

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING, May 17, 2017

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls was called to order by Chairman Frank Behning at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, at the Town Hall. Proper notice was given as the agenda was posted on the Town's website on May 12, 2017, and posted at the Town Hall on May 15, 2017. Present by roll call were Chairman Frank Behning, supervisors Katie Appel, 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. Dorsey/Koecher **moved** to adopt the agenda; **motion carried**. Koecher/Dorsey **moved** to approve the meeting minutes as printed for the April 19, 2017, town board meeting, and the April 26, 2017, special town board meeting; **motion carried**.

No public comment was had.

Committee, Commission and Employee Reports: Ms. Spiess presented the treasurer's report. Receipts for the period ending April 30, 2017, amounted to \$29,389.16; cash balance on April 30, 2017, was \$448,194.81. Ms. Spiess informed the Board one of the CD's will be maturing. The Board directed Ms. Spiess to check with local financing institutions for the best interest rates. Dorsey/Appel **moved** to authorize the Chairman and Treasurer to invest the maturing CD with the financial institution with the best interest rate for eighteen (18) months; **motion carried**. Appel/Koecher **moved** to receive the treasurer's report; **motion carried**. Mr. Hein gave the highway report. Fahrner Asphalt Sealers have completed the crack sealing and patching; when Monarch Paving completes the wedge on River Road, Scott Constructions will be able to perform the chip sealing. Mr. Hein informed the Board he has been brushing River Road and shouldering; Monarch Paving requested the Town wait a couple weeks before shouldering 160th Avenue to let the edges of the new asphalt harden; shouldering 160th Avenue should be complete next week. Mr. Hein stated the Mack truck was brought in to Polk County to replace the alternator. Ms. Krueger presented the clerk's report. Koecher/Dorsey **moved** to approve payment of vouchers 17-110 through 17-136 amounting to \$27,807.68; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0. The 2017 year-to-date budget summaries were reviewed. Ms. Krueger informed the board of an upcoming Municipal Co-op meeting scheduled for May 23, 2017, 4:00 pm to discuss the concept to collaborate for building inspection services and establish the next steps. Mr. Alt gave the zoning administrator's report. Mr. Alt stated the plan commission will be reviewing a driveway variance request and potentially three special exception hearings at their June meeting. Chairman Behning has received inquiries and complaints regarding: items in road right-of-way on Fairgrounds Road; whether a permit was issued for a building at Lampert's; current compliance information from DOT and DNR for A&C Auto; and is Anderson Recycling in compliance with their special exception. Supervisor Kelly updated the Board on information received from the WTA-Spring Workshop she attended on May 9, 2017. Chairman Behning stated the St. Croix Town/Village Cemetery has a cash balance of \$22,000.00 and \$40,000.00 in CDs (financial update on the Cemetery funds was requested at the Annual Town meeting). Mr. Behning stated he had attended the WTA-Polk County Unit Meeting and stated some items of interest were: repair/replacement of Highway 243 bridge (Osceola) needed in the next seven years; major upgrade to Highway 35 and Highway 243 intersection to be completed before the Highway 243 bridge work; repair/replacement of US Highway 8 (St. Croix Falls) bridge in fifteen years; and information regarding invasive plants and control services for the invasive plants.

New Business: Appel/Dorsey **moved** to adopt Resolution 17-23 appointing alternative members to the Board of Review; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0.

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO
THE BOARD OF REVIEW FOR THE TOWN OF ST. CROIX FALLS

WHEREAS one of the changes to Wisconsin Statute Section 70.47 authorized the removal of Board of Review members for individual cases under specific circumstances, and

WHEREAS Section 70.47 (6m)(c) authorizes the appointment of alternate members to serve on the Board of Review when standing members are removed from individual cases, and

WHEREAS a standing member of the Board of Review may voluntarily remove himself/herself due to a possible conflict of interest or unable to serve for any other reason;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board for the Town of St. Croix Falls, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute section 70.47 (6m)(c) and Section 70.46 (1), hereby appoints the following electors of the Town of St. Croix Falls as alternate Board of Review members:

Alternate 1: Maxine Spiess, and

Alternate 2: James K. Nelson

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these appointments be effective immediately and run through the third Monday of April 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls authorizes the per diem for the alternate members attending the Board of Review be set at eight dollars (\$8.00) per hour.

Koecher/Dorsey **moved** to appoint Sharon Kelly as town board vice chairman; **motion carried**. Discussion was had regarding the clean-up of the down fall left in the road right-of-way along 170th Avenue. Kelly/Dorsey **moved** for legal counsel to draft an agreement with Robert Warder to clear any down fall brush that has been cut to be hauled and piled at a spot identified by a Town official (potentially north side of 170th Avenue .76 miles from 200th Street) in order for the Town to start the planning and budgeting process of improving the .76 miles of 170th Avenue west of 200th Street; **motion carried**. Appel/Kelly **moved** to authorize the town chairman to approve the agreement written by legal counsel; **motion carried**. Discussion was had regarding potential road work needed to repair the .76 miles of 170th Avenue. Appel/Kelly **moved** to approve the Deer Lake Fireworks Display to be held on July 2, 2017; **motion carried**. Discussion was had on sending out a Town newsletter, no decision was made at this time.

No public comment was had.

Future agenda items are amendment to the Town's Temporary Vendor Ordinance and first reading; and approval of additional funds for commercial fire inspections. There being no further business, Kelly/Appel **moved** to adjourn; **motion carried** and the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Janet Krueger, Town Clerk