

**Agenda:**

1. Meeting: Called to order by Chairman Jon Winter at 6:30 pm.
2. Roll Call: Present:, Supervisor Scott Luostari(went to Brule first to present County Board report), Mark Saari, Supervisor Mary Peterson, Ted Helin, Chairman Jon Winter, Jane Auklam, Miina Helske, Tim Johnson, Kevin Norbie, Dick Ronn, Lila Ronn, Earl Granroth, Tom Johnson, Treasurer Tracy Ruppe, and Clerk Ruth Ann Schnepfer.
3. County Supervisor: Scott-(was presented when he arrived at 7:05) Zoning meeting is tomorrow, Forestry on the 18<sup>th</sup>, County Board on the 21<sup>st</sup>, Admin the 28<sup>th</sup>. Committee of the whole-budget overview, possibly going to transfer monies from the forestry funds to cover the deficit; this was also discussed at the admin meeting. All departments are holding their budgets tight as general revenue has not increased and sales tax revenues are down. Aug 16<sup>th</sup> extension committee-sent out RFP's for the recycling program, at the November meeting they should know the cost to the county. Superior days is coming, future meeting in to be held in Brule. At the County Board meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> Sheldon Johnson talked about the housing program. A committee of 3 City Counselors, 3 County Board members, the Mayor and County Board Chairman all will work together. The budget still contains funding for 4-H=\$20,000, storm water runoff =\$28,000 and the animal shelter=\$40,000. Scott has been having ongoing conversations with Jason from the Douglas County Highway department about the quality of the roads north of Highway 2. A question was raised as to whether Highway U has been discussed-not specifically at this time.
4. Town board reports: none
5. Approval of minutes: Mary motioned to approve the August 8 minutes, Jon seconded, motion carried 6:32 pm.
6. Treasurer report: Tracy presented, Mary made a motion to accept the treasures report as presented, Jon seconded, carried 6:33 pm.
7. Confirmation of August revenues and expenses: Mary made a motion to approve the August checks 21499 - 21535 + EFT's, Jon seconded, motion carried 6:34 pm.
8. Current bills for payment. Checks 21539-21570 presented for payment approval, Mary motioned to accept, Jon seconded, motion carried 6:35 pm.
9. Correspondence
  - a) Old Brule Heritage newsletter
  - b) Public hearing letter to announce zoning agenda, to be discussed with permits.

**Department and Committee Reports**

10. Fire department: Kevin Norbie Assistant Chief-The new truck is painted. October is Fire Safety month. The FD is low on members, especially 1<sup>st</sup> responders, WITC is having classes soon. There is a leak in the FD roof where they want to park the new truck, leaking around the stack in the roof; they would like to have it fixed as soon as possible. They are also still waiting on additional keys and having their door looked at.
11. Town Employees/Roads: Mark-has talked to Sell hardware about fixing the FD door just waiting on them to come out. More gravel is needed on SVL road. The lawn mowing and cleaning employee is not working right now, so that needs to be considered. We need tires on the grader (\$1500 each), tires on the dump truck (652 each), the front axels need to be fixed, the pickup needs tires, and the loader needs chains. Board will have to look into how they can fund these repairs, taking a loan was suggested, will review further. Rocks were placed on Meteraud road, the bus cannot turn around, but the rocks were placed as there have been issues in the past with the busses staying on the road when turning around. Jon will go and talk to the resident to try to find a resolution. An email was received from the Town of Maple regarding the upkeep of Karvala road, they would like to put gravel on and share the cost, but we have been taking care of Ritzen road and spreading gravel for the past 6 years of our own expense. The board will have to research. We do have a road agreement on file with the Town of Amnicon, and their used to be one with the Town of Maple. All the Towns agreements and policies may need to be revisited.

12. Building permits and zoning issues:

2-permits

Olson-Camp Anmicon road, closest Fire Number is 24105, area is flagged. Mark visited and it is OK. Mary motioned to approve the driveway permit, Jon seconded, carried 6:48 pm.

Pattee –currently zoned R2 would like to change to Ag, for horses, chickens and goats. Jon advised that it would be a conditional use permit, the Town will approve with the condition that they property owner continues to try and catch up the back taxes due on the property. Mary motioned to approve the conditional use permit with the previous mentioned condition, Jon seconded, carried 6:55 pm.

A question was raised about the placement of the driveway from a previous permit for Korhonen.

A question was also raised on a previous permit that was granted where the resident is not following the conditions of the permit, the Board advised those issues need to be reported to the County.

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.

Middle River Road-the access needs to be moved, but if it's moved back 20 feet there will be no access for vehicles to turn around.

Paperwork needs to be redrafted as to who will be designated signers on the Towns credit accounts, not everyone is allowed to use those accounts. Jon and Mark are authorized on most accounts, Board will have to revisit.

Planning Commission status-What is the status of this committee? Will be discussed by the board.

The School District needs to be notified that SVL is now totally open. Busses were having issues going down there.

Whistler- road survey/condition report needs to be completed and sent in, numbers on the form if assistance is needed. Done annually, roads are then rated.

Last week a new roof was placed on the small shed, no tar paper was used when it was roofed before.

**Old Business**

13. Security System: complete, Jon & Mark have the password/login info; also want it held securely in another spot. Discussed maybe getting more cameras, as one needs to be placed watching the fuel tanks. We maybe should have placed more cameras right away. A question was raised as to the clarity of the pictures, the board advised there is enough clarity to capture anyone breaking in, illegally dumping or vandalizing.
14. Above ground fuel tank: ongoing
15. Pukema & Walsh Roads: ongoing-Scott has been talking to Dick; we are still waiting on the last signature before we can proceed.
16. Dumonson property: still in progress, Tom, Jon & Scott still need to notarize the documents.
17. SVL: we need to borrow money to cover the cost of the bridge as we need to pay both our 10% and the counties 10% and the county will then reimburse us their share. We also need to purchase gravel so we can fix the road where it is torn up, it was agreed to order 1,000 ton of gravel and that we will add that to the loan. The Town was also stuck with additional costs not presented to the Board. Scott made a motion to take out a loan from NBC for up to \$62,000(\$51,200 to cover the bridge, \$10,000 for gravel), Jon seconded. 2 yays, 1 nay-motion carries 7:33pm. Jon, Scott, Ruth Ann and possibly Tracy, would be signers on the loan.

Scott provided Earl a contact number for permission to use the pictures he took for the Historical society.

18. Audit: Is completed, no major issues were found. Jon will coy to PDF and place online.

### **New business**

19. Jane Auklam: she works with private landowners who want to turn their properties into conservation land. Smedburg/Uland property on Lake Superior, they would like to sell their land for conservation, the Town has adjoining property. There was a motion made at the annual meeting to pursue this as long as the property was held as enjoyment/recreation land. If the Town is interested the land conservation group would access grants to purchase the property and then flip it over to the Town. But the property also needs to have access, which needs to be granted by the Town. At this point the Town cannot afford to put any monies into this project, but if the grants can be acquired to cover the costs, it would be possible. Question was raised as to why grant the access if the property is going to come back to the Town anyway, but in order to secure the grants access usually has to be available. Questions were also raised as to what impact this will have on the tax rolls. Jane will continue to research and report her findings to the board.

20. Propane/fuel bids:

#### Propane

Superior Fuel- \$114.9/gallon

Como -\$103.5/gallon

#### Fuel

ICO-.35 over daily rack price

Superior Fuel-.375 over daily rack price

Midland Services-.38 over daily rack

Como-.15 over laid in daily

Scott made a motion, Mary seconded to accept Como's bid for propane at \$103.5/gal, carried 7:59 pm

Discussion was needed on the fuel bid as there was confusion on the wording in one of the bids. Scott called the contact listed on the bid and they are going to send a reworded bid letter, but .15 over rack is appropriate. Scott made a motion to accept the bid from Como, with the condition that they send a reworded letter with the price, Jon seconded, carried 8:11 pm.

Motion to adjourn made by Scott, seconded by Mary meeting adjourned 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Ruth Ann D Schnepfer, Clerk  
9/24/2017

Location: Town Hall, Collection Site, FD, online

These minutes are posted as **unapproved**