

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2019 AT THE MINONG TOWN HALL
DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION CAN BE TAKEN ON ALL AGENDA ITEMS**

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VERIFY LEGAL

POSTING

NOTICE: Clerk verified.

CALL TO

ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Harold Smith at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL: Jim Smith, Linda Featherly, Roger Wojt, Chuck Warner, Harold Smith, Susan Conaway, Clerk/Treasurer, Alicia Swearingen, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE: Recited.

APPROVE

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

APPROVE

MINUTES: Motioned by Featherly, 2nd by Jim Smith to approve minutes for the December 10th Regular Board Meeting. All in favor. Motion Carried.

PAY BILLS:

Motion by Featherly, 2nd by Warner to pay Debit Transaction 205-207 and check numbers 28010 – 28074 in the amount of \$742,111.86. All in favor. Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL

REPORT: Motion by Jim Smith, 2nd by Warner to approve the Financial Statement dated January 14th, 2019 in the amount of \$1,452,546.11. All in favor. Motion Carried.

OLD

BUSINESS: **Town Hall Entrance**- Susan updated. Received a bid from Dennis Stuart to put in a hallway and service window. Discussion followed. Smokey asked to make sure it's ok for this to be done in a commercial building. More discussion followed and ideas given by residents present. Now possibly just a service window and an open hallway to still block off office activity when hall is rented during business hours. A metal pull down over the window to help lock it after hours. Tabled until next meeting when more information is gathered for further discussion.
Panic Button- Tabled.

NEW

BUSINESS: **Mower Deck**- Larry stated it should be here anytime.
Secluded Land- Mike Pfister was present. He had the new state plat with the resolution for the Town of Minong to sign. Secluded Land also the estimate for the road as well as the letter of credit from the bank. Smokey asked where the stumps are going to be buried. Mike said they will be well out of the road right of way. Linda questioned the storm water permit – if the land doesn't sell within 3 years, will you renew the permit. Mike stated the permit is only needed during the construction of the road, so no it will not be renewed. Larry asked when the logging will start. Mike said it will start during breakup, so March sometime. Smokey asked if it will be done before road bans start – Mike said yes. Motion by Jim Smith, 2nd by Warner to pass the resolution for the Town of Minong to approve the plat map for this development. 4 ayes 1 nay. Motioned Carried.

ZONING: **N/A**

ROADS:

Maintenance- Larry updated. Lots of sanding right now. A resident who is also a member of the fire department questioned why aren't all roads sanded such as side or back roads. Now that all roads are open to ATV, if there was ever an accident or ambulance/fire call of any kind – the crews would have a hard time making it safely. Smokey said side roads and back roads aren't sanded for budget purposes, main roads are always top priority. We try to make sure all intersections have sand. Larry said he just needs to know from the board what to do, winters are changing. Discussion followed, Smokey said to get some sand out on all the roads. Larry said they would like to order a new blade for the grader that has 'diggers' that come down that cut into the ice which can be used on the sand roads. The board agreed to go ahead and get them. The cost was roughly around \$300. Smokey said salt sand is starting to run out at the county and once it's gone, it's gone - so the guys have been making sure the shed is full.

Purchases- Going to order the new cutting edge blade for the grader.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Fire & Ambulance- Smokey reported. Ambulance had 16 runs last month. Fire had 5 runs last month. Jay Barrett was present. The board asked for an update on inspections in regards to the fire dues. Jerry Sikoski was also present. He and Jay both said 100% complete for 2018 fire inspections along with all the other parts that needed to be completed and submitted. The board thanked them. Roger asked about grants that could be wrote because of the high capacity well that was put in the new shop. Jay said there's grants out there, just need to have someone work on submitting for them. Roger said maybe Susan could help as she has wrote several grants for the Town.

Transfer Station- Chairman gave report stating there were 5 loads in November. Total collected YTD is \$44,759. \$5,053 ahead of this time last year.

Constable- Erik was present. He said it has been a big week for him as he became village police chief. He said to please report anything that seems out of the ordinary in our area as break-ins are still happening. There's no pattern with what they are taking. The investigators are working on this. Now that Dennis is the new Sheriff he is going to work on getting this solved. Linda asked Erik about the town squad car and where it was. He stated right now it is in the town shop. She asked why. Erik stated Smokey told him it was going to stay there and he can get it when he needs to do a call as constable. Linda questioned why to Smokey. Smokey stated it wasn't being taken care of or cleaned, so it can stay at the shop until it needs to be used. Lengthy discussion followed. The board agreed the squad car can be at Erik's house, but asked him to please keep it clean.

Lakes Committee- N/A

Clerk's Update- N/A

Discussion from Other Meetings- Chuck was at the library meeting. The library board met with Spooner library board so see about joining with them as they are certified. Spooner library was not interested in joining, but did suggest talking to Superior as they just took on Solon Springs library. The town contacted their attorney and it was confirmed they cannot donate to any privately owned entities anymore – this is why the library is looking to join with a certified library. Erik asked if that also meant boy/girl scouts. The board confirmed they cannot donate anymore to anything they used to. Linda said the county did not have a meeting last month or this month. Linda was appointed as a Washburn County Ambassador and will be headed to Madison for meetings on Wednesday this week.

CITIZENS

COMMENTS: N/A

DATE &

AGENDA: **Next Board Meeting:** Next meeting will be held on Monday February 11th, 2018 @ 7:00pm.

Agenda Items: Office Entrance, Panic Button

ADJOURN MEETING: Motion by Featherly, 2nd Warner by to adjourn. All in favor. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Chairman

Clerk/Treasurer