

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, Nova Nordrum, Dick Pukema, Walter Olson, Terri Olson, Al Schiefelbein, Supervisor Scott Luostari, Chairman Jon Winter, Treasurer Tracy Ruppe, and Clerk Ruth Ann Schnepfer.
3. County Supervisor: There will be a bus stop by the Courthouse when Belknap is done that no one seemed to know much about, the parking in the front will be removed. He was the Brule meeting last month. At the County Board meeting on the 17th they elected officers, Mark Liebart-Chairman, other officers in order are; Mary Lou Bergman, Larry Quam and Rosemary Lear. County board meeting rescheduled to May 21st due to conflicts. They will be spraying for Gypsy moths along Highway 13 from May thru August. Hog Island-someone looking to put in a disc golf course and another venture, but the board voted “no” for right now. The walking trail from the humane society to WI Point, the counties share was \$70,000 and should be done by fall. The Wisconsin Conservation Corp is doing the work. Capital projects were approved; government center upkeep, new loader, 2 wells, telephone updates, forestry for parks, county road system, sound system for the courthouse, 911 update, lidar flights (provides elevations for 2019 maps), voting equipment and software updates. Also included was ground water testing, they tested 100 wells late winter to spring and would like to do another 100 around the county. Zoning meeting tomorrow, Land development on the 29th. There will be new designations for committees, Scott unsure at this time as to which committees he is on.
4. Town board reports: Mary had an update on the bleachers, she talked to Mike Granlund and everything was turned over to Shane Sedin. No idea where the account is at now, still looking at options. The Baptist Church purchased some new bleachers that maybe the town should look at for ideas. The road survey was held on May 5th; Scott will have minutes at a later date.
5. Approval of minutes: Mary motioned to approve the April 10th regular minutes, Jon seconded, motion carried 6:44pm
6. Treasurer report: Tracy presented, Scott motioned to accept, Jon seconded, carried 6:45pm.
7. Confirmation of April revenues and expenses: Scott made a motion to approve the April checks 21800 – 21836 + EFT’s, Mary seconded, motion carried 6:46 pm.
8. Current bills for payment. Checks 21842-21858 presented for payment approval. Scott motioned to accept, Mary seconded, motion carried 6:47 pm.
9. Correspondence
 - a) Old Brule Heritage newsletter

Department and Committee Reports

10. Fire department: Nova –quiet so far. Fire danger is still high right now, even with the rain, burning permits are required. A radio was ordered for the new truck. They are still going through the old gear as well as refilling medical supplies. Association meeting will have NARCAN training; this is the injection for combating opioid overdoses. Sill working on the “Be Somebody” event June 9th 11-3 in Brule, dry simulator and other things from WITC, small burn simulations. Hazmat refreshers-working to complete online. Gold Cross has more employees coming on. Durman road meeting; to discuss what was learned and provide ongoing education.
11. Town Employees/Roads: Mark-busy grading, almost all large roads are done; he still has the small roads to do. Fixed the brusher and will start having gravel delivered once the road restrictions are lifted. Road survey-roads still have some issues; the rocks in the road on Meteraud road will need to be addressed. Jon to send another letter to have them removed. There is a hole in the culvert on Amnicon River road. Ditching still needs to be completed. Carvala road needs some work as there is a land sale pending. SVL and Moonsine need ditching badly, Amnicon river road as well. River road west is having some sliding issues. They brought out another recycling bin but that one is full as well. The town is still in need of a Wednesday dump attendant and someone to mow the grass both around the hall and at the cemetery. People are still trying to illegally dump garbage after dump hours.

12. Building permits and zoning issues:

a) New property owners on Dragonfly drive, this is not a town road but the owners are going to comply with town specs. They have gotten all needed information from the DNR, there is a potential to build as well.

B)Pukema variance-we had approved this once before, he would like to build a garage/workshop to the east of his current residence. It would be outside the 63' permitted boundary, he recently reduced the size of the building, and the building will not be as close to the road as his current residence. Zoning says it meets all wetland and permeable issues. (Elmer Colby was chairman at the time it was made a town road, 36-38 years ago). Motion made by Scott that the Town has no objections to the variance, Jon seconded. 3 yays, 0 nays carried 7:06 pm.

c) Ordinance 8.0-removes dwelling sizes and set back rules, to become compliant with the new State statutes. This will allow tiny houses. On property usage changes, the Town would need to supply proof as to why they were against the changes. Scott made a resolution to approve the new changed, Jon seconded, carried 7:11 pm.

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.

Walter and Terri Olson-they live on the end of Ritzen road, the water cannot run off of the road. They would like to have something done with the road, it has only been graded twice in the last 2 years. At one time there was a shared agreement with the town of Maple on the upkeep of Ritzen road. The shared portion with Maple is in question. Walter & Terri are also going to voice their concerns at the Maple town meeting. Their property is both in Lakeside and Maple. The road needs to be graded and have the shoulders pulled as well as possibly using shoulder disc.

Old Business

13. SVL: Jon and Tracy are still working on getting final numbers from the State. If we do know it is going over budget then we need to apply for more aid to bridges.
14. Middle River Properties: nothing new still talking about possible easements.
15. Equipment: we will need to look into renting until we know the final bridge numbers.
16. Insurance: Current coverage versus the new proposal from Rural insurance, coverage is the same, current carrier would be cheaper even if we get the coverage dividend from Rural. Both include EAP coverage. Jon motioned to stay with the current carrier (Rockwood agency) since there are no significant savings. Mary seconded, carried 7:25 pm.

New business

17. Town Employees: The town received a resignation letter from Mar Rau, his last day will be 5/3 as he has found other employment. He has never signed an employee agreement and he put in for 3 vacation days on this time card, the board also has no documentation of there being vacation for that position. Jon motion to recommend that the Town deny the vacation request, Mary seconded, carried 7:33 pm.
18. Election Equipment: The County is going to buy new election equipment and they needed a vote on how the Town wants to pay the Towns \$5000 portion. Jon made a motion that we pay back \$1000 a year for 5 years starting in 2019, Scott seconded, carried 7:35 pm.

The July meeting will be moved to July 17th due to conflicts from the board.

June meeting to start at 7 pm so Scott can present the County board information at Brule.

Open Book May 30th 5-7, Board of Review June 6th 5-7 at Town hall

Motion to adjourn made by Scott, seconded by Jon, meeting adjourned 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Ruth Ann Schnepfer, Clerk
5/30/2018

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