Agenda:

- 1) Meeting: Called to order by Supervisor Scott Luostari at 6:30 pm, Tom running late.
- 2) <u>Roll Call</u>: Present: Supervisor Scott Luostari, Jon Winter, Mark Saari, Dick Ronn, Lila Ronn Treasurer Tracy Ruppe, Ted Helin, Dottie Bolme, Earl Granroth and Clerk Ruth Ann Schnepper.
- 3) County Supervisor: Kay spoke: Forestry meeting it was determined that the counties would give \$5,000 towards maintaining the corridor. Lucious Woods Park is using goats to remove the vegetation. The extension office has multiple new people, which created problems with the 4-H at the fair. Waste Management should be supplying us with smaller dumpsters and recycling bins, they are also going to change their service to every other week. WM is also discussing going to a bag/box charge for recycling, some towns have been doing this for years without issues. The highway department has a truck on order, the factory is not making them fast enough so they have no idea when they will arrive. No new road projects scheduled up north here for years. Washburn and Bayfield are doing a test run on regrinding to see if that would be a cost effective, useable option. Salt and sand is now available for the towns. The Courthouse and Government Center are having multiple costly maintenance issues, which are adding to an already tight budget. Kay was questioned about the County taking back tax delinquent property, after a certain time they can take those properties back and try to re sell them. She was also asked about the wheel tax which is still being considered, the .5% tax increase to help with the roads is having a difficult time getting passed.
- 4) Town board reports: none
- 5) Approval of minutes: Jon motioned to have the 8/11 town meeting minutes approved as presented, Scott seconded, carried 6:48 pm.
- 6) <u>Treasurer report:</u> Tracy did not have the report as the bank statement had not been made available yet.
- 7) <u>Confirmation of August revenues and expenses</u>: Scott made a motion to approve the August checks 20561–20593 + 2 EFT's, Jon seconded, carried at 6:50 pm.
- 8) <u>Current bills for payment</u>. Checks 20594-20612 presented for payment approval. Scott motioned to accept, Jon seconded motion to pay the bills carried at 6:52 pm.
- 9) Correspondence
 - a) Letter from Dave Ponsloff on SVL
 - a. Right of way acquisition-need by end of October
 - b) Dinsmore- Fiber Optic from Saari Road to Peterson Road
 - c) Douglas County Humane Society newsletter.

Department and Committee Reports

- 10) <u>Fire department</u>: Presented by Tracy, washer and dryer here, the washer is temporarily hooked up, they would like to keep them in the FD hall not upstairs like originally discussed. Still need proper setup to include plumbing and electrical. Tracy was asked whether the FD has considered merging with another FD, the Mutual Aid system seems to be working well and, most FD's are trying to avoid merging. The FD is **always** looking for members.
- 11) <u>Town Employees/Roads</u>: Mark-Just got the boom brusher fixed and now the hydraulics went on the grader. They fixed Camp Amnicon Road, Enbridge is working in that area again. Lots of roads in need of repair. Collection site issues are ongoing. Multiple dumps of garbage outside of dump hours, the locks seem to have helped some, but a sign also needs to be posted, this

way the next step is to turn offenders into the DNR. Something needs to be placed at the end of the driveway so people stop driving over the culvert.

- 12) Correspondence: Tom arrived so we went back
 - a) WTA dues increasing to \$562.00
 - b) The smaller containers for recycling might not work for the Town, may not really be cost effective
 - c) Chris Fiore- wants to open a Gun-smith business, the Town has no problem with this, at this time
 - d) NW Regional planning transportation projects
 - e) SVL Draft Plans- final plans and costs (were made available as most of the affected residents were at the meeting)
 - f) WI DOT- approved the contract for the historic bridge removal
 - g) Whisller-road ratings reminder
- 13) Building Permits and Zoning issues: Pool- Tom is still working on the driveway issues

Old Business

- <u>a)</u> Snow plow letters: Tom was working on getting labels, letters should be in the mail this week.
- <u>b)</u> <u>Doumenson:</u> West fork Camp Amnicon Road, he wants to purchase the 3 lots that the Town owns, we sold him some lots in the same area before. The adjacent property owners need to be contacted and the Town needs to determine a fair price. The land is mostly wetlands, he is trying to compress all the lots to form 1 parcel.
- c) <u>Propane and fuel proposals:</u> Proposals were opened from the 4 companies that submitted bids, all were relatively close in price. Jon motioned to accept the lowest propane bill which was from Superior fuel at \$.88/gallon, as well as the lowest fuel bid which was from Midland Services at \$.25 over Superior rack price, with no other additional fees. Scott seconded, carried 7:56pm.

During the propane discussion a resident asked permission to speak. This resident was extremely upset over the care of their spouse's cemetery plot. The headstone had been placed incorrectly, the grass was not mowed and the resident felt she was not getting any resolution. Tom advised he would take care of the issue and to call him if there were any future issues, He did advise the headstone may need to be moved by the funeral home.

Public comment:

Public may comment on agenda items or items that may be added for future town board meeting. The comment for each speaker will be limited to (2) minutes or longer at board discretion. Personal attacks are unacceptable and will be handled appropriately.

None

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New business

14) <u>Granquist Property:</u> The property is up for foreclosure, concerns were expressed about the condition of the property. Residents are worried that is a health hazard as well as an eyesore and are wondering what if anything can be done in relation to possible new ownership. The board will contact the county to see if/how the issues can be addressed. There also appears to be some illegal dumping going on to which the Town will also look into.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Scott, seconded by Jon, meeting adjourned 8:10 pm. Next meeting to be held Tuesday October 13, 2015 6:30 pm. Board to report at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Ruth Ann D Schnepper, Clerk 10/2/15 Posted Date and time:

Location, Town Hall, Collection Site, Garage

These minutes are posted as unapproved