new Employee. Also new cards for each municipality will be issued.

Residents will be able to get one at the Transfer station with proof of residency or that they own property in the Town or cards can also be picked up at the Town Hall.

Constable – Nothing at this time.

Lakes Committee –

Laurie Johnson was present to give report. Laurie will let Russ Robinson and John Ney know about the \$8,000.00 that came in and was mentioned in the minutes of last meeting for the Lakes Committee. Amy Wandel has started scheduling monitors for the summer to start the middle of May. This year they will be having 2 to 3 educational sessions to be held at the Town Hall.

Discussion from Other Meetings attended –

Featherly gave report on a Wisconsin Town's District Meeting.

Discussion on road funding and Board of Review (doing Objections by phone instead of face to face).

State of Wisconsin is looking to have each County have 1 Assessor for the whole County rather than each Town having their own assessor. This would be a flat fee to the County which would not be cost effective for Town's. We need to contact our legislators regarding this matter and let them know we are against this.

Featherly also commented on the Wildfire Protection plan Committee stating the final copy of this is out and each board member has one. She would like this on the website. Deputy Clerk/Treasurer stated it is already on the website.

CITIZENS

COMMENTS: Nothing at this time.

DATE &

AGENDA: **Next Board Meeting:** Date for next Board meeting is April 13, 2015

Andrew Peterson from. C.O.M.F.O.R.T.S. was present to request to be on next month's agenda regarding funding for windows for their building (the old Rebecca Lodge). This is a senior project for him thru the school.

ADJOURN: Motion by Featherly 2nd by Jim Smith to adjourn. All in favor. Carried.
Adjourned at 7:35 PM

Motion by Warner 2nd by Jim Smith to go back into open session. All in favor. Carried.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – Pursuant to WI St 19.85 (1) (C) – for employee positions

7:55 pm

ROLL Call: Jim Smith, Linda Featherly, Charles Warner, Harold Smith, JoAnne Denninger, Karen Denninger, Larry Radzak and Lee Coons.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION: Motion by Featherly 2nd by Warner to adjourn closed session. All in favor. Carried.

RECONVIENE OPEN SESSION: Motion by Featherly 2nd by Jim Smith to reconvene into Open session. All in favor. Carried.

Motion by Featherly 2nd by Warner to Advertise the Road crew position in the Advocate, Yellow River and Weekender papers for two weeks with all applications due to the Clerk by April 8, 2015 to be addressed at the April 13, 2015 Regular meeting and to also interview Mrs. Barr for the Clerk's position all in Closed session after the meeting.

ADJOURN: Motion by Warner 2nd by Jim Smith to adjourn. All in favor. Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Chairman

Clerk/Treasurer