

TOWN OF CUTLER MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Monday June 8, 2020

CUTLER TOWN HALL N10846 2nd Ave; Camp Douglas, WI

Town Board Members in attendance: Martin Potter (Chairman), Bobbie Georgeson (Clerk), Curt Jorgensen (Supervisor). Jim Brown, Robert Fink, Ken Jessen, Cindy Zahrte, Tania Garrity, and Charles Batten were also in attendance. Martin called the Monthly meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes: Curt Jorgensen made a motion to accept the Monthly Board Meeting Minutes, Martin Potter seconded, motion carried. Martin made a motion to accept the BOR Minutes, Curt seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Terry left the May Financial Report. Curt made a motion to accept the report, Martin seconded, motion carried.

- Terry's report showed that 6 delinquent taxes are remaining.
- Received \$11,651.00 from the US Fish & Wildlife for Necedah Refuge Revenue Sharing.
- Received \$4,805.40 (2018) & \$12,018.27 (2019) from the county for Timber Sales.
- Oakdale Electric capital credit check arrived today, for \$71.37

Clerk's Report Bobbie K reported correspondence received during the month.

- EDGE voting machine had annual maintenance completed following May election. We had 81 voters, of the 20 mailed absentee ballots 16 were returned.
- County Clerk has the JC Directories prepared and ready for sale, \$3 each. Information is also available on their website.
- Clara is progressing with election material clean up (per regulations). We were able to get updated information to the county to clean-up our current poll book, for the next election. This was needed, and important to have done, especially if required to do 100% absentee ballot mailing.
- Received Recycling Grant information from Sharon Halverson. Waiting for meeting date.
- Septic has been pumped, per regulation from the county.
- 19 May 2020, Bobbie was notified that she was included in the General Code 2020 Municipal Clerks Honor Roll. Thank-you, for my nomination, and inclusion.
- Chief Scott Fisher notified Bobbie, 6 June, that the Burning Ban Is LIFTED. Website has been updated.
- Completed, and returned, Rural Insurance's Workman's Comp Annual Audit.
- Miscellaneous magazines and local newsletters received.

Communications to the Board: None at this time

Town Permit Application determinations

- Eagles Nest has requested Fireworks Permit for 4 July. Martin is providing permit.
- Curt made a motion to accept Tim Plath's driveway permit request, Martin seconded, motion carried. Bobbie completed permit, sent copy to Mr. Plath.
- Dennis Franck completed letter of occupancy for Jessica Kramer's home, as of 4 June 2020.
- Martin made a motion to accept Jessica Kramer shed building permit application, Curt seconded, motion carried. Bobbie completed and sent paperwork to Jeremy (Building Inspector) and Jessica.
- Bobbie & Martin have both spoken with Don Garcia regarding the need for a building permit for his shed. Follow up action will be made.
- Martin made a motion to accept Eagles Nest Alcohol License, Curt seconded, motion carried. Curt made a motion to accept 7 Bartender license applications, Martin seconded, motion carried. Bobbie completed and ensured licenses were delivered to Eagles Nest, following online renewal with the WI Dept of Revenue.
- W10447 26th Street (Johnson) Fire sign has been ordered-waiting for delivery so FD can install.
- Updated 2020 Building Permit Applications spreadsheet was received.

Unfinished Business

- 2nd Ave Bridge Working Group- County invoiced for materials needed to complete the repairs. County said they will be scheduling work following bridge inspections, which they are currently doing.

- TRIP program – Martin verified that town will need to publish, 2 consecutive weeks, ad for double seal coat for 23rd Street. Bid opening to occur at July regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Following this, when the work is completed, then the town will be eligible to get TRIP funding previously determined. If this doesn't happen, then NO funding will be reimbursed for the project. Bobbie will publish ad.

Highway Maintenance

- Jim Brown reported 25th Street washout has been repaired, new culvert installed. Martin mentioned that he wants to have more dirt/rock placed on the ends (road edge) due to there being too much drop off.
- Jim is still grading and patching blacktop holes. More patching materials will be needed to complete.
- Sign posts have come in, will be replacing cut off and missing posts/signs.
- Martin reported that several signs on 1st St (tiger boards, weight limit, etc) are peeling from the top down, a few inches. Wants Jim to keep an eye on, and replace as necessary.
- Sink hole on 23rd St has been repaired, again. A tree was also removed from the road.
- Martin conducted virtual road tour. He obtained estimates for road repairs for Mulloney Road, 25th from 6th to 4 corners, and 6th Ave from River Road to 25th St. Mulloney Road and 25th from 6th to 4 corners will be scheduled for this year.
- 25th Street residents are experiencing a high volume of speeding vehicles, along with destructive actions by UTV and ATV traffic. Sheriff has been called out several times. The Sheriff Dept has requested that the town post speed limit signs on the road, and has negotiated compliance with property owners to station cars on property in an attempt to deter this dangerous behavior. Due to the town already experiencing a large number of stolen signs, and damaged signs, the board is hesitant to install more signs, when the state statute lists town roads as 55 MPH, unless otherwise posted. Martin will contact the Sheriff and the District Attorney, urging them to step up efforts to control this situation, and see what is necessary from the town. Bobbie and Curt have also offered to make follow up calls if necessary. Gary Everts' phone number was given out, so he can notify ATV/UTV owners of the concern and share that the town will be considering the closing of roads (for their use) if the action continues. Follow up action will be made!

New Business – Cindy Zahrte gave Monroe County Schools update. Before Covid Pandemic concerns, the district had hired HSR to complete a building study. The study has been completed, but is now on hold while a new normal gets set up. 17 March, the district sent every student 3rd through 12th Grade home with a technological device, to ensure teaching capabilities could continue for the school year. Recently, the district appropriated additional funds to purchase more Chrome Books (technological devices) for students for K-2nd grade. Currently, the district is focusing on organizing in-person summer school. They will be going back to holding classes in each elementary school, keeping 15 students and teacher separate from other classes in the same facility. Mrs. Zahrte is retiring effective 30-June 2020. She thanked the board for the opportunity to meet and share information over the years. Dr. Charles "Mike" Hansen is taking over as Superintendent of Schools 1 July 2020. It is expected that he will continue to meet with local government to keep lines of communication open with residents, and to keep them informed of what's happening in in the district.

Payment of Vouchers Various bills were presented, reviewed by the board and approved for payment.

Public Comment Charles Batten brought up the issue of road ditch cleaning, asking what the plan is. Martin explained that the town does clean ditches if the jeopardy of the road is at risk. It is not a simple project as anything dug from the ditches, by the town, needs to be hauled away, and location of dumping can also be an issue, do not want to cause filling of wetlands, etc. Many agencies get involved when the town does the work, verses a land owner/farmer.

Next Monthly Meeting Monday, July 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Curt made a motion to adjourn, Martin seconded, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 pm
Bobbie K Georgeson, Clerk