

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING, November 18, 2015

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls was called to order by Chairman James Beistle at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, at the Town Hall. Proper notice was given as the agenda was posted in the three designated locations of the Town Hall, Super America and Lamperts on November 13, 2015. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Present by roll call were Chairman James Beistle, supervisors Frank Behning, Mike Dorsey, Sharon Kelly and Gary Koecher. Also present were town treasurer Maxine Spiess, town clerk Janet Krueger, zoning administrator James Alt, public works employee Joe Hein and legal counsel Gary Bakke. Others present were Norval Valleen arriving at 6:15 p.m. Behning/Koecher **moved** to adopt the agenda; **motion carried**. Koecher/Kelly **moved** to approve the meeting minutes as printed for October 21, 2015, and November 4, 2015; **motion carried**.

No public comment was had.

Reports were given: Ms. Spiess gave the treasurer's report. Receipts for the period ending October 31, 2015, amounted to \$25,546.35; cash balance on October 31, 2015, was \$456,148.33. Behning/Kelly **moved** to receive the treasurer's report; **motion carried**. Mr. Hein gave the highway report. Mr. Hein informed the Board that per the Polk County Highway Department municipalities will no longer have access to sand and salt at the Recycling Center located on US Highway 8 and instead will need to get the material from Polk County in Balsam Lake. The Board directed Mr. Hein to inquire on prices for salt and sand from Dresser Trap Rock. Mr. Hein informed the Board that a soft spot on the newly paved portion of Fairgrounds Road has developed. Monarch Paving has been informed and repair will not take place until spring 2016. The Board would like to review the contract with Monarch Paving for Fairgrounds Road at a later meeting. Ms. Krueger presented the clerk's report. Koecher/Behning **moved** to approve payment of vouchers 15-297 through 15-328 amounting to \$172,487.56; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0. The 2015 year-to-date budget summaries were reviewed. Mr. Alt gave the zoning administrator's report. The building inspector report was reviewed. Supervisor Dorsey asked on the status of obtaining water for the Sanitary District. Mr. Beistle gave the chairman's report. An update on the October Polk County Unit - Wisconsin Towns Association meeting was given.

New Business: Discussion was had regarding additional emergency lights on highway equipment. Consensus of the Board is no additional lights are needed. Discussion was had regarding a sander unit for the one ton. The question was raised why this item was on the agenda again since a motion was made last month authorizing the purchase. Mr. Hein will set up a time to have the sander unit installed per last month's motion. Discussion was had on whether a plow was needed for the one ton truck. Consensus of the Board was that no plow is needed for the one ton truck. Town hall hours during the upcoming Holiday Season were discussed. The Town Hall will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27, 2015, for Thanksgiving; Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25, 2015, for Christmas; and Friday, January 1, 2016, for New Years. Chairman Beistle informed the Board that the Town's Emergency Operations plan may need to be updated. Ms. Krueger will contact Polk County regarding the status of the Town's current emergency operations plan. Discussion was had on upcoming training. Behning/Dorsey **moved** to approve sending up to three highway employees to one of the Highway Safety Workshop sessions being held in December 2015; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0.

Public comment was had. Mr. Valleen asked the Board to be cautious when spending town money.

The Town Board recessed for the Public Hearing and Special Town meeting at 6:55 p.m.

The Town Board reconvened at 8:05 p.m. Koecher/Behning **moved** to adopt Resolution 15-42 certifying the 2015 tax levy to be collected in 2016 in the amount of \$381,623.00; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0.

TO BE COLLECTED IN 2016 IN THE TOWN OF ST. CROIX FALLS

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2015, pursuant to Wis.Stats. 66.0602(5) the electors of the Town of St. Croix Falls at a special Town meeting passed a Resolution to exceed the allowable 2015 tax levy by 26.2038 percent which is an increase of \$100,000.00 over the allowable 2015 town tax levy; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2015, pursuant to Wis.Stats. 60.10(1)(a) the electors of the Town of St. Croix Falls at a special Town meeting did approve a tax levy for the Town in the amount of \$381,623.00 to be collected in 2016;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls, Polk County, Wisconsin, does hereby certify the Town of St. Croix Falls 2015 tax levy to be collected in 2016 in the amount of \$381,623.00.

The 2016 highway, expenditure and revenue budgets were reviewed and line item adjustments were made. Town Board approval of the 2016 budgets will be on next month's agenda.

The Chair read the call for executive session per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1) (c) for update on meeting with employees regarding their performance reviews. Kelly/Behning **moved** to recess the open session and convene in closed session pursuant to Wis.Stats. 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of update on the performance reviews with employees; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0, and the meeting recessed at 8:23 p.m.

The Town Board reconvened in open session at 8:30 p.m. with the Board members, town treasure, town clerk and legal counsel being present.

The Chairman announced the salary adjustment for the highway maintenance employee will be effective upon the employee's anniversary date.

The next regular scheduled Town Board meeting is Wednesday, December 16, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. Behning/Koecher **moved** to change the date of the regularly scheduled January town board meeting to Wednesday, January 13, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.; **motion carried**.

There being no further business, Behning/Dorsey **moved** to adjourn; **motion carried** and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Janet Krueger, Town Clerk