

Town Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday August 21, 2017 7:00 pm  
Regular Board Meeting

Roll Call: Dennis Ferstenou, Lawrence Frazer, Randy Woodruff, Ruth Knapp, Laurie Hebert

Dennis            yes  
Lawrence        yes  
Randy            yes

Motion by Lawrence to approve July 17, 2017 minutes with changes, seconded by Dennis.

Dennis            yes  
Lawrence        yes  
Randy            yes

**Clerk's Report:** Election Commission looking at new electronic machines and also electronic poll books, not sure how much will be implemented in 2018.

**Treasurer's Report:**

MM:               \$355,877.53  
Tax:               \$1017.93  
MM Town Equip: \$2503.19  
MM Fire Equip.: \$61,172.56  
MM Fire Dept.: \$104,180.57

**Review/Approve Check Register:** Motion by Randy to approve check register for \$29,858.62, seconded by Dennis.

Dennis            yes  
Lawrence        yes  
Randy            yes

**Communications/Meetings Attended:** Dennis and Shawn Nyhus attended WISLR/Paser seminar on road ratings on August 10, 2017 in Eau Claire. Dennis said every two years which is this year, we are required to do road ratings. This is all submitted electronically. Dennis attended the Lake Wissota Improvement and Protection Association (LWIPA) meeting on August 9, 2017. LWIPA was started in 2011 to clean up and improved Little Lake Wissota. Leinenkugels and Chippewa County Land Conservation is involved with this. They would like to now expand to the Big Lake and are asking \$50K a year and a guarantee to fund this for five years. Lafayette has submitted \$7,500. October 1, 2017 is the deadline for submitting funds. Letters have been sent out to residents on the lake.

**Public Comment:** Jeff Bowe asked if we have borrowed the \$100k yet. Dennis said after looking at the budget and items needed to complete, both Ruth and Laurie feel we may not need to borrow. Chris Michels noted the benches look great and have had a lot of comments on them. He wanted to note that the painting and material were donated to the Michels family.

**Chairman's Report:** Clear Lake Rd paving and shouldering is completed. Received information that the roundabout on County Rd. S. and State Hwy 124 will be closed for two days September 18, and 19, 2017. Laurie will check on detour information and post on website. Island View Shores rough grade work is complete. Damage to 130<sup>th</sup> Ave. by State Hwy 124 is being done. Progressive Rail has completed their work on the rail spur on this end. They will be paying for cost of repair to 130<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**Fire Chief's Report:** Very few calls, reminder Fire Department Fundraiser this Saturday August 26, 2017.

**Planning Commission Chairman's Report:** Rick Bowe said Planning Commission met August 14, 2017 to review and make recommendations on the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Revisions requested by Nyhus Enterprises. Also worked on informational newsletter for space study needs for fire department. Newsletter will have dates of informational meetings and information will be available along with drawings at the fundraiser on Saturday August 26, 2017.

**Old Business:**

Dennis asked if OK with board will move to Item A under New Business first.

**A.** Discuss/take action on Planning Commission's recommendation on August 14, 2017 on revisions to CUP #2011-003 Revision for Nyhus Enterprises with amendments. Eric Nyhus noted that running two shifts and longer shifts are a needed, they also would like the option to rent the property. Bill Proud, next door neighbor is concerned on original CUP items not being met such as the tree barrier, with these changes in 2017 will they be met.

Town board and PC submitting the following requests to CUP #2011-003 Revision: Buffer to be planted on North side by June 1, 2018, south buffer is to be maintained. Rental or leasing will be allowed if activities are in compliance with this CUP and permitted within the Agricultural district. If there are to be changes in activities is must be first approved by the PC. No steel shot blasting after 8 pm. Back up alarms being replaced by blue lights is a safety concern by both the town and Bill Proud. Dennis said will come back to this item at a later time for now use blue lights.

Bill is OK with amendments that the PC recommends with the above changes. He noted that he wished the public had been notified sooner and does not like that they will be open until 11 pm.

Motion by Randy to recommend approval with PC amendments, seconded by Dennis. Dennis will send letter with recommended changes to Chippewa County Zoning (CCZ) prior to CCZ meeting on Thursday August 24, 2017.

Randy will attend this meeting.

Dennis	yes
Lawrence	yes
Randy	yes

**B.** Discuss/take action on proposed chip-sealing and crack-filling projects for 2017. \*See Attached, proposed amount for chip-sealing 1.6 miles \$25k and crack-filling 4.85 miles \$8,300 total of \$33,900 will post bid notice for bids to be due, opened, and awarded on September 7, 2017. Dennis has noted other roads that need either chip-sealing or crack-filling but is not in the budget for this year. Motion by Randy to approve, seconded by Lawrence.

Dennis	yes
Lawrence	yes
Randy	yes

**C.** Discuss/take action on proposed 2018 road projects. Lake Country Estates 151<sup>st</sup> St. and 152<sup>nd</sup> St. off State Hwy 178 would like to pulverized, ditch this year, let sit and then pave in 2018. Dennis said there is an issue with part of the road lies on a resident's property. We either have to move the road or buy part of her property. Randy asked if we can do an easement. Dennis said is an option but if property sells then a newly paved road is on a new residents property and they might not like that. If we move road to other side we have to deal with utilities and that property owner's town right-of-way. Laura Warrick property owner on which town road is on here tonight, she said would like to sell the piece and would like a fair price. She would not like to see her neighbor across lose part of his yard if move the road. Even though his yard is in the town right-of-way. Check original plat to see what might have happened. Dennis said we need to have it surveyed which will cost approximately \$700 and then go from there on negotiations with Laura. Motion by Dennis to check into entering into possible negotiations with Laura on land after surveying is done, seconded by Randy.

Dennis	yes
Lawrence	yes
Randy	yes

156<sup>th</sup> St. Birch Bay turn-around is needed at end of road when this road is redone. Both property owners at the end on the each side aware of concerns with where to put snow and also trucks turning around in their driveways. John Mickesh has surveyed and located the stakes and we can go further east to make turn-around. When road is done a T will made at the end for a turn-around.

**D.** Dennis said this Saturday at the fundraiser there will be displays and information on the study for the fire department space needs. October 2, 2017 will be the special electors meeting to vote on this.

**New Business:**

**A.** Cornell Fire Department Robert Bayerl here to discuss Eagle Points' (EP) future involvement with Cornell. Robert asked why Eagle Point no longer wishes to pay a portion of the check EP received for 2% fire dues to Cornell. He does not understand why. Dennis said first of all we sent you a letter explaining this and when you asked to be on the agenda I asked if this was for the 2% dues discussion and you assured me it was not.

Laurie said I will explain how this came up. When I came into office in 2013 there was a file for the 2% dues noting that 7.6% of the check that EP received for the town was paid to Cornell and also Anson. After doing this I dug into the statues and also spoke with Rick Sommerfeld who is the Fire Coordinator for our County who told me unless you have an agreement we are not required to send a portion of our dues to another department. Called the chairman in Anson and he said no there is no agreement and not aware of how this was started that EP send them a portion. We stopped sending the 7.6% portion to Anson and Cornell. The last checks were sent in 2015. Laurie noted that both Anson and Cornell receive their own 2% check each year. Robert Callahan, Secretary from Cornell called me and asked where their check was for 2017. He said it was in an agreement or by-laws, Laurie asked him to send to her since there is nothing on file in EP. He then later contacted us that he could not find any agreement.

Robert Bayerl thanked us for explaining, and asked if we could reconsider this. Dennis said will get back to them. Dennis also noted that we do pay them a per capita fee for fire service each year. Robert noted they had budgeted for the 2% dues portion from EP. Dennis asked to have agendas for their Fire Department meetings which a board member should attend, sent out earlier it comes to us on the day of or after the meeting.

**B.** Discuss/take action on request from Progressive Rail (PR) for town to pay for costs of re-paving of 132<sup>nd</sup> St. rail crossing and cost of traffic count. Dennis said Nik Shepard from PR contacted him regarding re-do crossing and paving on both sides of the tracks. They are asking the town to pay for the paving, and a traffic count study for possible future crossing signals. Randy said he thought when Darrow Rd. 95<sup>th</sup> Ave. was being looked at that they own so much of right-of-way (ROW) on both sides of the track, therefore we are not responsible for the cost of paving. Chris Michels said it depends on owned ROW first, have to do a deed search. As far as speed study both Dennis and Randy said not much traffic on this road. Dennis said County offered to do study for \$170, normally it could be over \$1k. At this time the board is not going to act on.

**C.** Schedule date for doing road ratings. Board will meet September 7, and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Laurie will post notice.

**D.** Discuss/take action on purchase of Stihl pole pruner. The town had one prior and it is gone. Dennis said it is necessary to have this for trimming trees in the ROW. Dennis has prices from Tractor Central and Shadick's of Bloomer and has went over models with Shawn Nyhus. Model HT 133 for \$669.95 will work the best. Motion by Dennis to purchase this pruner, seconded by Randy.

**E.** Discuss/take action on 2018-2020 Prochnow Assessing Contract. Laurie and the board agreed that the past years of having Prochnow Assessing have gone well. Laurie said several comments from residents that have worked with Randy on tax questions are pleased with how it is handled. Motion by Randy to sign agreement for 2018 to 2020 for assessing with Prochnow Assessing, seconded by Lawrence.

Dennis            yes  
Lawrence        yes  
Randy            yes

**F.** Discuss/take action on bartender licenses. Laurie said application received for Stephanie Hite for Four Corners. All monies have been paid and back ground check OK. Motion by Dennis to approve bartender license, seconded by Lawrence.

Dennis            yes  
Lawrence        yes  
Randy            yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm on Monday August 21, 2017