

**TOWN OF BELL
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, October 11, 2016
7:00p.m.
at the Bell Community Center**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Matt Lazorik, Mike O'Bryon, Vicki Lewis-Hay, Janice Olson, Yvette Fleming, MaryBeth Tillmans and Lynda Nedden-Durst.

- Board Meeting Minutes- M. O'Bryon made a motion to approve the minutes and J. Olson 2nd the motion. Approved.
- Budget Meeting Minutes –Y. Fleming made a motion to approve the minutes and M. O'Bryon 2nd the motion . Approved.
- Treasurer's Report – Y. Fleming made a motion to approve the report and M. O'Bryon 2nd the motion. Approved.

Old Business:

1. Siskiwit River Estuary Protection and Access – Update
A NOAA grant has been submitted. There are two grants that have been applied for by the town. An updated resolution to include the Dorau property has been submitted with the grants.
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 preliminary survey has been done of where and how it may be developed. Bill Sloan, Matt Hipsher and George Lazorik met at the landing and have made recommendations. They are asking the boards consideration for the project. V. Lewis Hay made a motion to table it until next month and M. O'Bryon 2nd the motion. Vote: Yes – M. O'Bryon, V. Lewis Hay, J. Olson and Y. Fleming. No – M. Lazorik. Motion passed 4-1.
3. New dump truck specifications- advertise for bids
M. Hipsher provided specifications for a new dump truck. M. Lazorik made a motion for the town to get bids for a new dump and V. Lewis Hay 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision.
4. Storm damage- advertise for bids to dredge river at the marina
Y. Fleming made a motion to advertise for bids to dredge the river at the marina and J. Olson 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision.
5. FEMA – Pre-Application for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
The application for the FEMA – Pre-Application for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program has been received. Y. Fleming made a motion to approve the town applying for the FEMA – Pre-Application Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for the reroute of the Siskiwit River and use of Barr Engineering for cost estimates for the grant. M. O'Bryon 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision.

New Business:

1. Harbor master job description

The harbor master job is the only job without a description. V. Lewis Hay put together a job description. M. Lazorik called for a vote on inspecting the break wall path after every storm as worded or changing it to quarterly. The vote was 3-2. Yes-V. Lewis Hay, J. Olson and Y. Fleming. No- M. Lazorik and M. O'Bryon. It stays. The appointment of two years for the job term will be removed. V. Lewis Hay made a motion to approve the description and J. Olson 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision.

2. Marina survey results

The survey was generated by the people on the Marina committee. It went out to 34 people and half of them came back. The results were:

Would you like showers? – 11 no, 5 yes and one I don't know

If there were showers, would you use them? – 13 No, 4 Yes

Fair cost for showers- 4 - \$.25 to \$5.00 a minute, 10- free

What other amenities or things they would you like to see? -WiFi, water on dock next to boat landing, better docks, better communication with the marina staff, pay phone and keep the price low.

Everyone was satisfied with the marina. Various comments were received.

3. Max Taubert class b permit

The permit is to approve recommendation of a substandard commercial size lot. He is planning on selling the motel and wants to break that lot off from the house. The substandard lot was created by Highway 13. The Planning Commission felt that the highway created a hardship for the splitting of the lots. They approved recommending approval of the recommendation of his Class B permit. Y. Fleming made a motion to approve the recommendation and M. O'Bryon 2nd the motion. Motion passed. Unanimous decision.

4. Shirley and Larry Huusko Class B permit

Their permit is to allow multiple dwellings on a single property. It would be a double wide trailer. A number of people did attend the planning commission meeting for this item. The neighbors are not in favor of it. The Planning Commission thought it would set a bad precedence to have multiple dwellings on a property. They recommended, along with the comprehensive plan and the neighbors, to not recommend approval of the permit. J. Olson made a motion to not recommend approval of the permit to the county and M. Lazorik 2nd the motion. Motion passed. Unanimous decision.

5. Even Hestekin marina shop lease

V. Lewis Hay made a motion to approve the marina shop lease for Even Hestekin and Y. Fleming 2nd motion. Motion passed. Unanimous decision.

6. Closed session for employee reviews

Committee/Project Reports:

Fire Department/Ambulance- The South Shore Ambulance had three calls. Two were to Herbster and one was to Port Wing. All of the calls were for transports. The Cornucopia fire department had one call. It was for logs that caught fire at a logging project.

Roads-The town crew is preparing for winter. Brushing is being done. They will be making salt sand soon.

Planning Commission-The sign criteria was tabled. There will not be a meeting next month, if no permit recommendations are received.

Marina-The Cornucopia Fire Dept. will receive \$4090.00 and the South Shore Ambulance will receive \$1363.00, from funds raised from Cornucopia Day.

Parks and Lands/Green Shed-The Green Shed is now closed. The museum had a great year. M. O'Bryon asked that people please email him with questions pertaining to the Swenson River Estuary Protection and Access acquisition.

Community Center-The center has been very busy. There are twenty seven groups signed up to use it. J. Kerr is working on cleaning and maintenance.

Notices/Library-Things are going well.

Recycling Center-Y. Fleming is waiting to hear from Eagle Waste about getting an electronic recycling dumpster.

Airport-None

Cornucopia Business Association-None

Scenic Byways Committee-The annual meeting is being held on Monday, Oct. 31st at the Town of Bell Community Center at 1:00p.m.. Eleanor Chernoff is retiring after being on the committee for five years. Her position is open and they are looking for someone to fill her position.

Public Comment Period-None

Bills were paid. At 8:45 p.m. V. Lewis Hay made a motion to adjourn the meeting and M. O'Bryon 2nd the motion. Approved.

Respectfully submitted

MaryBeth Tillmans - Clerk