

**Agenda:**

1. Meeting: Called to order by Chairman Jon Winter at 6:30 pm.
2. Roll Call: Present: Mark Saari, Supervisor Mary Peterson, Miina Helske, Gary Peterson, Kevin Norbie, Nova Nordrum, Ted Helin, Hannah Damon, Dick Pukema, John Wilkinson, Chairman Jon Winter, Treasurer Tracy Ruppe, and Clerk Ruth Ann Schnepfer. Supervisor Scott Luostari is presenting his County board report in Brule, will be late
3. County Supervisor: skipped to give Scott time to arrive.
4. Town board reports: Mary advised Centurylink called about running fiber optic cable and what restrictions the Town has. Contacted Scott as well.
5. Approval of minutes: Mary motioned to approve the March 6 regular minutes, Jon seconded, motion carried 6:32pm
6. Treasurer report: Tracy presented, Jon motioned to accept, Mary seconded, carried 6:33 pm.
7. Confirmation of March revenues and expenses: Jon made a motion to approve the March checks 21771 – 21799 + EFT's, Mary seconded, motion carried 6:34 pm.
8. Current bills for payment. Checks 21810-21831 presented for payment approval. Mary motioned to accept, Jon seconded, motion carried 6:35 pm.
9. Correspondence
  - a) Douglas County- memorandum on changing zoning ordinance relating to state statutes, removing minimum housing footage & shoreline issues.

**Department and Committee Reports**

10. Fire department: Nova –they have a couple of members going through entry level training. Burn trailer coming in June, they need to train every 2 years. Planning the “Be Somebody” event on June 9<sup>th</sup> 11-2 in Brule. Working on updating equipment.
11. Town Employees/Roads: Mark-we need a dump attendant for Wednesday nights, Nick has track and Steve works late. They fixed the steamer and are steaming culverts every other day. Ruts on 22 road by Schiff's, the road is wet and is being torn up while hauling feed and hay bales. Mark was brushing on Halkett and the wheel hub broke on the brusher, it is in rough shape and should be replaced. Waiting for it to rain to help the frost come out of the ground.
12. Building permits and zoning issues:  
Jon mentioned there were some camper renewals.

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.

John Wilkinson-Northland Lawn and sport: He questioned as to whether the Town has a list of specifics regarding the equipment they are looking to purchase. We can give him specifics and he will supply a bid. Looking for a mini excavator mainly to be used for ditching, under 20,000 pounds so we can haul it on our trailer. He will come back tomorrow and talk to Mark. We may need to research our options deeper, which would delay the process.

Question was raised as to how many companies the Town has talked to regarding the equipment. Currently we have 2 price quotes.

Question was raised as to how we are going to afford this; there is room in the debt service budget for needed equipment.

### **Old Business**

13. Pukema & Walsh Roads: Dick Pukema-Scott had presented him with a form he needed, but when he reached out to the neighbors again he found out they had reconsidered. Based on this new information he is pulling his request to vacate the property at this time.
14. SVL: Jon still needs to get more information, but he just found out the bridge is costing the Town a lot more than originally planned for. There is a second project number out there for the bride design that is currently costing \$98,000+ dollars and the Town's share is over \$50,000. If this new information is correct the bridge could total as much as \$600,000 before assistance. Jon is still trying to reach out to the State for exact information. Maybe he will have more information by the annual meeting. It was also mentioned that the company did not do any contracted lead abatement upon removal of the bridge, may need to be checked into.
15. Middle River Properties: no updates.
16. Equipment: discussed earlier, we may have to wait until the SVL issue is settled. Maybe we can rent a brusher for right now to get through the season.
17. Recycling: Mark mentioned he is still waiting on the dumpster he previously requested. Tracy will get a hold of the recycling through the County.

### **New business**

18. Road Restrictions: Jon was wondering if we had ever put weight restrictions on our Town roads. Could possibly help with the soft roads in the spring. We will be working with Camp Amnicon and their vendors; they are willing to help whatever way they can. Ditching the road would also help, Mark has been trying to pull the shoulders in, but still needs work. Since the Camp is willing to work with us we may not have to do anything officially at this time.
19. Insurance: Jon got numbers from Rocco and also called Rural to add some adjustments. As of right now the premium difference is around \$100, which is if we do not get the workers comp credit. Valuation is off on some of our buildings with the current insurance, the pavilion is just 1 thing under insured. EAP has to be added to our current coverage as it is a requirement of the State. This basically covers "life" issues, both for the individual as well as their family. Covers a certain amount of appointments and then the person is referred elsewhere. Does one company increase prices faster than the other-not that we are aware of.
20. Planning Committee: To be discussed at the Annual meeting. Some people had attended training while Tom was chairman. The determination on whether to continue will be made at the annual meeting.
21. Fire Department cost:- Was brought up about the "actual" cost of the FD. Their fuel cost is very minimal and is included in the fuel budget. The cost of their portion of the Towns cost is around \$4,900.

Annual Meeting April 17,2018 at 7 pm

Motion to adjourn made by Mary, seconded by Jon, meeting adjourned 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Ruth Ann Schnepfer, Clerk  
4/28/2018

Location: Town Hall, Collection Site, FD, online  
These minutes are posted as **unapproved**