

**TOWN OF BELL
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, September 13, 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- J. Olson made a motion to approve the minutes and Y. Fleming 2nd the motion. Approved.

-Treasurer's Report – Y. Fleming made a motion to approve the report and V. Lewis Hay 2nd the motion. Approved.

Old Business:

1. Break wall access path -update

The project has been finished and is open for foot traffic. The invoice has been received from Arnie Nelson, the contractor. The bill from Arnie Nelson was \$78,530.00. More rock was received than was called for. The DNR community service person was at the site today. Forty eight percent of grant is to still to be received.

2. Siskiwit River Protection and Access – Update and discussion

The town is working with the Bayfield Regional Conservancy(BRC) to submit a grant for the Siskiwit River Estuary Protection Project. An informational meeting called the "Siskiwit River Gathering", was held to show the property and to provide information to the public about the acquisition of the Swenson property by the town of 95.2 acres of the Swenson property and Larry Dorau's and Marcy Armstrong's 5 to 8 acres adjacent to the property and along the river. The town has paid for a survey of the properties. The resolution for the property acquisition needs to be updated. Y. Fleming made a motion to sign the permit of application to pursue the Siskiwit River Estuary Protection Project. When and if the NOAA grant comes through, the electors of the Town of Bell will approve or disapprove the grant to purchase it. M. O'Bryon 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Approved.

3. Enforcing Town ordinances with Fines – Tickets – Update

M. Lazorik has done everything necessary to issue tickets. The transient vendor, who the town had issues with, is no longer there.

4. Logging Town land on East Spirit Point – Update

The logging is done. The money from the project is coming in.

5. Storm Damage – FEMA – Update

M Hipsher is waiting for invoices and proof of payment to submit to the project specialist. They are looking into a possible mitigation project for Klemick Road. The reclamation for the gravel pit was opened to access it for dredging materials. The dredging of the river will be done in the spring. It will be advertised for bids in the spring. A pre-application will be submitted in October for a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

New Business

1. Set dates for Budget meetings

The dates were set for Oct. 5th and 6th at 7:00p.m.

2. Approve snowplowing rates for 2016-17
Y. Fleming made a motion to keep the rates the same and M. Lazorik 2nd the motion.
Unanimous decision. Approved.
3. Approve Resolution 2016-5 for State Transportation Aids
Y. Fleming made a motion to adopt the resolutions and M. O'Bryon 2nd the motion.
Unanimous decision. Approved.
4. New dump truck discussion
M. Hipsher would like to pursue bids for a new truck. He will put together specifications for it to go out for bids. It will go in the paper too. The opening of the bids will be in November.
5. Birch Hill natural area – discussion
It has been requested to put a walking path through the Birch Hill area that has currently been logged. The Parks and Lands committee will look into it.

Committee/Project Reports:

Fire Department/Ambulance- The Fire department had one alarm and the ambulance had 5 calls. Three were to Port Wing and two were to the Town of Bell.

Roads-Extensive work has been done on Mountain Road. Ditch cleaning is being done. The crew will start mowing.

Planning Commission-They are working on the sign permit criteria. They are looking at the overlay of the Town of Bell Business District.

Marina-They are looking at the harbor master job description and evaluation.

Parks and Lands/Green Shed-The Green Shed has had a successful year.

Community Center-WITC has more things coming up. More tables and chairs have been ordered. Little maintenance projects are being done. Brick Ministries has honored the Town of Bell Food Shelf for being a brick builder. They have received a rotating plaque in recognition of their work.

Notices/Library- The Cornucopia website now has more local news. The library will committee be holding their meeting on Sept. 15th.

Recycling Center- Lin Smith has received EPA certification for the removal of coolant from appliances. The project to cover the cardboard storage area will be starting. The recycling center will no longer be accepting e-waste.

Airport-M. Lazorik has been in touch with the National Guard about widening the landing strip.

Cornucopia Business Association-None

Scenic Byways Committee-Eleanor Chernoff is retiring from the position of being the representative from the Town of Bell. They are looking for someone to replace her.

Public Comment Period-None

Bills were paid. At 8:35 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