

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 11, 2016 AT THE MINONG TOWN HALL**

CALL TO

ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harold Smith at 7 PM. All board members, Clerk/Treasurer, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer and Susan Conaway were present.

APPROVE

AGENDA:

Motion by Featherly 2nd by Jim Smith to approve the agenda. All in favor. Carried.

APPROVE

MINUTES:

Motion by Jim Smith 2nd by Warner to approve the minutes of March 14, 2016 as presented. All in favor. Carried.

PAY BILLS:

Motion by Featherly 2nd by Warner to pay Debit Transaction #'s 76-79 and check numbers 26190 thru 26253 in the amount of \$57,281.67. All in favor. Carried.

FINANCIAL

REPORT:

Motion by Warner 2nd by Wojt to approve the financial report dated April 11, 2016 in the amount of \$1,219,924.11. All in favor. Carried.

OLD

BUSINESS:

Culvert/Bridge on Narrows Trail – from last meeting

Smokey again stated that the County did not put the 50/50 funding into their 2016 budget but they will put it into their 2017 budget, so nothing will be done this year. The town will be taking the top off this spring to determine the problem and how to proceed with repairs.

Easement for Island View Rd -

Jim Smith stated Larry took Mike Peterson the County Forester out to look at the site and show him what we wanted to do regarding dumping the fill from this project. Mike called Jim a couple days later to inform us the County won't let us dump too much fill. Smokey stated we can haul the fill up to the Transfer Station.

Jim Smith will contact Dan Meling again regarding the purchase of this property.

Annual Meeting Agenda Items –

Featherly stated she would like the Snowplowing Fees addressed at this meeting. She cannot be at the meeting but asked Roger Wojt to speak in her behalf.

Approximate Price for Updating Town Website –

Jamie Bartosh was present to talk about his website proposal. (Copy in meeting minutes book)

Jamie stated there would only be a 24 hour down time to make the change.

Motion by Wojt 2nd by Jim Smith to approve to change to Wordpress software for the Town's website and to take Option 2 (Jamie changing all current information found on website to the new website) of this proposal in the amount of \$475.00. All in favor. Carried.

Library Support Letter – Linda Havlicek (Copy of letter available in meeting minutes book)

Linda Havlicek presented a letter and asked the board to sign it showing the Town's support.

Motion by Featherly 2nd by Warner to approve the board sign this letter of support for the Minong Area Library and Literacy Center. All in favor. Carried.

NEW

BUSINESS:

Angie Winton-Speak to Town as Candidate for DA

Winton stated there will be a primary in August and the General election in the Fall. She is from the area and was born in Spooner and has built her house and is living in Springbrook now. This is where she wants to live and this is what she wants to do. She has been the assistant D.A. for 7 years. She enjoys working with the officer's and the community's.

Snowplowing Cost for Private Roads & Drives –

Featherly stated she would like to see something done about the Private plowing road fees. Long discussion on this matter. Will be brought up again at the annual meeting.

Appoint Susan Conaway as a Board of Review Member

Motion by Warner 2nd by Featherly to appoint Susan Conaway as a member of the Board of Review for the Town of Minong. All in favor. Carried.

Clerk stated that we would need to hold the Board of Review at the next meeting to adjourn to a later date.

Discuss Lawn Mowing Services –

Jerry Werner sent quotes for the 2016 year as he did the mowing for us last year. (Quote attached) Bond Park \$60.00, Town Hall \$100.00, Bass Lake Park \$75.00, Bass Lake Park Bathrooms \$40.00 and Cemetery each time \$400.00.

Motion by Featherly 2nd by Jim Smith to accept the quotes from Jerry Werner for the 2016 Town and Cemetery mowing. All in favor. Carried.

ROADS:

Maintenance -

Larry Radzak stated they have been grading and working on culverts inventory of which the Town has 92 culverts.

Smokey stated he would like to see us have a road cleanup this year. Discussion on this.

It was decided we would have a cleanup day on Sunday May 1, 2016 starting at 11:30 AM.

Also there will be a cleanup at the Cemetery on April 30, 2016 at 10:00 AM.

Crackseal Bids – (Bid sheet attached)

Bids received: Fahrner Asphalt Sealers - \$2.75 Lb

Roy's Sealcoating - \$1.25 Lb

Motion by Featherly 2nd by Warner to approve Roy's Sealcoating bid at \$1.25 Lb. All in favor. Carried.

Smokey stated that last meeting there was a list of old materials, parts and supplies that were in the shed, were advertised and within the week everything was gone. Some of the money is going to be used to replace the welder in the shop.

Purchases –

Motion by Jim Smith 2nd by Featherly to purchase a Hobart 210 welder with cart from Northern Tool in the amount of \$1,295.00. All in favor. Carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Fire & Ambulance –

Smokey gave report – Fire runs were 4 of which all were in the Township. Ambulance runs were a total 17 of which 8 were in the Township.

Featherly brought up that Susan Conaway is a member of the ambulance crew and will it be ok for her to go on runs during work hours. Smokey stated she already has permission to do so.

Transfer Station –

Smokey gave report stating there were 3 loads in February Average 34.9 ton. 11.63 ton monthly average per load. Total collected through 2/27/16 is \$1,360.00.

Constable –

Erik Gulbrandsen stated lots of Dog issues and have a lot of tickets out. The Drug Education meeting was held at the school in March, with over 200 people present. Constable is looking into getting trail cameras which had been approved previously.

The new village squad car should be here the end of the month.

Warner stated that speed limit signs are gone on Bass Lake Rd. Larry stated they will replace them.

Lake Committee –

Laurie Johnson was present to give report stating that early May they should receive their grant payment from the DNR and then the Town would make their payments of \$8,000.00 starting in June, July and August for the loan they are giving to the Lakes Committee.

Shop Committee –

Wojt gave report stating an ad went in the paper last week for bids for the new addition. Design plans are at the State for approval. There will be a shop committee meeting on April 21, 2016 at 2 PM to open bids.

Other meetings –

Jim Smith gave report on the Cemetery Annual Meeting which was held on April 7, 2016. (Copy of minutes attached)

Burial prices were raised and there will be a cleanup day on April 30, 2016 at 10 AM.

Clerk stated we have the new signature cards that need to be signed for April 19, 2016 when Susan Conaway takes over as clerk.

CITIZENS

COMMENTS:

Larry asked when the Road Restrictions would be taken off.

Smokey stated the County is taking the road bans off on April 18 so we would also.

Resident spoke regarding the Culvert on Narrows Trail giving reasons why it wouldn't be just Little Gilmore residents that would benefit from a bigger culvert.

Resident questioned how we determine which roads to be blacktopped.

Smokey explained we have a 5 year road plan and that roads with the majority of traffic and roads with people living on them will be blacktopped first. The 5 year road plan is just a plan and can be changed by the board as needed. This is a board decision on what gets blacktopped.

The 5 year road plan will be available at the Annual meeting.

DATE &

AGENDA:

Next Board Meeting: May 9, 2016

ADJOURN:

Motion by Featherly 2nd by Jim Smith to adjourn. All in favor. Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Chairman

Clerk/Treasurer