

Minutes to be approved at the next board meeting

**TOWN OF BELL
BORAD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018
FOLLOWING THE 7:00 P.M. CAUCUS
AT THE
COMMUNITY CENTER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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.

-Board Meeting Minutes- V. Lewis Hay made a motion to approve the minutes and Y. Fleming 2nd the motion. Approved.

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

Public Comment Period

Susan Keachie – She would like to set fees for transient vendors to be comparable to others in the area.

Andrew Sauter Sargent – The Parks and Lands has been discussing how they fit in and what they do. They are hoping for input from the board.

Correspondence – None

Swearing in of Sanitary District Commissioner – Jesse Kaseno

Old Business

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

The marina committee discussed what other marinas in the area charge for private charter businesses. They recommended setting user fees for those who operate a business from their boat, but not ones with brick and mortar. The Town of Bell Transient Vendor ordinance does have a place holder for a fee. Y. Fleming made a motion to set a transient vendor merchant fee of \$125.00 for the year and that will also apply to a marina fee to be collected separately. Halvorson's Fisheries, Good Earth Outfitters and Lost Creek Adventures would be exempt from the fee. M. O'Bryon 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Approved.

There has been damage to the beach dunes from people and the October storm. The marina committee recommended no non-motorized watercraft operating within the boundaries of the town marina complex and at the end of Superior Ave., because of the erosion problem. They recommended using the area past the flowing well by the historical marker.

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Y. Fleming made a motion to not allow non-motorized watercraft use or launching in the town marina complex and V. Lewis Hay 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Approved. The town marina complex boundaries are anything north of the bridge on Hwy 13 and north of the mouth of the break wall and anything east of that.

At the end of Superior Ave. the dune needs to be repaired . There is very little beach left. J. Olson made a motion to not allow commercial access and use for non-motorized watercraft at the end of Superior Ave. on the Corny Beach west. V. Lewis Hay 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Approved. A sign will be posted.

The access for the commercial launching east of the flowing well will be discussed at next month's meeting.

2. Committees and their area of responsibilities – discussion

Y. Fleming clarified that the Army Corp of Engineers owns the break wall further out. The Town of Bell does have a lease to maintain and repair the break wall as town property. The town has not spent one dime on the break wall since the very first rock was put in there before the first storm. The big rocks that are there now have weathered several storms that we have had this fall and winter so far. The only damage at all, has been to surface, pathway, gravel and small rock, which is under the town's comprehensive plan to be responsible for as part of town maintenance. Any damage that has happened to the break wall in the past has been covered with three different grants at two different times. The grants were from Bremer Foundation, DNR and Wisconsin Coastal Management. They have paid for all the rock and work that has gone into it. There will need to be some gravel put on it in the spring with the cooperation of the Halvorson's Fisheries, because their boats will have to be in the water before rock can be brought in and stock piled. The project should not take more than a couple of days. If the rock gets brought in and then the gravel can be brought in. A decision and plan can be put into place to repair it. This is something that may not be needed to be done again for quite some time.

The marina committee had read their list of responsibilities. They believe the break wall path should be under the scope of the Parks and Lands committee. Y. Fleming made a motion to have the responsibility of the break wall fully under the Park and Lands responsibilities and M. O'Bryon 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Approved.

Andrew Sauter Sargent, co-chair of the Parks and Lands committee spoke. Minutes from their last meeting with the list of responsibilities was passed out. They are looking for any additional input from the board or individuals. Y. Fleming read the list of responsibilities that included the Siskiwit campground and boat landing, the old and new cemeteries, the Corny Beach (east and west), including the beach to the break wall, from the Historical Marker to and including the Green Shed, Birch Hill Nature Walk, the break wall, areas outside the Community Center building and all other available town lands.

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New Business

1. Open Grader Bids and Approve Grader Bid

The following grader bids were received:

A. Fabick – Superior, WI

\$330,421 –Cat Grader less \$63,000 Trade In Total - \$267,421

B. Nortrax – Ashland, WI

\$320,500 – John Deere Grader less \$75,500 Trade In Total - \$245,000

M. Lazorik made a motion to accept the bid of \$320,500 from Nortax for the John Deere grader and J. Olson 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Approved.

2. Ice cave tourism preparation- discussion

Susan Keachie gave a report from a meeting that was held on Friday morning with the Bayfield County Tourism Dept., Bayfield Co. Sheriffs Dept., National Park Service and Bayfield Chamber. The Park Service is checking the ice every day. They are predicting that with all the open water, that it will be quite a while before the caves could possibly open. Mary Motiff is organizing other meetings. There is a possible government shut down on Jan. 19th. If that happens, the park would leave the gates open, but there would not be staff. The Bayfield Co. Sheriffs Dept. does have a cooperative agreement with the park. Everything is up in the air for now.

Committee Reports

Fire Department/Ambulance- The South Shore ambulance had seven runs. Two runs were to Port Wing, three to Clover, one to Orienta and one to Bell. They are getting more EMTs and EMRs. The fire department had one run for a one motor vehicle accident. They have applied for a DNR grant for forest fire protection. They were awarded the grant. They are also applying for an area wide grant called the Bayfield Co. Assoc.. It will be used to upgrade radios and pagers.

Roads-The town was awarded a LRIP grant for the paving the streets for approximately \$43,000. They are going to try and get this done before the summer season. They are applying for another Forestry Road grant for more materials for Klemick Rd.

Planning Commission-There was not a meeting, because there was not a quorum. On the agenda was a permit for the ABC Sportsman Club, but no materials were received. The commission is working on their goals and objectives and their annual report.

Marina-None

Parks and Lands/Green Shed-None

Community Center- Small special projects are being worked on.

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Notices/Library-Things are going to have to change a little in the future, because they received a notice from Better World Books that they are not going to take as many of their duplicate books or books that are left over from their sales. This is due to that fact that in their inventory, they have too many of the same books that they want to give them. They are in the process of making inquiries as to where they can take books. It was a great deal, because they would send boxes and pay for postage. They still will, but to a limited extent. The library does not want to see good books go to the recycling center. There is going to be an extra effort to transport books to get them reused. They may have to cut back on what they accept.

Recycling Center- Things are going well.

Airport-None

Cornucopia Business Association-At their next meeting tomorrow, they will be discussing ideas for the Ice Caves. There is going to be a summer music series this summer at the coffee shop.

Scenic Byways Committee-None

Bills were paid. At 8:40 p.m. M. Lazorik made a motion to adjourn the meeting and J. Olson 2nd the motion. Approved.

Respectfully submitted

MaryBeth Tillmans - Clerk