

**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, Winnie Peterson, Andrew Nelson, Jacklyn Nelson, Supervisor Mary Peterson, Supervisor Scott Luostari(went to Brule first), Chairman Jon Winter, Treasurer Tracy Ruppe, and Clerk Ruth Ann Schnepfer.
3. County Supervisor: will revisit when Scott arrives.
4. Town board reports: SVL update to be discussed later.
5. Approval of minutes: Corrections to FD minutes from last month, Old brush truck is actually on loan from the DNR and they purchased the new brush truck from Enbridge for \$1. Jon motioned to approve with corrections, Mary seconded, carried 6:32 pm.
6. Treasurer report: Tracy presented. Jon motioned to accept the treasurer report, Mary seconded, carried 6:33pm.
7. Confirmation of December revenues and expenses: Jon made a motion to approve the December checks 22059 – 22101 + EFT's, Mary seconded, motion carried 6:35pm.
8. Current bills for payment. Checks 22102-22123 presented for payment approval, as well as any outstanding bills coming in. Jon motioned to accept, Mary seconded, motion carried 6:36 pm.
9. Correspondence
  - a) Joint Powers agreement-annual agreement for 911 system, just needs to be signed.
  - b) Bridge report-Both Halkett & SVL bridge rated at 100% efficiency.

**Department and Committee Reports**

10. Fire department: Nova-28 calls last year-2 med already. The volunteers put in 61 hours in December. Still updating radios and pagers, as well as getting gear updated. New legislation-officers appointed after 2018 will need extra training to hold those positions. It adds 200 hours of training as well as a test. Local department will now be in a bigger bind than they already are. As a municipality we are only required to provide fire protection, all departments are struggling. The Fire Association is lobbying for local departments but not making much progress.
11. Town Employees/Roads: Mark-had a burial today. Out salting and sanding roads, a lot of people are plowing their snow across Town roads. Collin on vacation starting Thursday and running through the first part of next week. There are also a lot of driveways with branches overhanging the driveways, creating problems with snow plowing.
12. 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.

Overcharges for collection site- not all people over 65 are paying that rate, Tracy to research. Jon is going to look into the legality of how/how many years refundable. Collection site to be added to annual meeting so that the public can decide if they want to continue with the senior discount or charge all residents the same.

The Nelsons-they purchased some land in Lakeside and were looking for information on building in the town. Jon to handle.

Question was asked on qualifications for the FD, what guidelines are and how fast they can respond. The FD rating test has not been done since before Nova took over. The need for a properly maintained FD would be 25 people, which is why we have mutual aid. It is a lengthy process to get the FD rated again, if they do not meet the rating standards, could cost the residents more money. The FD has water points all over the township and use the closest ones weather permitting. In the winter if they have a fire on the north side they send the tanker to Parkland to fill, if there is one on the other side of town could be Maple. Tanker is full now. There is a small holding tank here.

3. Scott arrived-Dec 20<sup>th</sup> County Board next one on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Scott is on the committee to study CWD and deer farm issues in Douglas County. The board approved some new ATV routes, most of them are farther away but 3 that may be of interest are Hwy F to Deggerman road, Greenwood Cemetery to Highway C and Nemadji to Darrow road. In March he will receive the project list for scheduled projects north of Highway2. Missed transportation meeting. The \$600,000 from the sales tax will help with the costs for Health & Human Services. No committee to meet until March due to Superior days. Scott can be found on the Douglas County website if needed. Land conservation on the agenda for the next county meeting=looking to bring more land records up to date.

### Old Business

13. SVL: Jon and Tracy met with DOT at the courthouse. They gave a lot of reasons why the bridge funding is different. They also advised not to pay any more bills until they have finished researching. They did take back some of the paperwork Jon presented to them. He will also visit them during Superior Days.
14. Middle River Properties: nothing new, may have to make the public aware if they request a change in land use. Picnic table/benches would be for resting or lunching spots for hikers etc.
15. Handicapped door repair: Sell hardware estimate is \$1269.30 for materials only, Mark could install everything. The frame itself is still in good shape. Mary made a motion to fix the handicapped doors, Scott seconded, carried 7:08 pm.
16. Cemetery: to be added to the annual meeting along with Collection and Snowplowing.
17. Town Employees: We need to start looking and how/what the board wants to do for a part time employee. Will be hard to fill without benefits, possibly temporary help? Mark will need someone by spring. Jon requested this be tabled until the new board takes over, as they can decide. FD outlet scheduled to be fixed tomorrow.
18. Collection Issues: To be discussed at annual meeting.
19. Old business: None

### New business

20. Bellaire Estates-The town has been presented with legal paperwork from the landowners involved, requesting the Town create road to access their property. Their property adjoins property owned by the Camp Amnicon Foundation. The Town handed the paperwork to their lawyer's office for review. All discussion regarding this subject needs to be communicated at the public hearing. The board set the hearing date for January 21<sup>st</sup> 6pm at the Town Hall. Notice to be posted at regular posting places and run in the Superior Telegram.

The next meeting date February 12<sup>th</sup> conflicts with Superior days, Jon and possibly Scott to be there, so no quorum for a meeting. Meeting moved to **Feb 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**.

Motion to adjourn made by Scott, seconded by Mary, meeting adjourned 7:25 pm.

Next regular meeting **February 19th, 2019**.

Respectfully submitted by:

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

Ruth Ann Schnepfer, Clerk  
1/30/2019