

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2020 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, Chuck Warner, Harold Smith, Susan Conaway, Clerk/Treasurer, Alicia Swearingen, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE: Recited.

APPROVE

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

APPROVE

MINUTES: Motion by Jim Smith, 2nd by Featherly to approve minutes for the December 9th Meetings. All in favor. Motion Carried.

PAY BILLS:

Motion by Featherly, 2nd by Warner to pay Debit Transaction 244-248 and check numbers 28607-28660 in the amount of \$517,670.59. All in favor. Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL

REPORT: Motion by Jim Smith, 2nd by Warner to approve the Financial Statement dated January 13th, 2020 in the amount of \$1,601,596.35. All in favor. Motion Carried.

OLD

BUSINESS: **Security System**- Susan updated – Lee and Eddie Block installed the new door, frame, countertop and window frame over the weekend. There is a special tool needed to place the glass in the frame that they weren't aware of – so Spooner Window will be installing tomorrow. There will be an additional fee for this. After the glass is placed, Block's will finish trimming it out.

Greenwood Cemetery – Smokey updated. He would like to not do burials in the winter going forward. It's nearly impossible to dig in the winter. Chair motioned to have all documents changed as such in the office and to communicate that with the funeral homes, 2nd by Featherly. All in favor. Motion carried.

Short Term Rental Licenses – N/A

NEW

BUSINESS: **Apology to Linda Featherly** – Smokey stated "Linda I owe you an apology, at the last meeting I made a statement that was taken as a threat, by no means did I mean that as a threat so I will make a public apology to that statement". Linda stated "And I appreciate it, thank you very much and I would like to come over and shake your hand and literally put it behind us". Smokey stated "That would be fine". They shook hands.

Sabrina Gruzy – Sabrina was present to give a presentation about her senior exit project. Her project was to pick up trash on Town of Minong roads. She gave a very nice presentation about why reducing trash means so much to her – she wants to keep it out of the lakes, rivers and ocean to protect wildlife. Linda Featherly was her mentor and along with help from others, they collected trash over 4 different evenings and in total collected 470 pounds of trash. (A 3.5 mile stretch of Cty Hwy I yielded 240 pounds of trash). She thanked Linda and all her helpers as well as the road crew for putting out signs and taking the trash to the dump and weighing it for her. The board thanked her for cleaning the roads.

Auditor Bids – Received 1 bid. Smokey opened – it was from Two Rivers Accounting out of Rice Lake. They gave 2 options. Option 1 was for only the 2019 audit = \$4,750. Option 2 was for 2019-2023 with rates which were less = 2019 \$4,250, 2020 \$4,350, 2021 \$4,450 Optional years 2022 \$4,450 and 2023 \$4,600. They provided 4 references. Featherly motioned to accept option 2 based on a good recommendation from 2 out of the 4 references, 2nd by Warner. All in favor. Carried.

2020 Fire Department Contract – Smokey stated these have already been approved they just need our signatures. A motion to approve all at once will be fine. Motion by Warner, 2nd by Wojt to approve Fire, Ambulance, MAD and Library contracts for 2020. All in favor. Motion carried.

2020 Ambulance Contract – Motion made in on fire department contract line.

2020 Assessor Contract – Motion made in on fire department contract line.

2020 Library Contract – Motion made in on fire department contract line.

ZONING: N/A

ROADS: **Maintenance-** Larry updated - Busy with winging and moving snow. Doing some brushing with the tractor.
Purchases- Ordered a set of chains for the grader and brushes for the sweeper. Roger brought up we should start looking at replacing the 20+ year old loader at some point in the future. He would like to have Larry get some prices and have it placed on the next agenda for discussion. Susan suggested something to consider is the shop loan in the amount of \$6,619.94 will be paid off in May of 2022. Roger motioned to get prices for discussion at next meeting, 2nd by Jim Smith. All in favor. Motion carried.

**MONTHLY
REPORTS:**

Fire & Ambulance- Smokey reported. Ambulance had 12 runs last month. Fire had 3 runs last month.
Transfer Station- Chairman gave report stating there were 5 loads in November. Total collected YTD is \$48,256. \$3,497 ahead of this time last year.

Constable- Erik was present. It's been rather quiet. Lots of snowmobile traffic.

Lakes Committee- N/A

Clerk's Update- N/A

Discussion from Other Meetings- Chuck went to the Health and Human Services meeting. The topic was mental health and how it's affecting our area and how to fix it. Linda discussed some of the committee meetings she has been to. IT Committee- the IT director is pushing hard on the broadband issue in our county. ADRC committee – she brought brochures for the new bus route. The senior center needs work done but the county doesn't own it, so it's hard to put money in it. New County building – still moving forward. Public property – not much to report. Forestry department has started work at Totogatic Park – logging has started and there's a meeting next week to look at plans. She also

mentioned to Brian Abbot (ATV club member) that the county supports our letter to open Cty Hwy I from Oaks to Oaks and has given the ok to have the ATV club place signs.

Smokey was contacted by the DNR. In 2021 they will be doing a mock fire out in our area and need to use the Town Hall. The date will be getting set soon and they would like to book it right away. Our normal policy is to not let bookings happen that far out, but would like a motion to make an acceptance in this case. Motion by Featherly, 2nd by Wojt. All in favor. Motion Carried.

CITIZENS

COMMENTS: N/A

DATE &

AGENDA: **Next Board Meeting:** Next meeting will be held on Monday February 10th, 2020 @ 7:00 pm.
Agenda Items: Linda would like the 2019 Operation Rudolph donation to fire dept placed on agenda since it was missed in 2019.

ADJOURN MEETING: Motion by Featherly, 2nd by Warner to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Chairman

Clerk/Treasurer