

**TOWN OF BELL  
BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, November 8, 2016  
Following the 7:00 p.m.  
Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting  
at the Bell Community Center**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Board members present were Matt Lazorik, Mike O'Bryon, Vicki Lewis-Hay, Janice Olson, MaryBeth Tillmans and Lynda Nedden-Durst. Yvette Fleming was absent.

-Board Meeting Minutes- M. O'Bryon made a motion to approve the minutes and J. Olson 2nd the motion. Approved.

-Treasurer's Report – M. O'Bryon made a motion to approve the report and J. Olson 2nd the motion. Approved.

**Old Business:**

1. Siskiwit River Estuary Protection and Access Acquisition– Update

There are two grants that have been applied for by the town. There is a conflict of interest with our current attorney Jack Carlson and the Siskiwit River Estuary Protection and Access acquisition. He is representing the property owner. The board approved using Nordling from Washburn for the acquisition. M. O'Bryon contacted him with a question about providing copies of the grants for a public records request. Discussion was held about the costs of the acquisition and the public having a voice.

2. Birch Hill natural area – Update

Bill Sloan has presented an idea for a hiking trail in the recently forested land off of Birch Hill road. A \$1000.00 has been set aside in the 2017 budget for trails. Matt Hipsher is working with the Forestry department and Bayfield Co. to run trails. The project will be used to promote the education of watching a forest regrow. The goal is to have a possible path in 2017 and to have it fully done in 2018.

3. Opening and approval of bid for new dump truck

The following bids were received:

Equipment:

1. Burke Truck & Equipment - \$53,025
2. Universal Truck Equipment - \$49,835
3. Monroe - \$44,319

Truck:

1. All State Peterbuilt – St. Paul - \$90,994
2. Mid-State International - \$95,000
3. V&H Western Star - \$95,636

M. Lazorik made a motion that under further review to make sure all specifications are met to accept the bid from Monroe for the equipment and J. Olson 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Approved. M. Lazorik made a motion that under further review to make sure all specifications are met to accept the bid from All State Peterbuilt for the truck and J. Olson 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Approved.

4. FEMA - Pre-Application for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – Update  
The FEMA - Pre-Application for the Hazard Mitigation Grant for the reroute of the Siskiwit River to prevent a flooding disaster similar to Saxon Harbor has been submitted. The Wisconsin Emergency Management team will review all grant applications. On November 16th they will meet with the Silver Jackets to go over them. The Silver Jackets are a group of several state and federal agencies to see if they can contribute to some of the projects. Some of the agencies that the Silver Jackets consist of are the DNR, USDA, and ACOE. We should hear something shortly after that meeting. Also, representatives from Beth Meyers, Janet Bewley and Sean Duffy have been spoken with to let them know about our potential project that we have submitted. A copy of the Town of Bell - DR-4276 Pre-Application for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program was emailed to them. Matt Lazorik, Matt Hipsher, Dave Tillmans and Bill Sloan were thanked for helping to put this together. The pre-application is the first process in potentially being considered for the actual grant.

### **New Business:**

1. Adopt 2017 Budget  
M. O'Bryon made a motion to adopt the 2017 budget and V. Lewis Hay 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Approved.
2. Approval of Picnic Liquor License for the Cornucopia Vol. Fire Dept.-Turkey Feed November 20th  
J. Olson made a motion to approve the picnic liquor license for the Cornucopia Voluntary Fire Dept. for the Turkey Feed on November 20th and V. Lewis Hay 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Approved.
3. Set date for the Town of Bell Caucus – Tuesday, January 10, 2017
4. Approval of loan for balloon payment to Bremer Bank –Community Center and Garage  
A balloon payment for the Bremer Bank – Community Center and Garage loan is due this year. The amount of \$300,093.41 needs to be refinanced. Bremer is offering a loan for the amount of \$300,093.41 with an interest rate of 2.79% with the same current payment of \$47,858.48 for seven years. M. Lazorik made motion to approve the loan of \$300,093.41, with an interest rate of 2.79%, with the payment of \$47,858.48 for seven years. J. Olson 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision (4-0). Approved.
5. Approval to send out Income Survey to full time residents for Community Block Development Grants (CBDG)  
The Town of Bell has the potential to received funding for current and future grant projects from CBDG. Funding was received from them in 2006 for the Community Center. To receive funds from them, the Town of Bell average income for full time residents must be below a certain amount. To show this, a survey must be sent out to all full time residents requesting this information. The information that is gathered is kept private and will only be used to be able to receive funds from them. Y. Fleming will lead a small group to pursue the survey. J. Olson made a motion to approve sending out the survey and V. Lewis Hay 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision.

6. Health department water screening kits

Water testing kits are available. The cost is \$20.00. You can contact Michael O'Bryon or Bayfield County.

Committee/Project Reports:

Fire Department/Ambulance – The South Shore Ambulance had 6 runs. One was to the Town of Bell, four were to Port Wing and one to Town of Orienta. The Fire Dept. had one run, which was an EMS assist.

Roads-They are grading and getting ready for winter.

Planning Commission-There was not a meeting this month.

Marina-None

Parks and Lands/Green Shed-The Green Shed is closed.

Community Center-Working on small maintenance projects.

Library/Notices-Any information on things happening in town can be emailed to Yvette Fleming.

Recycling Center-None

Airport-None

Cornucopia Business Association-None

Scenic Byways Committee-The committee is now meeting quarterly. Eleanor Chernoff will remain on the committee until a replacement is found.

Bills were paid. At 8:25 p.m. V. Lewis Hay made a motion to adjourn the meeting and M. O'Bryon 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Approved.

Respectfully submitted

MaryBeth Tillmans - Clerk