

**TOWN OF BELL
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, August 8, 2014
7:00 p.m.
at the Bell Community Center**

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

-Minutes- M. O'Bryon made a motion to approve the minutes and V. Lewis Hay 2nd the motion. Approved.

-Treasurer's Report -L. Smith made a motion to approve the reports and M. O'Bryon 2nd the motion. Approved.

Old Business:

1. Local Road Improvement Program -Old Highway 13 Update
The road has been graveled with the initial layer that will be ground up and mixed with the old asphalt. An additional lift of gravel will be added and then shaped and compacted. The anticipated completion date is August 19th.
2. Harbor Dredge Update
The dredge was completed on July 29th. The final report has been submitted to the Wisconsin Emergency Management. We are awaiting their review and forward to FEMA for payment.
3. Discussion of Jet Ski Ordinance
Joni Vaughn had asked that the town consider developing an ordinance for Jet Ski operations along our beaches. In researching the proposal, she discovered that the State rules and policies adequately cover the requirements.
4. Weather station for the Town of Bell
Nothing to report—awaiting grant proposals
5. Update on cardboard recycling business plan
The cardboard recycling has been a huge success. The cardboard baling is saving the Town two dumpsters per month at a savings of \$200 for having them on scene (\$2400 per year). In addition, the carting and disposal of those two dumpsters averaged about \$2800 per year. We have sold two loads of cardboard for a net gain of \$750 for the first year of operation (after expenses for loading and transport). Cardboard is a commodity so the recycle value fluctuates but this is a fair estimate. In the end, the cardboard recycling has realized a savings/income of just under \$6,000 for its first year of operation. For the most part, the cardboard is processed by Lin during the times that the RC is open for business so there is little to no additional labor cost for the process. Electricity costs and maintenance of the equipment has been negligible. The business plan called for saving one dumpster instead of the two we have realized. It also called for \$1000 in annual operating costs which have thus far been negligible. But it did anticipate an income of almost \$4,000 a year on cardboard sales which we have not realized. At the time the plan was developed, the cardboard prices were almost triple what they are now. The bottom line on the business plan was to realize a net gain of \$3,700 to \$4,200 per year. As

of this date, we are doing better than the business plan, saving the Town a considerable amount on cardboard recycling while making a significant contribution to the reduction in land fill. Similarly, Lin has developed a recycling operation for all things metal (except for anything with a screen—TV, computer, etc). This has significantly reduced the amount of waste going into landfill and has contributed to the overall savings in recycle costs. We have yet to conceive of a means of valuing the amount of metal waste that is not going into the big dumpster and it is unlikely that we will come up with something tangible. But it is none the less significant.

Similarly, the aluminum can recycling for the 4-H and the slick magazine recycling to benefit the South Shore School Band have both benefited the community and reduced recycling waste disposal costs.

New Business:

1. Dates-Open Book-August 14th 4p.m.-6p.m. and Board of Review-August 15 at 9:00 a.m.

2. Approve Propane Bid

The following bids were received:

Como - \$1.499

Midland - \$1.66

Ferrell - \$1.499 1st fill then \$1.549

M. Lazorik made a motion to accept and approve the bid from Como for \$1.499 and L. Smith 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision.

3. Lions Club Road sign discussion and possible decision

The Lions Club would like to put a sign on or near the town signs. B. Sloan made a motion to approve the request and M. O'Bryon 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision.

4. Potential Sign for Sea Caves-Ice Caves on Highway 13

There is a possible joint venture with the National Park Service to add an additional sign to the existing Apostle Islands Information sign that is on Highway 2 and 53 as you approach the Highway 13 exit going east. The DOT does not object to the additional sign. L. Smith made a motion that as discussed by the town board, the idea is good and that it is worthy of pursuing the continuation of the additional caves sign. V. Lewis-Hay 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision.

Committee/Project Reports:

Fire Department/Ambulance- There were no fire runs by the fire department. The South Shore Ambulance had three calls to Port Wing and three calls to the Town of Bell.

Roads- Grading and rolling is being done on the roads. The crew is busy with culverts on Romans Point Road. More town gravel is coming tomorrow.

Planning Commission-Last month the town board approved a Short Term Rental

Recommendation, pending the Planning Commission's approval, for Roger and Nancy Lindgren on Romans Point Road. The Planning commission disapproved the recommendation due to a neighbor not approving of it.

Marina-The bathrooms floors have been painted.

Parks and Lands/Green Shed-They are working with the ATV Club on getting signage placed.

The new Cornucopia CD is available for sale for \$15.00.

Community Center-Everything is okay.

Notices/Library-No report

Recycling Center-It is a busy time of year.

Airport-The wind sock has been replaced with a new one.

Cornucopia Business Association-No report

Scenic Byways Committee-The annual meeting is going to be held in October. They are looking at kiosks.

Bills were paid. At 8:20 p.m. M. O'Bryon made a motion to adjourn the meeting and V. Lewis Hay 2nd the motion. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryBeth Tillmans - Clerk