

**TOWN OF BELL
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, May 12, 2015
7:00 p.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, Linton Smith, Janice Olson, MaryBeth Tillmans and Lynda Nedden-Durst.

- Board Meeting Minutes- V. Lewis Hay made a motion to approve the minutes and M. O'Bryon 2nd the motion. Approved.
- Treasurer's Report – V. Lewis Hay made a motion to approve the report and M. O'Bryon 2nd the motion. Approved.

Old Business:

1. Insurance claims- Update
 - a. May 2012 Storm
 - b. June 2012 Storm
 - c. Community Center Sanitary back up
 - Bill Sloan has been working with the town's insurance. The town will be reimbursed for the Community Center sanitary back up, but not the May and June storms.
2. Dumpsters for the May cleanup day
There will be one 40 yard dumpster from Waste Management at the recycling center, over the Memorial weekend. It will be free for all residents.
3. Rescind decision to recommend approval of the Star North County sign permit.
V. Lewis Hay made a motion to rescind the recommendation of the approval of the Star North County sign permit and L. Smith 2nd the motion. This was never submitted to the county.
4. Review of previous decision to recommend denial of Roger Lindgren's County short term rental permit
M.O'Bryon made a motion to rescind the denial of the Roger Lindgren's County short term rental permit. The county was unhappy with the Planning Commission's decision. The Planning Commission has changed how they view the short term rental permits. This will go back to the Planning Commission with the new process.
5. Marina power lines- update on a cost estimate for running marina power lines underground.
The town is responsible for the Excel power up to the shops. After that, it is the shop owner's. The shop owner will need to get a new meter and upgrade the shop or not hookup.

New Business:

1. Tribute to Dennis Swenson
Discussion was held about a tribute to Dennis Swenson, who was an EMT that died in the line of duty in a fire to try and save his mother. A plaque will be made in his honor. A fire prevention day will be held on the first weekend on May. Jane Norton will head the committee.
2. Set Date for Board of Review-June 9, 2015 at 7:00p.m.-To be adjourned until the assessment roll is received

3. Airport expansion – discussion on logging at the airport
An area at the airport needs to have the timber logged to put it back to a public status. M. Lazorik made a motion to have Steiger Lumber cut the timber for \$25.00 per cord and L. Smith 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. The north end of the airport has a lot of bigger timber. Timber prices are high. M. Lazorik will look into getting a survey for the logging of it.
4. Discussion on the process of hiring town employees
Discussion was held about the posting and interviewing of jobs. L. Smith made a post to jobs when a position opens up and M. O'Bryon 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision.
5. Matt Lazorik's home based business permit-recommendation to the county
M. Lazorik recused himself from this item. M. O'Bryon chaired it. It is a home based sporting goods business that will primarily focus on internet gun sales. The Federal government will be monitoring all of his business. The Planning Commission recommended approval. J. Olson made a recommendation to approve the permit and V. Lewis Hay 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision.

Committee/Project Reports:

Fire Department/Ambulance- The Fire Dept. had 2 EMS assists in April.

The ambulance had two runs to the Town of Bell in March. In April, they had two runs to the Town of Bell and two runs to Port Wing

Roads-The mower tractor has been delivered. Stumping has been completed on South Stone Road. Northwoods will be finishing the LRIP project on Old Hwy 13.

Planning Commission-They have finished the five year review of the Town Land plan.

The permit recommendation for M. Lazorik's Home Based business fits the goals of the Economic Plan of the Town's Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission recommended approval.

Harbor Committee- None

Marina-Exel Energy was out to look over the high wires at the marina.

Parks and Lands/Green Shed-They are cleaning up and getting ready for the season.

The Green Shed is getting ready to open up. Repairs to the building are needed.

Community Center-Everything is going well. A native garden is being planned. Little things are being done. There has been electrical work on lights, general cleanup and painting of the downstairs bathrooms.

Notices/Library- Contact information for the board has been redone on the website, along with persons of the year.

Recycling Center-Working on replacing covers for trash bins.

Airport-None

Cornucopia Business Association-Working on Spring Fling for Memorial weekend.

The fireworks for Independence Day will be on Friday, July 3rd.

Scenic Byways Committee-None

Bills were paid. At 8:35 p.m. L. Smith

Respectfully submitted,

MaryBeth Tillmans - Clerk