

## **Regular Town Board Meeting of December 27, 2011**

Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Chairman Charlie Spencer. Also present were Supervisor Dennis Reuss, Denny McGann, Clerk/Treasurer Sharon Moll and 7 guests.

### **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Charlie Spencer welcomed the visitors and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **RECOGNITION OF NEW CLERK/TREASURER AND VISITORS**

The Board recognized new Clerk/Treasurer Sharon Moll on her first day on the job.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION/SPENCER: SECOND/REUSS to approve the agenda as posted. MOTION CARRIED.

### **CONSENT AGENDA A: MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

MOTION/ SPENCER: SECOND/ REUSS to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting of 11/22/2011, Special Town Board Meeting Minutes of 11/29, 12/1 & 12/05/2011. MOTION CARRIED.

### **CONSENT AGENDA B: FINANCES FOR APPROVAL**

Financial statements were not available from accountant at this time.

MOTION/SPENCER: SECOND/REUSS to approve the Treasurer's Reports dated 11/30/2011. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION/SPENCER: SECOND/REUSS to approve the December Disbursements to date in the amount of \$58,613.86. MOTION CARRIED.

### **REPORTS and CORRESPONDENCE**

Charlie Spencer, Dennis Reuss and Denny McGann attended the Governor's Summit on 12/13/2011 and felt that the DNR were very sincere and receptive in regards to the burdensome process that the townships had to go through regarding permits for the treatment of invasive species. Charlie Spencer will follow-up with a personal letter to Cathy Step with the DNR to try to eliminate this tedious process.

Another very informative session that Charlie Spencer attended regarding Broadband Service in this area - what small communities in Wisconsin have done in this area to improve their business climate by the town government working to encourage more providers to come into this area and provide better quality Broadband Service.

Denny McGann thought that the sessions on Department of Tourism and Economic Development were very interesting. Denny will do a follow-up meeting with our representative for this area to try to do some things to spur increased growth in this area. We want to try to drive more business to this area. Charlie felt the Summit was a great opportunity to network with other area communities, town

Chairpersons, Supervisors, Dan Meyer and Jim Holperin. Also spoke with Steve Peterson regarding the gravel pit and working better with the DNR and how that could benefit the town if we get the grant regarding Bear Lake Road. Probably would be a good idea to spread it over two years rather than one year – it would help spread out our dollars. Another discussion was regarding the Mining Project in the counties north of our area. There was a lot of interest by a lot of people, but the majority of the people are in favor of the Mining Project. The biggest concern was the environmental impact to the area.

Letter from the Community Church of Boulder Junction was read by Charlie Spencer thanking the Town of Boulder Junction for their previous years of plowing service.

Resolution 2011-109: Failure of Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest to Comply With 2004 Forest Plan. This was presented for INFORMATIONAL PURPOSE ONLY – no action needed.

### **BIKE TRAIL UPDATE**

Charlie Spencer said they are almost complete with the Bike Trail. The State has been very generous with us - with this state funding, we can extend trail to Hwy H and to Dairyman's Road. A few small details have to be completed regarding a couple easements, but ground breaking should begin early summer of 2012. Everything is on track and after 7 years of hard work, Charlie Spencer wanted to thank the Bike Committee for all their efforts on this project.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

MOTION/SPENCER: SECOND/REUSS to approve Election Poll Workers for 2012 which are Elizabeth Clough, Patt Ellis, Rudy Fuys (Nominated by Republican Party also), RoseAnn Fuys (Nominated by Republican Party also), Leslie Gauberti, Chief Inspector, Irene Gravelle, Chief Inspector, Sue Kern, Jean Knox, Barbara Konopacki, Joyce Marquardt, Bonnie Menke, Diane Muri (Nominated by Democratic Party), Ann, Shelby, Lois Smith, Deputy Clerk/Chief Inspector, Elinore Sommerfeld (Nominated by Democratic Party also), Tom Sommerfeld (Nominated by Democratic Party also). MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION/SPENCER: SECOND/REUSS to approve the Boulder Retreat Condominium Plat & Letter from Vilas County Zoning as presented by Wilderness Surveying, Tom Boettcher. Prior approval of Plat was approved by Vilas County dated 12/27/2011.

There was discussion regarding the donation of 6' parcel of land in downtown BJ – this is only an update. The information has been forwarded along to Attorney, Jack O'Brien to make sure all is legally done and correctly transferred if the town chooses to do so. This will be discussed at the next Regular Board Meeting. No action taken at this time.

Sharon Moll, Clerk/Treasurer took her Oath of Office today and she appointed Lois Smith as her Deputy Clerk/Treasurer.

## **CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

There was open discussion by the visitors on the Mining process.

A question was asked from taxpayer P. Mabie regarding Bonding of Officials. Charlie Spencer indicated there are specific mechanisms already in place now for internal control and cash handling (ie: an accountant is in place, an annual audit is done, and the requirement of two signatures on all checks, therefore these internal controls are presently in place. Charlie Spencer will further check on this and follow-up with an answer to P. Mabie.

There was also a budget adjustment question asked by P. Mabie. Charlie Spencer indicated there were several line item adjustments made by the accountant, but that there were no monies missing. Charlie Spencer will also check on this with Lois Smith, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer and follow-up with an answer to visitor.

Dennis Reuss discussed the Cranberry Bog on Hwy H – it was his understanding that all ingress and egress would be from Hwy H. Charlie Spencer said that he gave the engineer permission to use Platinum Lane until that road was re-surfaced at a later date. There was also discussion on the “buffer” along Grahl Lane. There will be 10’-12’ trees planted in that buffer area after all construction is completed.

MOTION/SPENCER: SECOND/McGANN: to adjourn meeting at 7:57pm. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted by

Sharon Moll, Clerk/Treasurer