

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JULY 15, 2021 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 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL: Jim Smith, Linda Featherly, Roger Wojt, Chuck Warner, Harold Smith, Susan Conaway Clerk/Treasurer and Rhonda Kellen Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE: Recited.

APPROVE

AGENDA: C Warner made motion to approve agenda as presented except to move the discussion regarding the New Tractor & Boom Mower after Greenwood Cemetery & Financial Statement, 2nd by J Smith. All in favor. Motion Carried.

APPROVE

MINUTES: Motion by L Featherly, 2nd by J Smith to approve minutes as presented from June 14th Regular Board Meeting. All in favor. Motion Carried.

PAY BILLS:

Motion by L Featherly, 2nd by C Warner to pay debits 334-338 and check numbers 29537-29583. All in favor. Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL

REPORT: Motion by J Smith, 2nd by L Featherly to approve the Financial Statement dated July 15, 2021 in the amount of \$1,013,248.14. All in favor. Motion Carried.

OLD

BUSINESS: **Greenwood Cemetery & Financial Statement** – Susan reported the amount in the Cemetery Fund is \$46,229.59. Motion to approve financial by L Featherly, 2nd by R Wojt. All in favor. Motion Carried. Linda mentioned that we could use some of the ARPA money to make improvements to the cemetery.

New Tractor & Boom Mower – Peter Lulich from Lulich Implement, Inc. presented to the Board the option of rent to own a new Tractor & Boom Mower. A down payment of \$26,500 is due at the time of drop off and we are taking the funds from the Equipment Fund. The final payment is due February 2022 in which a loan will be taken out that will combine both this and the new truck. Motion by J Smith, 2nd C Warner. 4 Ayes and 1 Nay. Motion Carried.

Short Term Rental Licenses – Susan presented. 2 more applications have been received to date. Motion by C Warner to approve, 2nd by L Featherly. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Gracie Lane Property – No update on the survey yet.

Broadband Grant – Nothing new to report.

Quonset – R Wojt presented we received a report stating that the spray used on the inside walls of the Quonset is 10% asbestos. We received 2 bids for the removal of asbestos in the Quonset shed. ACCT Incorporated \$74,270.00 and Asbestos Removal Services \$52,525.00. Motion by R Wojt, 2nd by C Warner to go with the cheaper of the two bids Asbestos Removal Services. Funds will be taken from the General Fund and added to Truck Loan and funds will be repaid to the General Fund.

ATV/Dirt Roads – H Smith reported the roads are pretty much the same and does not feel that there is much more we can do. L Featherly stated she would like the roads closed. A lengthy discussion followed. Just keep watching and monitoring.

NEW

BUSINESS: **Subdivision Ordinance** – (was removed from Agenda)

Operator License – Motion by C Warner, 2nd by R Wojt to approve the Operator License for JD from Black Bear. All in Favor, Motion Carried.

Town Hall Rental – We will starting renting the Town Hall Motion made by L Featherly to open up the Town Hall for rental again, 2nd by C Warner. Motion by C Warner that everyone will need to pay the rental payment of \$50.00/day & a deposit fee of \$100.00 which will be refunded if everything is cleaned and put back, 2nd by J Smith. 4 Ayes and 1 Nay. Motion Carried.

Old Bass Lake Road & Brancel Rd Speed Limit – Discussion around the speed limit from 77 on Old Bass Lake Road to Brancel, the current speed limit is 45 from 77 to Brancel and then 35 from Brancel to the end of Old Bass Lake Road. Motion by C Warner to lower the speed limit from 77 to Brancel down to 35 mph, 2nd by J Smith. 4 Ayes and 1 Nay. Motion Carried.

Shell Creek Road – Discussion about cutting down the hill on Shell Creek Road between I and Brooklyn. With the new J-Turns there have been more automobile traffic on Shell Creek and Brooklyn with a number of near misses. A bid was received from Max Erickson to have him cut down the hill and the town crew would haul in the needed gravel the price is \$125.00/hour, figuring 4 days. The 2nd bid was from Thompson for \$175.00/hour with the town crew hauling in the needed gravel. . Motion by J Smith to accept Max Erickson's bid, 2nd by C Warner. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

ZONING: **Keys Rothe Trust** – RR2 to RR1 – Tony Turek was again present and gave an update on what he has learned to date. A number of residence again were heard about their concerns. Motion by C Warner to approve the change from RR2 to RR1, 2nd by J Smith. 4 Ayes and 1 Nay. Motion Carried.

ROADS: **Maintenance** – L Radzak reported they were mowing, grading, and fixing roads.

Purchases – No purchases

MONTHLY

REPORTS: **Fire & Ambulance Report** – C Warner reported 6 Fire Calls 2 in the Town of Minong and 24 Ambulance Calls, 12 in the Town of Minong, busy month for ambulance again. All of the budgets are going to have to go up because fire, ambulance & transfer station

Transfer Station Report – H Smith gave report stating there were 9 Loads in May, total 92.8 tons. Been very busy at the station. The Town of Minong's Free Day is August 7th.

Constable – With the new traffic patterns on Hwy 53, please be extra careful. Also please be careful & mindful of speed limits on Shell Creek. Did a test, he drove on the sand roads, did not see anyone doing anything wrong. Hard to drive on sand roads when you pull out with a normal vehicle you can dig a hole.

Lakes Committee – John Nay stated that it appears check issue has been resolved, Susan confirmed.

Dave Perrin, President of the Minong Flowage Association spoke about the approval by the Wisconsin DNR for an aquatic invasive species control grant. Which means a drawdown, a preliminary plant study has been conducted and they will do another one in August. They will be putting in a decontamination station. Shoreline erosion is bad. Rentals may be leading to more people using the flowage. Horseshoe Lake is setting up a decontamination station.

Clerk's Update – There is a Clerks Conference the end of August that Susan will be attending to get some of her education hours needed. The dates are the 24th – 27th of August.

Discussion from Other Meetings- C Warner reported the Fire & Ambulance meeting the new accounting program was up and running as of July 1st. Chuck also attended the Library Meeting and the summer reading program is off to a great start, there are 35 kids registered. There is a new individual on the Board Even Lewis. C Warner also attended the County Health and Human Services Meeting talk is still about COVID vaccinations. 60% of Washburn County is vaccinated the Town of Minong has the highest number of individuals vaccinated in Washburn County. L Featherly reported Broadband is still a major topic they will be starting in the southeast moving toward the northwest. Tore down the old church which now be turned into a new parking lot.

CITIZENS

COMMENTS: Les from Cabin Lawn Care Services had an issue with his signs being removed. An agreement was meet that Les would call the Town and let us know where the signs would be placed and for how long.

DATE &

AGENDA: **Next Board Meeting:** Next meeting will be held on Monday August 16, 2021 at 6pm.
Agenda Items:

ADJOURN MEETING: C Warner made motion to adjourn, L Featherly 2nd. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

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

Chairman

Clerk/Treasurer