

Minutes - TOWN OF RED CEDAR

The monthly Town Board meeting was held at the Red Cedar Town Hall, E6591 627th Avenue, Menomonie, WI on Monday, May 14, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order/roll call. At 6:30 p.m., Chairman, Pete Prochnow, called the meeting to order. Present were supervisors Deb Gotlibson, Bob Cook, Don Hayden, and Doug Miller. Also present were the Clerk, Cheryl Miller, and the Treasurer, Jill Haldeman.
2. Public Comments. None.
3. Business: Broadband expansion grants and possible future projects – Jim Kusilek - 24/7 Telcom. Jim Kusilek handed out maps showing the results of the residential broadband survey conducted by Dunn County. He indicated 24/7 is working on one project now, and they were awarded grants for two others. They are backed up until 2020 and have no projects planned here until perhaps 2021. The town can always work with other providers. Right now, \$7 million in broadband grants are available, but it may go back to \$2 million per year. Three possible projects they have looked at in Red Cedar include Co. Rd. J, Hoffman Hills, and 610th Street from 12/29 south to Purple Martin where there are approximately 40 hookups. The average cost to lay fiber per location is \$4,000.00 to \$5,000.00, and it could be higher in some rural areas. If grants are received for 50%, then that would bring the per-location amount down to \$2,500.00, and 24/7 would pay \$2,000.00. There would be a shortfall of \$500.00, which the town may decide to cover and budget for. Hookup fees from the road location directly to a residence would be paid by the owner.
4. Minutes. Prior Town Board meeting (April 9, 2018) and Road Inspection meeting (April 21, 2018). Change under Patrolman's Report, CLIFF Industries, on the April 9th minutes. *Motion by Bob Cook to approve the road inspection minutes and the minutes of the prior town board meeting with the noted change; motion seconded by Don Hayden. None opposed. MC*
5. Treasurer's Report. *Motion by Bob Cook to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented; motion seconded by Deb Gotlibson. None opposed. MC*
6. Current Month's Claims. *Motion by Bob Cook to approve the monthly claims as presented; motion seconded by Doug Miller. None opposed. MC*
7. Reports:
 - (a) Patrolman. The plow switch on the International was fixed; he picked up 4 loads of cold mix and has been patching roads; he has stockpiled a couple loads of gravel; he fixed shoulders and plow damage; the sensor was bad on the International, and it has been fixed; the plow is off the International, and he will get the plow and wing off the Kenworth and the wing off the grader; weight limit signs were taken down; and he replaced the stop sign at 550th Ave. and 610th St. Bob indicated that the ditch was repaired on Rifle Range Road at the top of the hill and chevrons were ordered.
 - (b) Finance Committee. Jill handed out and went over financial information and reports.
 - (c) Ordinance Committee. Jill handed out the minutes of the last meeting and a spreadsheet showing ordinances, violations, actions, and citation fees with respect to the Clark property. As the owner may not be aware of these ordinance violations, it was recommended that a letter and the spreadsheet be sent out. The Winter Road Policy changes and Roadside Maintenance Ordinance were handed out, and these will be on the June agenda for discussion and possible action.
 - (d) Planning Commission. Cheryl informed the board that at the May 22nd meeting, Cedar Corp. will be presenting a concept map for a potential subdivision just north of Timber Ridge.

8. Additional Business:

- (a) Focus on Energy Program efficiency improvements/recommendations. Cheryl met with the program representative, and it was recommended that bids be put out for efficiency improvements. Cheryl will place an ad in the Dunn Co. News, and the bids will be acted on at the June 11th board meeting.
- (b) Review/discuss/act on 2018 road inspection findings and projects, including, but not limited to, widening of cul-de-sac on 538th Street at bottom of hill, 537th Ave. road issues, crack filling, chip sealing, flex patching, wedging, paving, 490th Ave. culvert options, cul-de-sac measurements and marker locations, and muskrat problem on Holden pond. Discussion had. Cheryl will send a notice to 538th Street residents of a Special Meeting to be held on June 11th at 6:00 p.m. to inform them of the town's plans to make improvements to the cul-de-sac, including moving mailboxes, cutting brush and trees, widening certain areas, chip sealing, and blacktopping in 2019. Cheryl will send another letter to Preston indicating that the town will not provide winter services on 537th Ave. but will provide limited summer services which may include, but are not limited to, crack filling, if needed, at the town's discretion. Shoulder repair will occur on 550th Ave. There is a rock garden in the ROW on 553rd St. in the River Ridge cul-de-sac, and it will be left for now. The 490th Ave. culvert is being taken care of. We are getting estimates for crack filling, chip sealing, and flex patching on various roads. Pete will check with the Town of Menomonie Chairman on the placement of a 45 mph speed limit sign on 410th Avenue (Ball Diamond Road).
- (c) Cul-de-sac snow removal and maintenance/ROW issues/dimensions. *This matter was postponed.*
- (d) Possible purchase of used tractor/equipment. Bob contacted Value Implement, and they have options for 2- and 4-wheel drive tractors and a new mower. Lindstrom is gathering prices. *This matter was postponed.*
- (e) Town crime prevention or detection strategy/policy. Discussion had. Jill will request information from the County on unpaid real estate taxes now or will wait until after the second installment is paid at the end of July.
- (f) Tainter Menomin Lake Improvement Association meetings. Discussion had. Cheryl will email agendas out as they come in.
- (g) Municipal Emergency Operations Plan. The Ordinance Committee will work on this. *This matter was postponed.*
- (h) Property complaints, other town issues, matters and concerns. Discussion had. Staupe may submit an application for a Board of Adjustment variance for a garage constructed on a non-conforming lot; a letter will be sent out on the Clark matter; and Bob went over 533rd Street road issues.

9. Communications:

- (a) Correspondence and announcements. Jill indicated that the 4-H will be cleaning the town hall and painting. Cheryl reminded board members that the Board of Review is on May 29th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.
- (b) Upcoming agenda items. Postponed items, bids, etc.

10. Set Next Meeting Date. The next meeting was set for Monday, June 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., or immediately following the 6:00 p.m. Special Meeting on the 538th Street cul-de-sac matter.

11. Adjourn Monthly Town Board Meeting. At 8:50 p.m., the Chairman, Pete Prochnow, adjourned the meeting without objection.

(The minutes are subject to approval at the next, regularly scheduled town board meeting)

Cheryl Miller, Clerk

May 21, 2018