

**TOWN OF BELL
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, February 9, 2016
7:00 p.m.
at the Bell Community Center**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Board members present were Matt Lazorik, Mike O'Bryon, Janice Olson, Yvette Fleming, MaryBeth Tillmans and Lynda Nedden-Durst. Vicki Lewis Hay was absent.

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

Old Business:

1. Access to break wall grant-update

The DNR is close to approving the permit sanctioned by the Army Corp of Engineers. There has been confirmation of a DNR grant and preliminary approval from the Coastal Management grant. There are also two separate requests for grants from the Army Corp of Engineers that have not yet been decided. The town will wait for confirmation of enough money from grants before putting out bids for the project.

New Business

1. Discussion of National Marine Sanctuary resolution for Lake Superior in the area around Chequamegon Bay and the Apostle Islands – Karin Kozie

A discussion was held. Concern was mentioned about what will and will not be allowed in the sanctuary area. There were no definitive answers. It was mentioned that a ¼ mile radius around the break wall be excluded from the sanctuary, so that continued use of the submerged land lease with the state can be used for the dredging operations. NOAA will be contacted for more definitive answers. This was tabled until next month.

2. Lake Superior Barrel Removal Project Update– Frank Koehn

This was tabled until next month.

3. Purchase of Conference Phone

A conference call phone system is needed. There have been several instances when one was needed and the current phone system did not work properly for this. Norvado has a conference system called PolyCom 2200, that they will setup and install for \$500.00. It will allow for up to 30 connections. Other systems are available with a comparable price, but there is no installation. Y. Fleming made a motion to order the PolyCom 2200 and M. Lazorik 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision.

4. Green shed roof- notice for bids

The town is planning on putting a new roof on the green shed this spring. M. Lazorik has drawn up a bid request for a metal roof. It will be new underlayment over existing shingles and steel over the top of that. The bid is for 26 gauge steel with exposed fasteners and dark green in color. A notice for bids will be put in the paper. The bids will be opened at the March meeting.

5. Siskiwit River protection and public access

Brent and Cheri(Swenson) Surowiec have approached the Bayfield Regional Conservancy(BRC) and the Town of Bell about acquiring a 95 acre parcel adjacent to the Siskiwit River, to protect the property's conservation values/resources, while allowing public access to the property. This was presented to the Planning Commission and they have given their full support to pursue this. M. O'Bryon read the project proposal of the Siskiwit Falls-Swenson Property. M. O'Bryon made a motion to move forward with the proposal along with the BRC and Y. Fleming 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. The next step will be a DNR appraisal of the property.

Committee/Project Reports:

Fire Department/Ambulance-There was one incidence for the fire department. It was a chimney fire. They had their annual training with the DNR on wild fires. They are looking into replacing the 1984 brush truck. There was no ambulance report.

Roads-They are busy with plowing and sanding. Klemick Road is closed because of forest cutting.

Planning Commission-They are reviewing the transient ordinance.

Harbor Committee-None

Marina-None

Parks and Lands/Green Shed-They have reviewed last year's project. They are getting ready for the summer season.

Community Center-There have been lots of activities going on. The wood floor in the building needs to be redone. The Cornucopia Club will help fund it.

Library/Notices –A donation of \$300.00 has been received from Bob Fick in memory of Jan Fick. It will used to purchase a shelf to hold DVDs in the library. A new Meet the Author series is being planned.

Recycling Center-All is well.

Airport-None

Cornucopia Business Association-None

Scenic Byways Committee-All the permits necessary for the kiosks have been received. They hope to have the one in Cornucopia done by this spring.

Bills were paid. At 8:45 p.m. M. O'Byon made a motion to adjourn the meeting and J. Olson 2nd the motion. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryBeth Tillmans - Clerk