

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING, December 20, 2017

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls was called to order by Chairman Frank Behning at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20, 2017, at the Town Hall. Proper notice was given as the agenda was posted at the town hall and on the town's website on December 15, 2017, and the amended agenda was posted at the town hall and on the town's website on December 19, 2017. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Present by roll call were Chairman Frank Behning, supervisors Katie Appel, Sharon Kelly and Gary Koecher. Also present were town clerk Janet Krueger, zoning administrator James Alt, public works employee Steve Jacobs and legal counsel Gary Bakke. Others in attendance for portions of the meeting were Robert Warder and Steve Williams. Appel/Koecher **moved** to approve the amended agenda; **motion carried**. Koecher/Kelly **moved** to approve the minutes as printed for the November 15, 2017, regular town board meeting and the December 1, 2017, special town board meeting; **motion carried**.

Public Comment: Mr. Warder stated he needs to have 170th Avenue plowed as he is hauling logs from his property. Mr. Warder stated he is going to inquire with an adjoining property owner on the possibility of accessing his property from State Highway 87 and will notify the town if that becomes an option.

Committee, Commission and Employee Reports: The treasurer's report was reviewed. Receipts for the period ending November 30, 2017, amounted to \$14,132.85; cash balance on November 30, 2017, was \$362,227.54. Appel/Koecher **moved** to receive the treasurer's report; **motion carried**. Mr. Jacobs gave the highway report. Mr. Jacobs was instructed to use thirty percent salt on 125th Avenue before the next anticipated warm up. Discussion was had on plowing 170th Avenue and the snow mobile trail currently marked down the center of the road. Kelly/Koecher **moved** begin plowing 170th Avenue if Mr. Warder's adjoining property owner does not allow access to State Road 87; **motion carried** on a roll-call vote, 4-0. Ms. Krueger presented the clerk's report. Kelly/Appel **moved** to approve payment of vouchers 17-312 through 17-342 amounting to \$26,926.75; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 4-0. The 2017 year-to-date budget summaries were reviewed. Mr. Alt presented the zoning administrator's report. Mr. Alt informed two applicants of special exceptions did not appear before the plan commission for their hearings and the hearings were postponed to the January plan commission meeting and the third special exception applicant did not have all his information for his special exception hearing and was asked by the plan commission to reappear in the coming months. Discussion was had on the application process for special exceptions. Consensus of the town board was complete applications must be received by the zoning administrator the Thursday following the town board meeting in order to be placed on the next months plan commission agenda.

New Business: Kelly/Appel **moved** to approve Resolution 17-51 setting the 2018 caucus for January 17, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 4-0.

Resolution 17-51

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF THE 2018 TOWN CAUCUS FOR THE TOWN OF ST. CROIX FALLS.

WHEREAS, the Town of St. Croix Falls uses the caucus method of nominating candidates to be placed on the Spring 2018 Election ballot, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes requires the Town Board between December 1 and January 1 preceding this election to set the date, time, and location of the caucus and that the date set for the caucus be no sooner than January 2 and no later than January 21.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2018 caucus to nominate candidates for the 2018 Spring Election be held as follows:

Day:

Date: January 17, 2018

Time: 7:00 p.m at the Town Hall

Appel/Koecher **moved** to adopt Resolution 17-52 appointing the 2018-2019 election board; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 4-0.

Resolution 17-52

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE 2018-2019 ELECTION BOARD

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes require each municipality in the State to appoint the Election Inspectors (aka Election Board) and special voting deputies in its jurisdiction between December 1 and December 31, of each odd-numbered year for a two-year term, and

WHEREAS, terms of current election inspectors expire on December 31, 2017, and WHEREAS, Wis. Stat 7.30 (4) allows the two dominant parties to submit list of names from which appointees shall be made, and

WHEREAS, no lists were received from the two dominant parties; and

WHEREAS, the Town Chairperson is to submit a list of nominated individuals as members and alternates for approval by the Town Board;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following list of individuals be named to the 2018-2019 Election Inspectors (aka Election Board) for the Town of St. Croix Falls for the 2018 and 2019 election cycle:

Members:

Rebecca Lumsden, 1895 140th Avenue, St. Croix Falls, 54024, Unaffiliated;
Margie (Maggie) Thaemert, 1637 200th Street, Centuria, 54824, Unaffiliated;
Elaine J. Nelson, 1920 140th Avenue, St. Croix Falls, 54024, Unaffiliated;
Sharon Kelly, 1383A Bay View Drive, St. Croix Falls, WI 54024, Unaffiliated; and
Joyce McKenzie, 1474 Neils Street, St. Croix Falls, 54024, Unaffiliated;

Alternate Members:

James K. Nelson, 1920 140th Avenue, St. Croix Falls, 54024, Unaffiliated;
Joyce Turnquist, 1824 180th Avenue, Centuria, 54824, Unaffiliated;
Maxine Spiess, 1617 210th Street, St. Croix Falls, 54024, Unaffiliated;
James H. Beistle, 1605 200th Street, St. Croix Falls, 54024, Unaffiliated;
Peggy Johnson, 1758 190th Street, Centuria, 54824, Unaffiliated; and
Loren Johnson, 1758 190th Street, Centuria, 54824, Unaffiliated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Rebecca Lumsden and Maggie Thaemert be designated as Chief Election Inspectors and that James H. Beistle be designated as Alternate Chief Election Inspector; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, pursuant to Wis. Stats. 7.32, the minimum number of election officials required to work at the polling place during a town election is three (3); however, the town clerk has the right to choose the necessary number of inspectors from the approved election board, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation be established at \$10.00 per hour when performing duties as election inspectors or in training as required by Wisconsin Statutes and by the State Elections Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there be no special voting deputies appointed at this time.

The clerk presented requests for operator license. Koecher/Kelly **moved** to adopt Resolution 17-53 approving additional operator licenses for the year ending June 30, 2018: **motion carried** on unanimous roll-call vote, 4-0.

Resolution 17-53

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDITIONAL OPERATOR'S LICENSE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018

WHEREAS the individual listed below has made application to the Town Clerk requesting a operator licenses pursuant to Sections 125.32(2) and 125.68(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the year ending June 30, 2018, and

WHEREAS the application appears to be complete and the required fee has been paid;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls does approve and grant an operator's license to:

Abernathy, Kelly Anne 2049 120th Avenue, St. Croix Falls, WI 54024, 2018-57
Bauer, Alexandra Marie 28356 Lakeside Way, Lindstrom, MN 55045, 2018-58
Carter, Morgan Ashley 23042 County Road Y, Grantsburg, WI 54840, 2018-59
Christensen, Cassandra Jean 2224 140th Avenue, St. Croix Falls, WI 54024, 2018-60
Czajkowski, Steven Kyle 5330 Mulford Street, Skokie, IL 60077, 2018-61
Gondreau, Courtni Lauren 310 South Jefferson Street, St. Croix Falls, WI 54024-2018-62
Hershfield-Johnson, April J 1882 275th Avenue, Luck, WI 54853, 2018-63
Manning, Lynelle Joy 62 Bank Street, Milltown, WI 54858, 2018-64
Shilson, David M 608 River Street, Osceola, WI 54020, 2018-65

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be authorized to issue the licenses as the case may be.

A new ambulance service contract was received from St. Croix Valley Emergency Medical Services. Kelly/Appel **moved** to adopt Resolution 17-54 to approving the ambulance service contract with St. Croix Valley Emergency Medical Services, Inc.; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 4-0.

Resolution 17-54

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMBULANCE SERVICE CONTRACT WITH ST. CROIX VALLEY

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INC. (SCVEMS)

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, pursuant to Wis. Stats. 60.565 is authorized and required to provide ambulance service to the town; and

WHEREAS, an existing agreement with St. Croix Valley Emergency Medical Services, Inc. (SCVEMS) expires on December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, St. Croix Valley Emergency Medical Services, Inc. (SCVEMS) presented a contract for ambulance service for the next three years at a rate of ten dollars (\$10.00) per resident.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls, Polk County, Wisconsin, approves ambulance service with St. Croix Valley Emergency Medical Services, Inc. (SCVEMS) effective from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020, in the amount of ten dollars (\$10.00) per capita per year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the first half of the contract fee be paid by January 30 and the second half of the contract fee be paid by June 30; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Chair and Town Clerk be authorized to sign the said contract.

Discussion was had on purchasing tablets for the town board. Options on a tablet policy will be presented at next month's town board meeting. The clerk presented telephone and internet pricing from CenturyLink and Spectrum. Discussion was had. Appel/Koecher **moved** to authorize the town clerk to contact Spectrum to install cable to the town hall in amount up to three thousand, two hundred twenty (\$3,220.00) for telephone and internet services in the amount of fifty nine dollars and ninety nine cents (\$59.99) plus two phone lines at thirty nine dollars and ninety nine cents (\$39.99): **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 4-0.

There was no closing public comment.

Future Agenda Items: Consider tablet purchase and approve tablet policy.

The next scheduled town board meeting is January 17, 2018. There being no further business, Appel/Koecher **moved** to adjourn; **motion carried** and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Janet Krueger, Town Clerk