

Minutes to be approved at the next board meeting

**TOWN OF BELL  
BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, May 14, 2013**

**7:00 p.m.**

**at the Town of Bell Community Center**

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

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

**Old Business:**

1. Campground well--discussion and possible decision on course of action  
The Parks and Land committee would like to go ahead with a proposal from Kurt Nelson to install a solar pump with a cost of approximately \$1000.00. After testing of the pump, the next phase would be to install solar panels and PVC piping to run the pump. The total cost of the entire project is approximately \$3000.00. It will be a two stage process. B. Sloan made a motion to approve the completion of solar powered well on the assumption that the processes outlined by the committee are followed. M. Lazorik 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Approved.
2. Exercise facility in Community Center – Update  
The town's insurance company is requiring that the equipment must always be manned at any time it is being used, which the town is unable to do. This item will be set aside for the time being.
3. Parking on Superior Avenue—Update  
The Planning Commission will meet with the town crew to see whatever they can do right away. Maybe more can be done next year.
4. Storm Damage--update on dredge and permitting issues.  
Mark Halvorson, Dave Tillmans and B. Sloan met with Alyssa Core, the DNR Water Management Specialist. They are working on the permit issue, which is prerequisite to determining how the dredge can be done.

**New Business:**

1. Snow Crew Emergency Plan – Ambulance calls  
Current plan in place is sufficient. There is no need for change.
2. Set Date for Board of Review: June 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.-To be adjourned until the assessment roll is received
3. Gravel bids authorization to proceed or special meeting to open bids.  
The date set to open bids is Tuesday, May 21st at 5:00p.m.

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4. Mountain Hill Road Paving Bid Opening: select a successful bidder for the paving of Mountain Hill Road this summer.  
A bid from Northwoods Paving for \$34,077.44 was received. V. Lewis-Hay made a motion to accept the bid from Northwoods Paving and L. Smith 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Motion approved.
5. Permission to trap nuisance beavers--consider authorization  
Pat Quantance has asked for authorization from the town to trap nuisance beavers. A draft letter giving authorization will be drafted for approval at the next town board meeting.
6. Town Crew Employment--process for filling full-time vacancy on Town Crew  
A full time crew operator will be hired by this fall.  
.George Sveda will be retiring from the town crew. He is looking into disability retirement. G. Sveda has asked to be relieved of his duties as foreman. B. Sloan accepted his resignation as foreman.  
.A closed session was held prior to the board meeting to deliberate on this.  
.B. Sloan made a motion to nominate Matt Hipsher to be the town crew foreman and V. Lewis- Hay 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Approved. An adjustment will be made to M. Hipsher's pay back to when he was acting foreman last summer.  
.M. Lazorik made a motion to authorize B. Sloan and M. Tillmans to work out pay and benefits. V. Lewis-Hay 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Approved.  
.V. Lewis-Hay made a motion to elevate Bill Draeger to more of a part time crew member and authorize B. Sloan and M. Tillmans to adjust his pay. L. Smith 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Approved.  
.The town as the employer, will do what is necessary to accommodate George's disability so that he can remain gainfully employed, while he is going through the process of achieving disability retirement. He's wages will not exceed \$1000.00 per month. George's medical benefits will be continued for as long as possible and do not count against the income limit.  
.L. Smith made a motion to authorize the B. Sloan and M. Tillmans to work through accommodating George for his work ability, wages and benefits. V. Lewis-Hay 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Approved.  
.The process to do the hiring for a new full town crew person will be a committee. People will be recruited to form the committee. The process will be started with the idea of someone hired to be a full time operator by the fall.
7. Liberty Restoration: discussion and decision on what to do with preservation  
This is be discussed at a later date
8. Planning Commission Vacancies –Discussion & decision regarding process of appointing commissioners and filling upcoming vacancies  
M. Lazorik made a motion that when planning commission vacancies occur, when terms expire, a call will be made at a board meeting for nominations for people who would like to serve on the planning commission. Nominations will be provided to the town clerk, no later than one week prior to the next town board meeting. The nominations will be given to the board supervisor on the commission. At the regular board meeting the town board will vote on the two people. V. Lewis-Hay 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Motion approved.

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Committee/Project Reports:

Fire Department/Ambulance- There were no fire runs. There were three ambulance runs: two to Port Wing and one to Herbster. New SCBA gear was purchased. The four new tanks are full and ready for service.

Roads-Grading is being done. Crack sealing of 236 is being done with the Town of Clover. Discussion was held about working with Bayfield Electric and property owner about removing problematic trees before they can create power outages. Road review will be done with town supervisors on Tues., June 4th.

Planning Commission-None

Harbor Committee-They did not meet.

Marina-Some new fixtures have been put in the bathrooms. Judy Kerr has been hired to clean the bathrooms.

Parks and Lands/Green Shed-Their first priority is to finish the basketball court. The signs on Lost Creek are to be discussed with the residents. Four signs are being placed at the lake front with information about the area. Posts by the old boats are going to be replaced.

Community Center-New tables have been purchased. Wedding, graduations and WITC classes are being setup.

Town Crier/Library-L. Smith will be getting together with R. Peck about the website.

Recycling Center-The new baler is up and running.

Airport-None

Cornucopia Business Association-None

Scenic Byways Committee-The dedication was held. On June 10-13 a visitor conference is going to be held in Red Cliff.

Bills were paid. At 9:00 p.m. M. Lazorik made a motion to adjourn the meeting and V. Lewis Hay 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryBeth Tillmans - Clerk