

Minutes to be approved at the next town board meeting

**TOWN OF BELL
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, December 13, 2016
7:00 p.m.
at the Bell Community Center**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Board members present were Matt Lazorik, Mike O'Bryon, Vicki Lewis-Hay, Janice Olson, Yvette Fleming and Lynda Nedden-Durst. MaryBeth Tillmans was absent.

-Board Meeting Minutes- Y. Fleming made a motion to approve the minutes and J. Olson 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. Siskiwit River Protection and Access – Update

Updates to be covered under Item 2 on the agenda.

2. Siskiwit River Protection and Access -request to rescind supporting resolution

The Planning Commission at their December meeting voted unanimously to "rescind its motion of support made on Feb. 4, 2016 based on the new information provided to the public in November. The project appears to be contrary to the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Bell as written in the **Land Use Element: Page 9-2** where it states that **Residential 1 (R-1)** districts provide for permanent residential developments that should be protected from traffic hazards and the intrusion of incompatible land uses." A petition with 63 signatures was received supporting the rescinding of the supporting Siskiwit River Protection and Access resolution. Discussion followed. M. Lazorik made a motion to table this to next month's board meeting, so that more facts could be obtained. Y. Fleming 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision.

3. Birch Hill natural area – Update

There has not much progress. There is a topographical map of the area and an overlay of the area. George Lazorik is working on a potential route. M. O'Bryon will be meeting with M. Hipsher to discuss the project.

4. FEMA - Pre-Application for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – Update

No update

New Business

1. Open Bids for Siskiwit River Dredge

The following bids were received:

Marine Tech - \$89,790.38

Nelson Construction - \$56,600.00

Veit - \$124,000.00

M. Lazorik made a motion to accept bid from Nelson and V. Lewis Hay 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Approved.

2. Limiting commercial use of Town land

This is starting the process of mostly updating the town's transient vendor ordinance and

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dealing with the kayak issues from this summer. Two citations were written and taken to court. The town's attorney suggested setting up a permitting process to keep limits on commercial use of the town's land. M. Lazorik moved to have the town attorney draft town ordinances on town land use for commercial activities and to set up a permitting process for the rental of boats or kayaks in the Town of Bell. The motion was 2nd by Y. Fleming. Unanimous decision. Approved. The ordinance would make it clear that town land cannot be used for commercial use, which is already in the state statutes.

3. Keeping Town road right of way clear- discussion

There have been problems with people parking and leaving things in the road right of way. This is creating problems with snowplowing and brushing. It is important to keep it open and to make everyone aware of this.

4. Abandoning Town road 15- discussion

This was tabled until next month.

Committee/Project Reports:

Fire Department/Ambulance – The South Shore Ambulance had one run to the Town Orienta. The Fire Dept. had one run, that was a false fire alarm.

Roads-Roads froze before plowing, putting them in good shape for plowing.

Planning Commission-They are going over the sign ordinance criteria. They will be finalizing it at their next meeting.

Marina-Andy Peterson is working on replacing wood on the docks.

Parks and Lands/Green Shed-No report.

Community Center-Activities has been slow. Bill Draeger and Judy Kerr are working on the 2017 calendar. A second line is needed for the public.

Library/Notices-New information is being placed on the message board. One of the library board members that is the secretary is retiring and Richard Dunn will be the replacement.

They are helping out the little library at the flowing well and the little library at Herbster.

Any information on things happening in town can be emailed to Yvette Fleming. The

Mission Outreach has offered to put up a new message board at the Star North Gas Station, in the laundry mat.

Recycling Center-Lin Smith will be on his winter vacation and his replacement will be there.

Airport-None

Cornucopia Business Association-None

Scenic Byways Committee-None

Correspondence-Note was received from the Churches United and VFW members about the flag at the community not being flown at half mast on Pearl Harbor Day. The town will do its best to see that this does not happen again.

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