

**TOWN OF BELL
BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018
7:00 P.M. AT THE
COMMUNITY CENTER**

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

-Caucus Minutes – Y. Fleming made a motion to approve the minutes and M. O'Bryon 2nd the motion. Approved.

-Board Meeting Minutes- J. Olson made a motion to approve the minutes and V. Lewis Hay 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.

Public Comment Period

Brenda Lafrancois – Shooting Range –Neighbor to Shooting Range

She expressed concerns about the expansion and current operation of the range.

Amy Egsatd – Shooting Range – Neighbor to Shooting Range

She expressed concerns about the expansion and current operations of the range. She would not like to see the expansion

Doug Cannon – Board member of the ABC Sportsmen Club

He read a letter from Clendon Gustafason in support of the range. He came forward to discuss the continuation of the long range plans of the shooting range.

Judy Kerr – Town of Bell South Shore School board member

She spoke of the school board being in favor of the range expansion.

Pat Quaintance – He spoke of the creation, purpose and history of the range.

Greg Weiss- He spoke about allowing him commercial access to the Corny Beach off of Superior Ave. and concerns about the beach remediation.

Max Taubert – He spoke in favor of allowing Greg Weiss commercial access to the Corny Beach.

Jackie Eid – She spoke of items for the board to consider in regard to the CBA summer concert series use of the Community Center

Allan Hahn- He expressed concern about the town brushing around road signs and the clean up afterward.

Andrew Sauter Sargent – He spoke about non-motorized watercraft being allowed use in the marina complex . He expressed concerns of moving the commercial non- motorized watercraft access and that the Parks and Lands committee was not consulted with, in the board's decision process.

Correspondence

Email from Don Bauer –An attorney from Perkins Cole LLP asking for the town's endorsement on a letter being set to Congress to approve emergency disaster funds for the Apostle's Islands National Park repairs from last October's storm damage.

Old Business

1. Commercial use of Town Land –access – Discussion and possible decision

Y. Fleming explained that the town can regulate access, but not the water.

Y. Fleming made a motion to withdraw the motion from the January meeting restricting the commercial use off of Superior Ave. and M. O'Byron 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Motion approved.

Discussion was held about Greg Weiss having commercial access to the lake off of Superior Ave.. Y. Fleming made a motion that commercial use off of Superior Ave. be restricted to permitted access and that Greg Weiss's business be given a permit to access with a yearly renewal. M. O'Bryon 2nd the motion. Vote: (4-1) Yes – M. Lazorik, M. O'Bryon, J. Olson and Y. Fleming. No – V. Lewis Hay. Motion approved.

Y. Fleming made a motion that the Planning Commission determine criteria for the access permit to Lake Superior off of Superior Ave. for the board to review. J. Olson 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Motion approved.

Discussion was held about the town restricting access and use in the marina complex. It is within the town's riparian rights to restrict access. It was not the town's intention to restrict use in the marina complex. The definition of the marina complex was anything north of the Highway 13 bridge. This would not allow anyone to access the river. Y. Fleming made a motion to correct last month's motion to modify the statement leaving out the word "use" making the motion " to not allow non-motorized watercraft launching in the town marina complex . M. Lazorik 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Motion approved.

M. Lazorik made a motion to change the marina complex boundaries to anything north of the pay station at the boat launch and north of the mouth of the break wall and anything east of that. Y. Fleming 2nd the motion. Vote: (3-2) Yes-M. O'Bryon, J. Olson and Y. Fleming. No – M. Lazorik and V. L. Hay. Motion approved.

2. Committees and their area of responsibilities – discussion

J. Olson provided a copy of the Planning Commissions roles and responsibilities. The Parks and Lands committee will provide theirs next month.

New Business

1. Town Board Recommendation – Shooting Range – Bayfield Co Forestry

The ABC Sportsmen's Club has a lease from the Bayfield Co Forestry Dept. They would like to implement the trap shooting range east of the existing rifle range. It is a conditional permit to add the trap shooting range. There will be chain link fencing all around it. The Town of Bell comprehensive plan has nothing about shooting ranges. The Planning Commission vote 2-1 to recommend that the board recommend approval of the permit to the county zoning. Y. Fleming made a motion that the town recommends approval of the permit to the county and M. O'Bryon 2nd the motion.

Vote: (3-2) Yes-M. Lazorik, M. O'Bryon and Y. Fleming. No-V. Lewis Hay and J. Olson. Motion approved.

2. Beach remediation- discussion

Don Bauer –An attorney from Perkins Coie LLP is asking for the town's endorsement on a letter being set to Congress to approve emergency disaster funds for the Apostle's Islands National Park repairs from last October's storm damage. Y. Fleming made a motion to approve the request for endorsement of the letter present by Donald Baur of Perkins Coie law firm to send to Congress and J. Olson 2nd the motion .

Vote:(3-2) Yes-M. O'Bryon, J. Olson and Y. Fleming. No-M. Lazorik and V. Lewis Hay. Motion approved.

2. Beach remediation- discussion (cont.)

Andrew Sauter Sargent spoke. David Tillmans was at the last Parks and Lands meeting and informed them of his plan that Siskiwit Bay Marina is going to do. They have lost about 300 feet to ten feet in of land. They are not looking at the loss of the beach, but the gravel and hard ground that is up from the beach. They are looking at rip rap. He needs to protect his land. The lake has a repeating history of about every thirty years of high water levels. It is at its highest level right now. The Army Corp of Engineers is predicting the lake levels to be even higher next year. The town may want to think in the same direction to protect their beach area at the end of Superior. More of the town's land could be lost to the lake. The Parks and Lands committee does not have the answers to the solution, but they would like to look into it. The Parks and Lands committee will look into solutions for erosion prevention and present them next month.

3. Marina lease fees- discussion and possible decision

The slip rates were raised last year by \$1.00. The marina committee recommended not raising the rates this year. The shop rates were raised last year to \$810.00. They recommended not raising the rate this year. All rates will remain the same.

4. Marina leases- delinquent lease payments- discussion and possible decision

The marina shop "What Comes A Boat" has not paid rent for the last several years. It totals to \$3210.00. Discussion was held. M. Lazorik made a motion to authorize V. Lewis Hay to send a certified letter to the shop owners stating the amount owed and that it is due in full by the 10th of April. If it is not paid by then, legal action will be taken. Y. Fleming 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Motion approved.

5. CBA use of community center for concerts – discussion and possible decision

Susan Keachie was present to represent the Cornucopia Business Association. They are launching a new event in town. It will be a summer concert series that will run from June 28th to Aug. 30th. They will be held at the coffee shop on Thursdays from 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.. They are asking for sponsors at a cost of \$300.00 per concert. They would like to use the community center in the event of rain. The board decided that they can use it if there is not a conflict with another reservation.

6. Town Employee wages – go into closed session to discuss wages

Committee Reports

Fire Department/Ambulance-There were no fire runs. There was no ambulance report.

Last month at the fire department meeting members of the DNR and Forest Fire came.

They gave an orientation on the upcoming wild fire season and their resources in coordinating expectations with the fire department.

Roads-It is a quiet period. A lot of maintenance work is being done. They are getting ready spring. A lot of plowing has been done in the Barrons. This week the town is going to start steaming culverts.

Planning Commission-They had a long discussion about the ABC Sportsmen Club permit.

Everything was tabled until next month.

Marina- The three ladders in the marina will be painted orange for greater visibility. All past due boat slip fees must be paid, before a boat can go into its slip.

Parks and Lands/Green Shed-They are talking about their areas of responsibilities. Planning of beach remediation was discussed.

Community Center-Everything is routine.

Notices/Library-None

Recycling Center-None

Airport-None

Cornucopia Business Association-Membership fees are due now.

Scenic Byways Committee- None

Bills were paid. At 10:15 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