

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 15, 2020 AT THE MINONG TOWN HALL
DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION CAN BE TAKEN ON ALL AGENDA ITEMS

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NOTICE: Clerk verified.

CALL TO

ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Harold Smith at 6:00 PM.

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

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE: Recited.

APPROVE

AGENDA: Featherly made motion to approve as presented. 2nd by Smith. All in favor. Motion Carried.

APPROVE

MINUTES: Motion by Smith, 2nd by Featherly to approve minutes from September 14th board meeting. All in favor. Motion Carried.

PAY BILLS:

Motion by Featherly, 2nd by Warner to pay debits 300-304 and check numbers 29075-29119 in the amount of \$191,863.96. All in favor. Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL

REPORT: Motion by Smith, 2nd by Warner to approve the Financial Statement dated October 15, 2020 in the amount of \$926,466.60. All in favor. Motion Carried.

OLD

BUSINESS: **Greenwood Cemetery** – Smokey thanked the board members and all of the volunteers who helped at the cemetery on clean-up day. Max is planning on having all headstones done by Memorial Day 2021. In addition, the new post hole digger has been acquired. Featherly made motion to approve balance on financial. Wojt 2nd. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Short Term Rental Licenses – Susan stated there were two new names on list (Leal and Porter). Both have completed paperwork. Featherly made motion to approve Leal and Porter for short term rental. Smith 2nd. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Featherly posed if there were any questions, comments and/or objections to the proposed revisions to Ordinance 2018-2 she and Wojt presented at the last board meeting (the ones highlighted in red). There were none. Featherly made a motion to amend short-term Ordinance 2018-2 to include the changes as noted. Warner 2nd. All in favor. Motion Carried.

NEW

BUSINESS: **Property Survey** – Smokey stated the first week of November the property on Bass Lake and Smith Bridge Roads is slated to be surveyed. The rest is on hold until a new price can be determined. There is interest in the property and the goal is to sell this year, if possible. Last week the contract for Wagner was signed to do this initial survey.

2021 Budget – Featherly made a motion to move the budget discussion to the Executive Session held after this meeting. She explained that this is just a preliminary meeting for the budget. Susan added that the budget will be on the next month’s agenda. Warner 2nd. All in favor. Motion Carried.

ZONING:

Michael Williams rezone from RR1 to RR2 – Michael and Carol Williams brought a hand drawn map of their lot and explained there is an old log cabin on property that they would like to preserve and build a new structure. The new structure would be built closer to the lake. It is a 3.89 acre lot/1,077’ to the lake from the road, approximately 700’ to the existing cabin/septic is adjacent to old cabin. Featherly asked if the new structure would tie into septic. Carol answered it was TBD. The existing cabin is around 900 sq. ft. /350’ to the lake and they figured the high water mark is around 50’ from the lake. They have 184’ of frontage which is larger at lake side. Looking at a structure 60’ from existing cabin, and 50-55’ away from each adjacent properties. Warner also looked at the homes on each side and they are closer to the lake than the proposed structure. It would be a 30’x40’ structure possibly. This would make the backside of new structure 260’ from lake and 210’ from high water mark. Smokey mentioned that the flat area on this lot was flooded in 2016. Featherly asked if this proposal was shown to County zoning and Carol stated their meeting is on October 27th but the application did not have this specific map with it. Smokey added that they should bring the map with them to the upcoming meeting. Featherly added that Gilmore Lake was classified as a Class 2 lake which allowed for 150’ lots until Governor Walker changed Act 55 to only 100’ frontage per lot. Being that they are at 184’, she questioned whether that amount of frontage will support another cabin. She asked about modifying the current cabin and causing less pressure on the lake. Michael stated that it is problematic to tie into old cabin (according to builders). Featherly explained that county will want to know about proposed bedrooms/bathrooms and definitive sizes for a new structure. Warner made motion to approve the rezone RR1 to RR2. Smith 2nd. Smith, Wojt, Warner and Smokey all approve. Featherly opposed. Motion Carried. Featherly explained her opposition in that if the plans would have been more complete and/or plans adding to the existing property were in place, this may have influenced her opinion.

ROADS:

Maintenance- Smokey updated that the guys are finishing up mowing and working on Oates Road with widening. Getting ready for snowplowing. Susan added that the guys wanted to pass along that they are very happy and thankful for their new loader.

Purchases- N/A for this meeting.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Fire & Ambulance- Warner reported he did not receive any reports from ambulance. Fire had 3 runs: (1) in Town of Minong and (2) in Town of Frog Creek.

Transfer Station- Chairman gave report stating there were 11 loads in September. 124.9 tons. 11.35 ton average/load. Total collected YTD is \$54,446.

Constable- Erik reported that cabin thieveries have peaked. We have had some problems with thieves replacing the locks on storage units with their own and marking the locks. There are some leads on people doing this. Erik recommended checking storage units. Some people have been caught tearing up the roads but this problem is ongoing. They are working with the new cameras and he asks if residents see people in areas that they should not be in to take note of the vehicle and plate number and call it in. There is a suspect responsible for the burn outs throughout town and is being watched/checked up on. Smokey reminded all about the ordinance we have regarding excessive junk vehicles parked on properties. Erik stated that if the vehicles are not registered for 6 months we can start writing letters to owners to have them removed. Susan clarified with Erik that after the letter then fines begin. Smokey and Featherly added that our Public Nuisance ordinance states no more than 2 unregistered/abandoned vehicles are allowed.

Lakes Committee –N/A

Clerk’s Update- Susan reminded that our Assessor has retired. She placed an ad in paper running for 3 weeks. It’s hitting the Advocate and the Wild River Advertiser.

Discussion from Other Meetings- Warner was at Fire/Ambulance meeting and is meeting again at end of month to finalize budget. Preliminary budget looks like a \$13,500 increase for Town of Minong for

Fire and Ambulance. Most of this increase is insurance costs going up for both (trying to get EIN because of workers comp claims). We pay around 70+% of total budget due to our valuation. He also attended a Library board meeting and their numbers are down from amount of people coming in due to Covid. Smokey attended the Transfer Station meeting for preliminary budget. They will be meeting again to try and finalize. He stated the budget will go up. Featherly advised that County board did not meet in September but the Budget Committee spent last week getting budget together. She reported that county equalized value is \$2,673,627,500. The county tax levy is \$10,978,177. Our tax rate is \$4.106/\$1000 valuation. This amounts to a zero increase across all departments except an increase for wage benefits.

CITIZENS

COMMENTS: N/A

DATE &

AGENDA:

Next Board Meeting:

Smith asked that the monthly meetings start time be changed to 7pm due to scheduling conflicts. All agreed.

Agenda Items: Donation for Operation Rudolph, Budget Finalization.

November Board Meeting set for Monday November 9th at 7pm

Budget Hearing meeting scheduled for Tuesday December 1st at 7pm.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WI STATUES 19.85 (1) (c)-Employee Discussion: N/A

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION: N/A

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: N/A

ADJOURN MEETING: Meeting adjourned at 6:41pm to Executive Session.

Chairman

Clerk/Treasurer