

**TOWN OF BELL
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, August 8, 2017
at 7:00 p.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, Y. Fleming, MaryBeth Tillmans and Lynda Nedden-Durst.

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

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

Old Business:

1. Siskiwit River Protection and Access – Update, discussion and possible decision
M. Lazorik talked about moving forward with this and that it was important to take off the Elm Street land. A place needs to be set aside for a parking lot and trailhead. Angie Hyde was present to speak on behalf of the adjacent land owners. The Hydes are continuing to have more problems on their adjacent property. After the vote, they tried to educate people. They met with Mary Motiff, from the Bayfield County Tourism Department and a town board member to work with them on how to properly post what was going on. The Hydes have been working with the Bayfield County Sheriff's department. They have given up on educating and are now calling the police when they have a problem. They are willing to work with the town. A. Hyde went around to the adjacent property owners to the proposed land acquisition. She had a petition with them "requesting that the Town of Bell zoning hearing be scheduled before any decisions are finalized or resolutions are passed regarding the project known as the Siskiwit River Protection and Access with the Wisconsin State Land Use Planning Standards. She had more than 51% of the adjacent land owners sign the petition. She had roughly 63%, but was not able to acquire some additional signatures, because the land owners were not in town. They would like a rezone before the acquisition. The rezone would be done to move the trailhead and parking lot in a different location away from everyone's property and driveway. M. Lazorik recommended having it in the northwest corner of the property. A trail can be put there to the river. He spoke with the DNR grantors and they did not care where it went. He spoke with Eric Lang from the Bayfield Regional Conservancy and it did not matter to them. A rezone is necessary to put in a parking lot and a trailhead. The driveway for the parking lot will come off of Highway 13. M. Lazorik made a motion to have a zoning hearing before making any more resolutions on the property and J. Olson 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Motion passed. M. Lazorik made a motion to remove the property off of Elm Street on this acquisition. Y. Fleming 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Motion passed. The owners did agree to remove the property off of Elm Street.
2. Birch Hill natural area - Discussion and possible decision
The DNR grant money was not awarded. This project will not be moving forward.
3. Commercial use of Town land- Fees and access- Discussion and possible decision
This was tabled to October.

New Business:

1. Approve Propane Bid

The following bids were received:

Midland-\$1.23

Ferrell Gas -\$.99

Como Gas - \$1.19

M. Lazorik made a motion to accept the bid from Ferrell at \$.99 and M. O'Bryon 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Motion passed

2. Date for Open Book – Aug.28th 6pm-8pm & Date for Board of Review – Aug. 29th 9am-11am

3. Resolution for DNR grant for the Siskiwit River project- discussion and possible decision

This was tabled until after the rezone..

4. Resolution for Wisconsin coastal management grant for the Siskiwit River project- discussion and possible decision

This was tabled until after the rezone.

5. Marina shop lease increase- discussion and possible decision

The last shop lease increase was passed in 2015 for a 2% increase. It was never implemented.

The lease start fresh in September. The current rate is \$795.00. Y. Fleming made a motion to establish a rate of \$805.00 starting in Sept.. J. Olson 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision.

Motion passed. Each shop owner will be sent a letter, if the leases have been sent out.

Committee/Project Reports:

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

Roads- Calcium Chloride is being applied to the roads. Work is being done on Klemick road. It will be closed until the work is completed.

Planning Commission-They have been discussing parking and traffic issues. They are looking into reducing the speed limit on Highway 13, the possibility of using a boardwalk instead of a sidewalk on the approach to a pedestrian crossing from downtown to the waterfront and "No Engine Braking" signs on Highway 13.

Marina-Everything is looking good. They are getting ready for Corny Day. The bathrooms have been painted.

Parks and Lands/Green Shed-They are working on getting out correction information about public access to the Siskiwit Falls.

Community Center-Maintenance projects are being done.

Notices/Library-They will be having a book booth at Corny Day. They had a successful sale at the Fish Fry. The final "Meet the our local Authors" will be this Sunday with Nancy Raeburn and Bruce Burnside.

Recycling Center-It has been a busy month. A load of cardboard will be hauled away.

Airport-No report

Cornucopia Business Association-There was no meeting this month.

Scenic Byways Committee-No report

Bills were paid. At 8:45 p.m. V. Lewis Hay made a motion to adjourn the meeting and J. Olson 2nd the motion. Approved.

Respectfully submitted

MaryBeth Tillmans - Clerk