

Minutes to be approved at the next board meeting

**TOWN OF BELL
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, September 12, 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 V. Lewis Hay 2nd the motion. Approved.

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

Old Business:

1. Siskiwit River Protection and Access – Update, discussion and possible decision
No update.

New Business:

1. Letter from attorney Lawrence Bechler to Bayfield County Zoning regarding rezoning all three Surowiec parcels for the Siskiwit River Protection Project
A letter was received from attorney Lawrence Bechler that was addressed to Bayfield Co. Zoning that is in regard to the rezone of the properties for the Siskiwit River Protection Project. Eleanor Chernoff stated that the letter says the properties should be rezoned or that the county should be enforcing the current zoning regulations of R-1 on those properties and with all the sheriff reports, it should be enforced.
2. Town Board Recommendation – Surowiec Property – Siskiwit River Property – Trailhead Rezone
J. Olson read the following parts of the Planning Commission minutes for the town recommendation: " There was heated discussion regarding the review of this permit application. The Town of Bell Board has requested that the Surowiec's apply for rezoning of one of the parcels included in the Siskiwit River Estuary Protection project. This property is being purchased through grants that will allow the Town of Bell to own it. Planning and Zoning has advised that the only area that needed to be rezoned would be for the placement of the trail head and parking lot. The parcel that is being considered for rezoning would accommodate access to the Siskiwit River Estuary Protection project. The Town of Bell Electorate voted to give the Town of Bell Board of Supervisors the authority to accept the parcel under the Grantors' conditions. Although other issues involving the acquisition were introduced, the Commissioners were reminded that their review was limited to whether the rezoning request was in keeping with the Goals and Objectives of the Town of Bell Comprehensive Plan. " It was voted on by the Planning Commission at their meeting and passed 3-2. After reviewing the letter from the attorney, and recognizing that just one parcel did not need to be rezoned and that they all needed to be rezoned in order to use this, she did not feel that this recommendation was complete and that they needed to go back and have the whole land rezoned, verses just one since it was all going to be access to recreational. She requested that it be tabled until the town gets a lawyer and it is figured out what to do with this. The town has not had an attorney for this project. Jack Carlson, the town's attorney, is handling this property for the land owners(Surowiecs) and has recused himself of this project for the town. J. Olson made a

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motion that this be tabled for a month, so that the town can get in contact with a lawyer, without any bias, for a recommendation. M. Lazorik 2nd the motion.

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

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

M. Lazorik made a motion to table this until the zoning is figured out and V. Lewis Hay 2nd the motion.

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

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

M. Lazorik made a motion to table this until the town has the information regarding zoning and Y. Fleming 2nd the motion.

Vote : (4-1) Yes: M. Lazorik, V. Lewis Hay, J. Olson and Y. Fleming. No: M. O'Bryon.
Motion Passed.

5. Set date for Budget meetings

The dates for the meetings were set for October 17th & 18th at 6:30 p.m.

6. Approve snowplowing rates for 2017-18

M. Hipsher provided the town board with three years of data of timed plows of snowplowing customers on an excel spreadsheet. The town has a very diverse town of snowfall. Snow varies greatly. The baseline was per minute per snowfall. The goal is to have a per minute charge for everyone. The negative amounts on the spreadsheet indicate that the customer had been undercharged. Y. Fleming made a motion to adjust the snowplowing rates as per the recommendation of the town's road supervisor and to raise the individual amounts for those he has shown as overcharged and reduce the rates for those who were over charged by a \$100.00.

M. Lazorik 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Motion approved. V. Lewis Hay made a motion to raise the rate by 5% and M. Lazorik 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Motion passed.

7. Nuisance beaver damaging roads- discussion and decision

Pat Quentance will trap the nuisance beavers. He is asking for a letter to give him authority to do it along with a ten dollar charge per beaver. M. Lazorik made a motion to give him authority to trap the beavers and Y. Fleming 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Motion approved.

M. Lazorik made a motion to pay \$10.00 for town road nuisance beavers, until the end of the year. J. Olson 2nd. Unanimous decision. Motion passed.
the motion. Approved. Unanimous decision.

8. Roberts rules for Board meetings

The town board will begin using Robert's Rules for the meeting starting next month.

Committee/Project Reports:

Fire Department/Ambulance- There was no ambulance report. The fire department had two alarms. One was to give a home owner access to the home because the stove was on and they were locked out. The other was to give access to a home.

Roads-With the help of Richard Dunn and Bill Draeger, they have been working on Klemick. They have done stump removal and placement of cross drain pipes. Grading will be done on roads. There have been problems with the overflow well at the Green Shed.

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Planning Commission-Matt Hipsher was at their meeting. They are looking at improving parking, a pedestrian boardwalk and reducing the speed on Highway 13. Speed bumps are being considered for Superior Ave. Making Cedar Ave. into a one way for the summer and the prohibiting of compression brakes is being discussed.

Marina- Approximately \$4700.00 was raised at Corny Day. One thousand five hundred was given to the South Shore Ambulance.

Parks and Lands/Green Shed-No report.

Community Center- It has been a busy season. Working on cleaning carpets.

Notices/Library-Sally Bowker artwork is on display. Better World is taking the libraries excess books.

Recycling Center-They have been busy.

Airport-Tim Kaseno has been in contact with people who flew in that belong to a club that fixes up small airports. He will try to get improvements done.

Cornucopia Business Association-They will be having television advertisements for Cornucopia before and after Applefest on KBJR

Scenic Byways Committee-They will be having quarterly reports.

Public Comment Period-Jay Frey- Looking for funding for tennis courts maintenance.

Allan Hahn- Town should get attorney for Siskiwit River Project and has concerns about the Swenson Pavillion being under water.

Jennifer Sauter Sargent-Question about getting onto the town's snow plowing list

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

Respectfully submitted

MaryBeth Tillmans - Clerk