

**TOWN OF BELL  
BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, February 14, 2017  
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, Yvette Fleming, MaryBeth Tillmans and Lynda Nedden-Durst.

-Board Meeting Minutes- Y. Fleming made a motion to approve the January Board minutes and J. Olson. Approved. M. O'Bryon made a motion to approve the Feb. 8th Public Hearing Minutes and Y. Fleming 2nd the motion. Approved. J. Olson made a motion to approve the Caucus minutes and Y. Fleming 2nd the motion. Approved.

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

**Old Business:**

1. Bid openings for repair of dock wall in the marina- possible selection of winning bidders

The following bids were received:

**For Materials:**

**Bid Amount**

Nelson Construction – LaPointe, WI	1a. \$72,284.96	1b. \$82,359.67
	1c. \$88,122.71	1d. \$76,421.51
	2. \$66,117.12	
(Options 1a-1d Meet Specifications-Different vendors. Option 2 –Alternate)		
Trinity Products-O'Fallon, MO	\$72,306.05	
Skyline-Timley Park, IL	\$85,614.02	
LB Foster – Oak Brook, IL	\$78,069.59	
Stack Bros. – Superior, WI	\$104,870.00	
Brennan – La Crosse, WI	\$85,809.00	
Trusty Trucking –Iron River, WI	\$82,314.47	Alternate Option-\$73,352.41

**For Construction**

**Bid Amount**

(A. Installation B. Excavation)		
Nelson Construction	A. \$96,603.00	B. \$6,500.00
Other Option	A. \$88,292.00	B. \$6,500.00
Nordic Group – Hermantown, MN	A. \$134,970.00	B. \$12,899.00
Marine Tech – Duluth, MN	A. \$114,300.00	B. \$4,700.00
Stack Bros.	A. \$171,748.00	B. \$63,100.00
Brennan	A. \$198,340.00	B. \$15,728.00
VEIT – Duluth, MN	A. \$134,325.00	B. \$31,758.00
Trusty Trucking	A. \$110,900.00	B. \$3,500.00
Terra Engineering and Construction Co. -Madison, WI	A. \$153,200.00	B. \$8,750.00

M. Lazorik made a motion to accept the bid from Nelson Construction of \$72,284.96 for the materials and V. Lewis Hay 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Approved.

M. Lazorik made a motion to accept the bid from Nelson Construction of \$96,603.00 and \$6500.00 for the construction part A and B. V. Lewis Hay 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Approved.

2. Siskiwit River Protection and Access – Update

There was no update from the Bayfield Regional Conservancy. Y. Fleming gave a review of board meeting minutes pertaining to the Siskiwit River protection and access. She read the letter dated Dec. 21, 2016 from the DNR about the tentative award and stating that the Board can adopt a resolution in support or opposing land acquisitions funded by the Stewardship program.

3. Resolution that supports or opposes the land acquisition for the Siskiwit River Protection and Access to the BRC from the DNR Knowles Nelson Stewardship Program

On Wednesday, February 8th at the Town of Bell Community Center a public hearing was held. Pamela Foster Felt, Stewardship Non Profit grant Manager from the DNR, was present to discuss what the transaction is and to answer any questions. Erika Lang from the BRC did a presentation and was also present to answer questions. At the end of the hearing, a vote was taken and letters received from electors not present were counted to help determine whether or not the board should adopt a resolution in support or opposing the land acquisition to the BRC funded by the Stewardship program of the DNR grant. There were a total of 128 votes. The result was 56 Yes (support) and 72 No (oppose).

Discussion was held. M. Lazorik made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-01 Siskiwit River Estuary Property Acquisition that **opposes** the grant to the Bayfield Regional Conservancy from DNR Knowles-Nelson stewardship program. J. Olson 2nd the motion.

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

Resolution (to oppose the grant) approved.

4. Birch Hill natural area – Update

No update

5. Commercial use of Town land- update on new ordinance

This was tabled to next month

6. Income Survey – Community Development Block Grant – Update

The committee met on January 23rd. They are working on putting together a pre annual meeting heads up letter to send to residents prior to sending out the income survey and a letter to send with the income survey. The committee will be present at the annual meeting to discuss the survey and answer questions. The survey will be sent out after the annual meeting.

7. Abandoning Town road 15- discussion

An email with a map showing where the town road is currently located, where county records show it should be and where the road easement is was sent out to all town board supervisors. This was tabled to next month.

At this point in the meeting, the remaining board members were Matt Lazorik, , Vicki Lewis-Hay, Janice Olson, Yvette Fleming, and MaryBeth Tillmans. Mike O'Bryon and Lynda Nedden-Durst were absent.

**New Business:**

1. Loan for new dump truck- discussion and action

The cost of the truck is \$135,000. The town has \$25,000 budgeted for a down payment. A loan would be necessary for \$110,000. M. Lazorik received rates and terms for a loan from Bremer Bank. M. Lazorik made a motion to have M. Tillmans and himself finalize the dump truck loan paperwork with Bremer Bank. V. Lewis Hay made a motion to have M. Lazorik and M. Tillmans finalize the dump truck paperwork. Unanimous decision. Approved. M. Lazorik made a motion to take a loan with Bremer Bank for 5 years with a 2.79% interest rate. V. Lewis Hay 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Approved.

2. Town facilities and equipment maintenance planing

M. Lazorik is putting together a schedule for future expenses for town facilities and equipment maintenance for planning purposes.

3. Appoint new representative to the Scenic Byway Council

M. Lazorik made a motion to appoint Jenna Gallagher as the Town of Bell representative to the Scenic Byway Council. Y. Fleming 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Approved.

Committee/Project Reports:

Fire Department/Ambulance- The fire department had no calls. The South Shore ambulance had two alarms.

Roads-People were asked to be patient on road conditions, until the frost is out.

Planning Commission-They have finished the sign permit criteria. This has been forwarded to the county zoning for them to include with permit requests for signs in the Town of Bell. They have also done their annual review.

Marina-A special town board meeting will be held on Friday, Feb. 10 at 9:00a.m. to approve new 2017 slip rates.

Parks and Lands/Green Shed-None

Community Center-None

Notices/Library-None

Recycling Center-Business is slow.

Airport-None

Cornucopia Business Association-There was no meeting held this month. They have a sign for the waterfront kiosk with businesses in the area.

Scenic Byways Committee-They have a new representative.

Bills were paid. At 8:45 p.m. M. Lazorik made a motion to adjourn the meeting and J. Olson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Approved.

Respectfully submitted

MaryBeth Tillmans - Clerk