

**Agenda:**

1. Meeting: Called to order by Chairman Jon Winter at 6:30 pm.
2. Roll Call: Present: Mark Saari, Miina Helske, Ted Helin, Brian Stockinger, Nova Nordrum arrived late, Supervisor Mary Peterson, Supervisor Scott Luostari, Chairman Jon Winter, Treasurer Tracy Ruppe, and Clerk Ruth Ann Schnepfer.
3. Eagle Waste: Jon made a motion to move up the waste vendors in the agenda, Mary seconded, carried 6:31pm. They are looking to grow in our area; they already do runs 2 days a week in our area and currently handle the curbside service in the town of Poplar. They do also offer roll-offs, cost would be based off of tonnage dumped. They also have other options that the town might possibly be interested in. They prefer to bill the Town directly rather than each individual, but would be willing to consider other options. It was mentioned that garbage trucks contribute to the rough roads in the spring and fall, most communities bring in roll-offs these times of year.
4. County Supervisor: Scott-He has a County manual regarding snow and ice removal (schedules, routes, etc.); anyone can contact him if they want to review it. They are currently working on ditching, patching and brushing. Zoning meets 9am tomorrow, 17<sup>th</sup> Forestry, 20<sup>th</sup> County Board, no land development until the new year. 11/15 the board had a presentation regarding CWD. County board passed a moratorium on deer farms; Scott is on the committee to study the deer population. Scott also talked to the sheriff regarding the lack of information question from last month. The State is only required to publish information on the release of level 3 sex offenders, the State feels they will re-offend. Next month Scott needs to go to Brule first so he will be arriving late.
5. Town board reports: Mary wanted to know if fiber optics is being run along 13, this is correct.
6. Approval of minutes: Approval of November 13 regular board meeting minutes, the levy meeting minutes were not presented and to be added to next month. Scott motioned to approved, Mary seconded, carried 6:53 pm.
7. Treasurer report: Tracy presented. Mary motioned to accept the treasurer report, Scott seconded, carried 6:54pm.
8. Confirmation of November revenues and expenses: Mary made a motion to approve the November checks 22010 – 22058 + EFT's, Scott seconded, motion carried 6:55pm.
9. Current bills for payment. Checks 22059-22083 presented for payment approval. Mary motioned to accept, Scott seconded, motion carried 6:56 pm.
10. Correspondence
  - a) Christmas card form Ayers and associates.

**Department and Committee Reports**

11. Fire department: Tracy-1 medical call, Nova out of town. GFI still needs to be fixed; there is a call out for service. Question was raised as to the amount of money raised from the sale of the old fire surplus, \$516.24 was the amount. Question was raised as to where fire chief has been, as although Tracy has been presenting the information, should be presented by chief.
12. Town Employees/Roads: Mark-20 road signs need to be replaced, cost is \$50 per sign and 14.25 for holders, total \$64.25 each, as we still have posts. The beavers are being trapped on Potter road. Sappi is logging on Camp & Middle Rivers roads, so we need to watch for damage. A request was made to do a little maintenance on Anderson road (already included for revenue from state) as a new house is intended to be built on that road. We also may need to do more upkeep on Kaarvala road now that it is becoming more populated. Mason is done working on 12/20, he may only be gone a little over a month, will need to revisit his town employment at that time. Collin was hired to help plow driveways and intersections.
- 10a: Nova arrived so we went back to FD. Still working on organizing the hall. They have one new member and 3 to start training, but we lost 2. Advised everyone this is the time of year to keep chimneys clean, and Smoke & carbon detectors are only good for 8-10 years. They are still working on getting pagers and radios up to date. The last Association was held at the hall, there was a small turnout. Working on converting the Enbridge truck to a brush truck, at that point the old bush truck will be passed to another fire department. This current truck is

just being leased from Enbridge. Question was raised as to whether the FD goes around and looks at the driveways in the town for access. The driveway ordinance is set up to include FD vehicles having access, if they cannot get through they will not go. We have a few driveways that we also do not plow anymore due to access issues with the equipment. Dealing with private properties provides limited options other than not go there.

13. Building permits and zoning issues:  
a) None

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

**Old Business**

14. SVL: Jon to set up a meeting with the WI DOT maybe at the courthouse. Jon will try to set it up at 4pm so the rest of the board members can attend. Question was raised as to whether there are any minutes from the SVL committees, as they should have had to present them to the board. It is going to come down to the signed documents. Question was raised as to whether the contracts were/are looked at by a lawyer; the town does not have a contracted lawyer. The 80% match from the State is where the issue lies, if they are funding the final amount or the original amount. Things were changed along the way that caused the final expense to be more; also the bridge was completed 3 years later than original date set.
15. Middle River Properties: none
16. Handicapped door repair: Sell hardware presented a bid, but it was not presented at the meeting. To be presented at the January meeting.
17. Town Employees: Jon said we had incorrect info on the dump employee and when he was leaving work, advised through digging he found out the cameras time was off, not sure why or how that happened. The Board's decision to let him go was based on other factors as well. The board decided to stay with the current employee; they may reconsider the issue in the spring when the dump is open more hours. Marcie is doing a good job and is not afraid to tell people what they can and cannot dump at the site. There is a trailer parked on one of the properties next to the town that is in the Town's "right of way" and needs to be moved, especially since it is snowplow season.
18. Cemetery: to be looked into after bridge issues are settled.

**New business**

19. Question was raised as to why/when there became different fees for the collection site based on age. All residents should pay the same fee for the same services. What was the town going to do for those who had been paying the higher fee when they qualify for the senior rate? Cannot be discussed as it was not on the agenda, to be placed on the agenda for next month.

Motion to adjourn made by Scott, seconded by Mary, meeting adjourned 7:36 pm.

Next regular meeting January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Respectfully submitted by:

Location: Town Hall, Collection Site, online  
These minutes are posted as **unapproved**

Ruth Ann Schnepfer, Clerk  
12/30/2018