

**TOWN OF BELL
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, July 11, 2017
7: 00 p.m
following the Special Town Meeting held at 6:00p.m.
at the
Community Center**

AGENDA

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.
- Special 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 M. O'Bryon 2nd the motion. Approved

Old Business:

- 1 . Siskiwit River Protection and Access – Update, discussion and possible decision
A vote was taken at the prior special town meeting, giving the town board permission to proceed with the purchase of the Siskiwit River Protection and Access Acquisition. There were no new updates. The parties of the grants and the BRC will be contacted with the result of the vote and to find out what they need from the town. Y. Fleming made a motion that the Town of Bell act on the authority given by them by the electors to go ahead with the Siskiwit River preservation project and contact NOAA, DNR and the BRC with the results of the vote. The motion was 2nd by M. O'Bryon.
Vote: (3-2) Yes-M. Lazork, M. O'Byon and Y. Fleming No-V. Lewis Hay and J. Olson. Approved.
2. Birch Hill natural area - Discussion and possible decision
No update.
3. Income Survey – Community Development Block Grant – Update
The results of the survey were submitted to the Wis. Dept. of Administration. The town does not qualify for the Community Development Block Grants.

New Business:

1. Approve Picnic License for Cornucopia Fire Dept.-Cornucopia Day
M. O'Bryon made a motion to approve a Picnic license for the Cornucopia Fire Dept. for Cornucopia Day and V. Lewis Hay 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision.
2. Marc Wanvig Class A Permit-
A permit request from Mark Wanvig and Dorothy Hoffman was received for shoreland grading to allow them to put in a driveway on Roman's Point on an unimproved lot on Romans Point. The Planning Commission recommended to recommend approval of the permit. J. Olson made a motion to recommend approval of the permit to the county and V. Lewis Hay 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Approved.

3. Request for Portable Changeable Message Sign on Highway 13- Discussion
Larry Chernoff from the Planning Commission had spoken with Daniel Bieberitz of the WI Dept. of Transportation in Eau Claire. Larry got information from Dan about the availability of Dynamic Speed display signs. The sign could be purchased by the Town of Bell and installed according to DOT guidelines. Iron River and Siren have purchased these types of signs. Daniel Bieberitz did say however that a community can request a Portable Changeable Message Sign (PCMS) for certain events with high pedestrian traffic such as Cornucopia Day. A typical message would be "Special Event Ahead – Reduce Speed" An initial request from the Town Board to the County Commissioner is required to obtain a sign at no charge.
Larry made a motion that the Planning Commission recommend that the Town Board contact Tom Tofer from the Bayfield County Roads Dept. to begin the process of procuring a PCMS sign in time for Corny Day – August 12th. Susan 2nd the motion and all were in favor.
M. O'Byon will contact Tom Tofer from the Bayfield Co. Roads Dept..
4. Commercial use of Town land- Fees and access- Discussion
The Marina Committee met and recommended that businesses who use town land to access Lake Superior and who make money from this, will be required to have an access permit. This permit will cost \$900.00 Y. Fleming to honor the recommendation of the permit request at a cost of \$900.00 a permit and M. O'Bryon 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Approved.

Committee/Project Reports:

- Fire Department/Ambulance- There was no ambulance report. The Fire Dept. had one alarm for motorcycle crash.
- Roads-The roads are in good shape. Calcium Chloride is being spread.
- Planning Commission-The Planning Commission will continue to pursue speed limit reduction on Hwy 13, a pedestrian crosswalk from the south side of Superior Avenue to the waterfront and the posting of "No engine breaking except in emergency" signs on both County Road C and Hwy 13. These signs are posted on Co. Hwy C and Hwy 13 on the entrances to Washburn. Jackie Eid will contact Tom Tofer regarding the "No Engine Breaking" signs. Frank Roman suggested contacting Lance Bruger at the Superior office of WISDOT. Susan Keachie will set up an appointment with him to discuss our concerns and see what can be done about them. Judy Kerr suggested that the Town form a Parking Committee to try to come up with some solutions for the parking problems in town. One suggestion was to continue diagonal parking south to the corner of Hwy C on Superior Ave.
- Marina-Kit Danish has sold Fancy's. It is going to be removed. Work is being done on the bathrooms.
- Parks and Lands/Green Shed- The water is being tested at the restrooms and well. Results will be posted on the website. The east beach was closed by the county because of e.coli. The county will continue to monitor the beaches and post accordingly.
- Community Center-Upgrades are being done.
- Notices/Library-The book sale was successful. The library is still looking for a new president.
- Recycling Center-It has been a very busy month.
- Airport-No report
- Cornucopia Business Association-No meeting this month.
- Scenic Byways Committee-No report.

Bills were paid. At 9:35 p.m. Y. Fleming made a motion to adjourn the meeting and J. Olson 2nd the motion. Approved.

Respectfully submitted

MaryBeth Tillmans - Clerk