

**TOWN OF BELL
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, July 9, 2013
7:00 p.m.
at the Community Center**

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

- Minutes from the Board of Review were reviewed by the board members. M. O'Bryon made a motion to approve the minutes and V. Lewis-Hay 2nd the motion. Approved.
- Minutes from the last monthly town board meeting were reviewed by the board members. M. O'Bryon made a motion to approve the minutes and V. Lewis-Hay 2nd the motion. Approved.
- Treasurer's Report – The report was given by L. Nedden Durst. M. O'Bryon made a motion to approve the report and L. Smith 2nd the motion. Approved.

Old Business:

1. Update on George Sveda's retirement process
It is going well with the help of an excellent counselor at Bayfield County. As currently scheduled, George will have his knee surgery in late August. We will begin to look for a full time replacement in August.
2. Update on open Records Request from Christopher P. Hudachek
M. Tillmans reported that the first batch of records pertaining to the land swap between the Town of Bell and the Tillmans, as per the records request, that were in town's possession were sent out on Wed., June 11th. An invoice for the amount of \$80.50 was sent with the records, with payment due upon receipt. Certified letters with Christopher's request were sent out to all past/present town board members or officials of town committees or commissions, during the period which the records are being requested to obtain their records. They were given twenty-one days after the receipt of the letter to respond. A second batch of records per his request for "all copies of emails, notes or other written correspondence or records pertaining to the land transaction between the Town of Bell and Dave and MaryBeth Tillmans", from current or prior Town officials, was sent out on Friday, July 5th. An invoice for \$380.50, due upon receipt was sent along with the records. A letter was included stating that payment must be received for the invoices, before more records are sent. An email was received from Christopher after receiving the 2nd package, stating the he will not pay until he has received the final invoice and that he has received duplicate records and that they are unacceptable.

Bill Sloan provided the following statement:

"We seem to have reached something of an impasse with Mr. Hudachek. As per his request, 'all' correspondence is being prepared for him and he is refusing to pay for significant portions of it, claiming in part that there is duplication. When 'all' documents and correspondence are requested, there is no duplication as each document was created to fulfill a unique purpose. At this time, the Clerk has fulfilled all of the obligations required by State Statute in responding to his Open Records request. As the Chairman, my agreement to provide documents above and beyond those required by law is contingent upon his reimbursing the Town for the copying costs as required by law; no funds will be paid to me, only to the Town. Until such time as Mr. Hudachek fulfills his obligation to pay for what he has requested and received and agrees to pay for that which is yet to be delivered, I will not provide any further documents. To date, the Town has incurred costs as follows:

Attorney fees: \$437.50 to be absorbed by the Town and not charged to Mr. Hudachek;

Copy fees for documents delivered IAW State Statutes: \$461.00

Documents as requested from the personal files of the Town Chairman, copy fees owed to the Town of Bell estimated to be not less than \$125"

Discussion was held about what records he is requesting and duplicate records being received from the records request. The Board would like clarification of his intent so a letter will be sent to Christopher requesting verification that his payment for all the records he receives, not withstanding duplicates, will be paid when he receives the final invoice.

3. Decision regarding replacing well at Siskiwit Campground
-M. Lazorik made a motion to put out a notice for bids for a well at the Siskiwit Lake Campground to be opened at the next town meeting and B. Sloan 2nd the motion. Approved. Unanimous decision.
4. Mid-term letter to property owners on coming events--adding survey questions from Planning Commission and from Parks and Lands Committee.
-The letter and survey will be going out this month.
5. Update on dredge of harbor--extension of deadline and intent to seeks bids.
-An extension has been received from FEMA until Nov. 2013 for the harbor dredge. DNR permitting issues are holding it up. Bids will go out once an update is received from the DNR.

New Business:

1. Approval of Picnic License – Fire Department – Cornucopia Day
-M. O’Bryon made a motion to approve the Fire Dept. Picnic License for Cornucopia Day and M. Lazorik 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision.

2. Timber sale of approximately 4 acres of Town land on Stage Road as part of a Bayfield County timber sale
 - The county is logging a property adjacent to the town's and they have offered to harvest mature timber on the town's adjoining piece on an area that had not been logged on the their last project. M. Lazarik made a motion to authorize them to include the town in the county timber sale and M. O'Bryon 2nd the motion. Approved. Unanimous decision.
3. Approval of Picnic License for Green Shed Museum August Wine Tasting fund raiser.
 - L. Smith made a motion to approve the Picnic License for the Green Shed Museum August Wine Tasting fund raiser and M. O'Bryon 2nd the motion. Approved. Unanimous decision.

Committee/Project Reports:

Fire Department/Ambulance-The fire department had one call. The ambulance had two calls to Port Wing, one to Bell and one to Orienta. There are four new students and one first responder.

Roads-FEMA work is being finished. Gravel is being delivered to FEMA areas. Calcium Chloride is being put down in some areas.

Planning Commission-The last correspondence for the class rezone has been received.

Harbor Committee-None

Marina-Slip are full, but not all boats are in. WIFI was discussed.

Parks and Lands/Green Shed-They will not be meeting in July and August. Museum Wine Tasting Fundraiser Event will be held the weekend after Cornucopia Day.

Two new storm doors have been installed. The museum is now open. The educational portion of the Coastal Management Grant for the Break wall has been satisfied. Signs about Cornucopia history have been put up.

Community Center-It is losing and gaining WITC classes. Weddings are coming up. The 4-H needs to raise money for basketball hoops.

Town Crier/Library-Submissions for the Town Crier on the website will go to Lin Smith.

Recycling Center-Approximately 4000lbs of cardboard has been pressed.

Airport-None

Cornucopia Business Association-July is a busy month. Two bikes tours will be coming through town. Sat., July 20th is Lake Superior Day. There will be a blessing of fleets. More events will be held at the Tikki Bar. The website is being redone.

Scenic Byways Committee-They worked with Red Cliff in the beginning of the month. Little brochures have been made. They meet once a month.

Correspondence-Flyer about Humane Training from the Dept. of Agriculture.

Bills were paid. At 9:00 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

