

**Agenda:**

1. Meeting: Called to order by Chairman Tom Johnson at 6:30 pm.
2. Roll Call: Present: Chairman Tom Johnson, Supervisor Scott Luostari, Mark Saari, Supervisor Jon Winter, Tom Peterman, Evan Mathison, Nicole & David Domagala, Paul Hlina, Josh Jipson, Leah Damon, Brad Damon, Hannah Damon, Al Lorbiecki, Mary Peterson, Ted Helin, Treasurer Tracy Ruppe, and Clerk Ruth Ann Schnepfer.
3. County Supervisor: Scott-Busy month, land development 2/28, developing the Fairground parking lot-32 acres, strip mall, retail space and townhouse rentals. Transportation committee 3/1-2017 projects, nothing up in this area, chip sealing part of Hwy 2, FF, P & D in 2019 pulverize and pave. U & UU are getting design reviews. The county board is looking at Resolution 16.17 allowing public comment limited to 3 minutes. 3/6 tri-county corridor, no real issues. Livestock operations on Thursday, CAFO on the agenda and the DNR is to make a presentation. The County board members names and contact information is on the County website if anyone would like to contact them.
4. Town board reports: Jon went to Superior Days-the ½% sales tax increase most likely not going anywhere to be used for road improvements. The “better city of Superior” initiative had a little better fairing. “Act 211”-Department of Safety and Professional Services online building permit process, will add more work and the details are still being worked out. Letters need to go out regarding the road destruction ordinance, Jon will be the contact, and he also has a new phone number 715-394-9629.
5. Approval of minutes: Question was raised regarding last month’s minutes and the notation about hiring a tree service to remove the trees on Pukema road before vacating the property. The question was raised as to where the funding was coming from, Tom advised this has been in process for a few months and that the trees needed to be removed before finalizing the paperwork. Scott motioned to have the 2/14 town meeting minutes approved, Jon seconded, carried 6:48 pm. 3/14 special meeting minutes, Scott motioned to accept, Jon seconded, carried 6:49 pm.
6. Treasurer report: Tracy presented, Scott motioned to accept, Jon seconded, carried 6:50 pm.
7. Confirmation of February revenues and expenses: Scott made a motion to approve the February checks 21272 21319 + EFT’s, Jon seconded, carried 6:51 pm.
8. Current bills for payment. Checks 21324-21345 presented for payment approval, as well as insurance and Nelson Mobil when they arrive, Scott motioned to accept, Jon seconded, carried 6:54 pm.
9. Correspondence
  - a) Douglas County Forestry gathering, Solon Springs 4/12/17, 11am-1pm
  - b) Cole Lundgren/Camp Amnicon Road-will address in public comment

**Department and Committee Reports**

10. Fire department: Tracy-attending various trainings, CART team training, other training in Lake Nebagamon and tomorrow night wild land training with Cloverland. A resident was wondering why the FD does not advertise the FD meetings in some of the area free papers.
11. Town Employees/Roads: Mark-all the roads are breaking up with the current weather conditions. Since the roads are too soft to grade they have been steaming culverts. A big truck has been tearing up Moonshine. Camp Amnicon road needs a lot of gravel. Still working on replacing the locks. The fire extinguisher were looking at/filled and ready to go. No word on the blade that we found online. Both Mark’s have training at Germano’s on the 30<sup>th</sup>.
12. Building permits and zoning issues:
  - a) Josh Jipson-His Mom would like to build a garage on River Road, procuring a permit from the County requires there to be a hardship. The angle of the driveway would make it difficult to enter the garage without a variance. Tom advised the process has to start at the County and then they will send us the information to approve/deny.
  - b) Gary Spencer-approved and ok to return his check for the accessory building.

### Public comment:

Public may comment on agenda items or items that may be added for future town board meeting. The comment for each speaker will be limited to (2) minutes or longer at board discretion. Personal attacks are unacceptable and will be handled appropriately.

Tom not running for Chairman this year, Jon is the only one currently on the ballot for that position.

Still looking for the Annual Meeting to be posted on the website.

Camp Amnicon Road- Open discussion on the quality or lack thereof, and what the Town plans to do to fix the road. One resident heard there is "free" gravel out there available to the Town, if there is the Town has not been made aware of this. Unfortunately many of the Town roads are in bad shape, due to weather, high traffic, speeding vehicles and lack of monies to fix them all properly. It takes \$175,000/mile to completely rebuild a road and the Camp road is 5+ miles. The annual levy can only be increased a small amount each year. The Town receives \$2200/mile from the state, but with 50 miles of road in the Town, we have basically been band-aiding the problem, as no roads had gotten totally rebuilt and the amount of gravel we purchase has almost doubled in the last few years. When Enbridge tore up the road a few years ago, all those monies were put back into fixing the road. The residents want to know if the Town has a schedule of how and when they can fix the road, we do not have a concrete plan. Once the road firms up and the frost leaves, it can be graded and worked on. A resident mentioned in ND they do what is called "cement stabilization" and it seems to work well, is that something the Town could look into, the Town will research, but the red clay we have here tends to make things more difficult. The representatives from the Camp wanted to know if they could provide support in any way as sometimes their patrons are afraid to come down to the Camp for fear of getting stuck, cars have been stuck in the road before, Tom to get them a copy of the road destruction ordinance. And maybe they could advise some of the vendors to slow down, especially the UPS and FedEx trucks, other residents agree these vehicles just fly down that road. Another question was raised as since they have 10% of the Town's roads, do they automatically get 10% of the budgeted amount for the roads, and there is no way to factor the maintenance in that capacity. The issue was brought up maybe the culverts on highway 13 were too small and causing the water to back flow and add to the problem, that most likely did not contribute to the problems, the average life of a culvert is 20-30 years, state is just replacing them. It seems like once the Town works on fixing roads on one end of Town then something goes wrong on the other end of Town. Communication is the key, all residents are urged to contact the board members, anytime with their concerns.

### **Old Business**

13. Security System: Jon working on the request for proposals, will be very broad and the companies can expand upon the proposal from there, Jon is handling. All will come with warranties etc. There is enough need with the occurrences at the Town hall and the illegal garbage dumping that the system is warranted.
14. Above ground fuel tank: to be posted on the State website and possibly in the Town's Association booklet. In 2010 we were looking for \$5500, will try to sell again, as well as any other equipment not currently being used by the Town.
15. Pukema & Walsh Roads: Vacating of the roads, needs to be petitioned with all of the adjoining property owners. Town can also make a resolution to vacate, then it needs to be noticed so that any protests can be made.

16. SVL: The bids should have been let and we should be hearing something soon. Scott will be the primary contact going forward. Still hopeful to get it started and completed in 2017. A resident expressed their concerns that the contractor be union and possibly even local. There is a totally independent firm that tracks all of that information and ensures all appropriate laws are followed.
17. Other old business: none

### **New business**

18. Animal Neglect: There was an issue with a report of neglected animals in the Town, also having to do with a Town employee. There were concerns that they were reported by another employee. Tom advised+ how they would hate to lose employees over situations like this. He also expressed that the board members should have been made aware of the situation. It was brought up that making the board aware is fine, but the board also does not have a trained, licensed animal control officer.
19. County Treasurer Email: to be discussed at 4/11 meeting.
20. Audit: Is still in process, all information has been presented to the accountants, but it is currently also tax time, we should be hearing from them soon.

Motion to adjourn made by Scott, seconded by Jon meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.

Annual meeting April 18<sup>th</sup> 7pm, Town Hall

Respectfully submitted by:  
Ruth Ann D Schnepfer, Clerk  
3/29/2017

Location: Town Hall, Collection Site, FD, online

These minutes are posted as **unapproved**