

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 6, 2019 AT THE MINONG TOWN HALL  
DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION CAN BE TAKEN ON ALL AGENDA ITEMS**

NOTICE: IF SOMEONE WITH A DISABILITY REQUIRES THAT THE MEETING BE ACCESSIBLE OR THAT MATERIALS AT THE MEETING BE IN AN ACCESSIBLE FORMAT, CALL THE CLERK'S OFFICE AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE TO REQUEST ADEQUATE ACCOMMODATIONS.

**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, Harold Smith, Susan Conaway, Clerk/Treasurer, Alicia Swearingen, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

**PLEDGE OF**

**ALLEGIANCE:** Recited.

**APPROVE**

**AGENDA:** Motion by Featherly, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Smith to approve the agenda presented. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**APPROVE**

**MINUTES:** Motion by Jim Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wojt to approve minutes for the October 7<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**PAY BILLS:**

Motion by Featherly, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Warner to pay Debit Transaction 238-242 and check numbers 28503-28551 in the amount of \$61,082.93. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**FINANCIAL**

**REPORT:** Motion by Featherly, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wojt to approve the Financial Statement dated November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in the amount of \$917280.20. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**OLD**

**BUSINESS:** **Security System**- Susan updated – We have someone lined up to do the work. Currently waiting on window pricing so it can be ordered. Hoping to have completed by tax season.

**Greenwood Cemetery** – Smokey updated. We are looking for people to be involved. There will be another meeting in the spring.

**Short Term Rental Licenses** – A new rental application was turned in. Motion by Featherly, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Smith to approve Leal pending him turning in the state license once received. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**NEW**

**BUSINESS:** **Kylee Hill – Senior Exit Project** – Kylee was present and discussed her project. She is having a fundraising dinner to raise money for a LUCAS (CPR Machine) for the Minong ambulance. She asked the board if they would be willing to donate a basket that could be raffled off. Discussion followed. Featherly motioned to donate a \$50 basket, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wojt. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**Mike Peterson – Tota Drive** – N/A

**ATV Route – Cty Hwy I (Oaks to Oaks)** – Brian Abbot from the trails club was present and discussed information he received from a county meeting in regards to opening this stretch of road. Susan also

shared what she found out after calling the county. The Town should send a letter of support for opening this stretch of road. Discussion followed. Motion by Featherly, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wojt to draft a letter of support to open Cty Hwy I from Oaks to Oaks and send to the county. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**John Ney – 2020 Lakes Grant** – John was present and went over 2019 summary of data for boat inspections. Their treasurer recently passed away. They have someone to fill in. Also, their program coordinator is leaving the area. They are seeking a new coordinator and will post a job description for it. Asking the Town for a loan again this year and an advance payment. They have until April to find a replacement coordinator. If they are unable to do so, they will not be able to continue with this program and will no longer need the loan. Motion by Featherly, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wojt to go ahead with the grant again this year. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**2020 Fire Department Contract Proposal** – Fire department budget was presented. 3% increase this year. Motion by Wojt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Smith to accept the 2020 proposed contract dollar amount of \$117,325.97. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**2020 Ambulance Contract Proposal** – Ambulance department budget was presented. 32% increase this year. Motion by Jim Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wojt to accept the 2020 proposed contract dollar amount of \$29,242.65. 4 ayes, 1 nay. Motion Carried.

**2020 Town Budget Proposal** – Susan updated. A ‘raw’ version of the budget was presented. Discussion followed. Date was set for a budget meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6pm to go over each line item.

**ZONING:** N/A

**ROADS:** **Maintenance-** Larry updated. The mower tractor is back and they are out trying to finish up some of the roads that hadn’t been mowed yet. They are getting equipment ready for winter.  
**Purchases-** N/A

**MONTHLY REPORTS:**

**Fire & Ambulance-** Smokey reported. Ambulance had 28 runs last month. Fire had 8 runs last month.

**Transfer Station-** Chairman gave report stating there were 9 loads in September. Total collected YTD is \$40,820. \$3,676 ahead of this time last year.

**Constable-** N/A

**Lakes Committee-** N/A

**Clerk’s Update-** Susan updated. Discussed the security window. In the process of getting a new credit card company for the town which allows residents to pay. Previous company was going to start charging the town a fee. We have an online meeting Thursday with GovPay which would be free to the town. Snowplowing questions have come up for people who missed the deadline. Each year we run into the issue of people asking after the fact. Our policy has been Nov 1 or fist snowfall whichever comes first. Does the waiver need to be changed going forward? Smokey was contacted by people asking to be put on. Discussion followed. Smokey motioned to accept the driveways he was contacted on and change the waiver going forward. 2 aye, 2 nay. Motion failed.

Our part time snowplow help is out for the season with an injury. Are we getting a replacement for part time help? Legally the town should advertise for it. Discussion followed. Motion by Featherly, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wojt to put an ad in the paper for part time seasonal snowplowing help. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**Discussion from Other Meetings-** Linda updated on county meetings. The dam drawdown project is complete. Starting January 31, 2020 the Namekogan Transit bus will have a route coming to Minong.

**CITIZENS**

**COMMENTS:** N/A

**DATE &**

**AGENDA:** Next Board Meeting: Next meeting will be held on Monday December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 7:00pm.

Agenda Items:

**ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion by Featherly to adjourn to closed session, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Smith to adjourn. All in favor. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

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Chairman

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Clerk/Treasurer