

**Agenda:**

1. Meeting: Called to order by Chairman Jon Winter at 6:31 pm.
2. Roll Call: Present: Mark Saari, Supervisor Mary Peterson, Supervisor Scott Luostari, Mark Rau, Alan Schiefelbein, Winnie Peterson, Tom Johnson, Miina Helske, Jeremy Winans, Nova Nordrum, Chairman Jon Winter, Treasurer Tracy Ruppe (running late), and Clerk Ruth Ann Schnepfer.
3. County Supervisor: Scott – County board meetings now on their website, video is also available. All committees still quiet. Superior days are coming soon. Forestry met, winter harvest on pace to catch up from previous years. 27<sup>th</sup> land development to meet, chunk of property off of Becks road-county put it up for sale, DNR shot down purchasing the property, now the WI land trust is looking into possibly purchasing the property. 26<sup>th</sup>-nonprofit policy group to meet, with all of the requests for funding, policies need to be set up and put in place, to assist with designations, amounts and qualifications. Jan 24<sup>th</sup> they received a letter from County Administrator Andy L, resigning due to health reasons. Hopefully the interim administrator will stay on until they decide if they are going to hire for the position or pursue other options.
4. Town board reports: none
5. Approval of minutes: Scott motioned to approve the January 9th regular minutes, Mary seconded, motion carried 6:39 pm
6. Treasurer report: Tracy running late, moved to later in the meeting.
7. Confirmation of January revenues and expenses: Scott made a motion to approve the December checks 21685 - 21724 + EFT's, Mary seconded, motion carried 6:40 pm.
8. Current bills for payment. Checks 21729-21754 presented for payment approval, as well as the February settlements when they come in. Scott motioned to accept, Mary seconded, motion carried 6:42 pm.
9. Correspondence
  - a) Letter from Douglas County Forestry dept.-ATV map as well as a request for copies of the active Town's ATV ordinances by March 31st.
  - b) Letter from county regarding the proposed change to WI statute 59.69 the most affected Town's must submit approval before Zoning can move on it, mostly affects designation of land use in respect to shorelines.
  - c) Douglas County Historical Society newsletter

**Department and Committee Reports**

10. Fire department: Nova-it has been a quiet season so far. 4-calls over the last 2 months. New rescue is decaled and they are working on getting it equipped. **The FD is in dire need of members and first responders.** At the association level- following up on EAP, must be enacted. 1<sup>st</sup> responder grant did go through. "Be Somebody" commercial is completed, some of the Town's equipment was featured. Not much out there for grants anymore, most have been eliminated. Chuck and Nova-EMT & EMR refresher. Last association meeting there was talk of looking into insurance, started with the military, to be presented to the different departments, basic life is free of charge.
11. Town Employees/Roads: Mark-second oil sample came back ok, got tires for the grader. Could the board call and get another recycle bin, Scott to call. Winging back roads, doing tree clearing. Truck is still on Anderson road, vehicle still on SVL road. Jeremy (Lakeside Trucking) needs either an email or a letter from the Town asking for them to be removed before he can haul them. He can remove them same day or following day once it has been requested. More tree clearing needs to be completed. Some residents have planted apple trees in the Town's "right of way", the board will approach those property owners.
12. Building permits and zoning issues:  
None

### 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.

Alan from Rural Insurance to present his insurance proposal at the March meeting.

Question was asked on the audit results, advised they were completed and Jon was to post on the website.

Tracy presented the treasurer report- Scott motioned to accept as presented, Mary seconded, carried at 6:57 pm.

### **Old Business**

13. Pukema & Walsh Roads: no updates
14. Dumonson property: completed, he needs to be made aware.
15. SVL: still no date in finalization
16. Middle River Properties: Jon talked the appraiser-Craig Solemn-they need access/easement to the Town's property as well as the adjacent property owners. The Town was told that once the property was gifted back to the Town no easement would be needed. We could possibly grant a temporary easement and if the deal falls through the easement would be voided, needs legal research. Having access would also increase the property's value. The Noell Stewardship fund has possibly decided to provide the funding. There always seems to be an issue with having enough public lands. Research needs to be completed. This is the same thing that would happen with the previously mentioned property off of Becks road. Buildable areas are also involved with our property. Question was raised as to whether the easement could protect the Land trust relating to the Town selling the property. The original owners of the property stipulated that the property should go to conservation and the remaining family will carry through on those wishes if something can be worked out with the WI Land Trust.
17. Planning Commission: ongoing, no updates
18. Equipment: Cat will not move on the backhoe-does the Town want to consider consulting a lawyer. The bucket still curls. The Board needs to decide what it wants to do before we can move on the other equipment. The difference on the hoe is \$32,000 over 4 years. The need is for something that can do more ditching. To look into what we would get in trade towards a track excavator. Selling outright would possibly pay off the loan, but not make much profit. It would be around \$100,000 for a tractor and brusher, with trading in the old equipment. The guys would need to start fixing the old equipment now so that it is ready to use in the spring. Scott will look into a brusher & excavator. A special Town meeting will be held when they decide.
19. Other Old business: none

### **New business**

20. Kathy Colby has requested a refund on her snowplowing. Scott made a motion to refund her \$85, Mary seconded, 2yays, 1 abstain, carried 7:22 pm
21. Enbridge: They plan to do more work on Camp Amnicon road as well as west of Hanson road. Jon asked them if they can turn around where they are working rather than tearing up the whole road. The Town needs to take before and after pictures before they start working.
22. Election equipment: The County is looking into replacing the current election equipment. The county has the majority of the funds needed, but a share will have to come from the Towns. If they go with it they would be looking for \$1,000 a year for 5 years, as well as the yearly costs would go up. More to come.

Scott will not be able to make the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting; it was moved to March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn made by Scott, seconded by Jon, meeting adjourned 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Ruth Ann D Schnepfer, Clerk  
2/28/2018

Location: Town Hall, Collection Site, FD, online

These minutes are posted as **unapproved**