

Town of Presque Isle
Regular Town Board Meeting
January 5, 2023

Chairman John MacLean called the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Presque Isle to order at 6:00pm. Supervisors Cathy Logan Weber and Carl Wolter attended. Tonight's agenda and minutes of the December 15 meeting were approved by two separate motions.

Old Business:

1. **South Crab Lake Road Project Update:** There was discussion of the recent events and correspondence related to South Crab Lake Road. The supervisors would have preferred to be furnished with a copy of the November 29 letter that discussed the lack of a permit application to do the work. A permit application will be submitted in late February to facilitate the work to be done. Mr. MacLean will keep the board up to date moving forward.
2. **Cross Section Drawings of Road Profile:** Mr. MacLean mentioned the drawing of the cross section of South Crab Lake Rd.
3. **[DNR Correspondence dtd 11/29/22](#):** Ms. Weber asked Mr. MacLean for confirmation that all violations mentioned in the November 29, 2022 letter will be taken care of. Mr. MacLean is confident that no fines will be incurred.
4. **Recommendation from Pipke Park Dam Restoration Committee: Letter to DNR RE: Pipke Park Dam Reconstruction and Pursuit of Grant Funding:** Mr. Drum is reviewing the needed documentation. A motion to reaffirm the Town Board decision of March 3, 2022 to reconstruct the failing Pipke Park pond water flow control structures to restore the original pond operating conditions, and to seek financial aid from the State of Wisconsin's "Municipal Dam Grant Program" was made by Ms. Weber seconded by Mr. Wolter MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
5. **Well Abandonment update- Presque Isle Wilderness Park:** Mr. MacLean has signed the agreement for cooperative funding through Vilas County.
6. **Xcel Transmission Line Routing:** Kristen Camorlinga was present by Zoom to express her concern about the proposed substation to be located 1/3 of a mile from her home. She hopes the board will pursue other locations for this equipment. Ms. Weber would like to have more accurate information about the exact location of the proposed substation. On January 26 at 5:00 in the Winchester Town Hall there will be an informational gathering about this issue. Ms. Weber is concerned about losing the street lights on Main Street.
7. **Rosalind Road Light:** The street light in this location has been damaged by ice. For decades there have been occasional efforts to determine who owns the light with little success.
8. **Zoning Violation:** Mr. Wolter reported that the property in question is not fit for habitation, The court case has been delayed, perhaps until February. Mr. Wolter called the Vilas County Health Department when he observed smoke coming out of the chimney and a truck parked outside. A Vilas County deputy was dispatched, arriving while the chimney was still smoking. Constable Eesley has been asked to monitor the house for any further activity. Mr. MacLean was advised by Mr. Wolter to stay away from the property.
9. **Broadband Update:** Dave Bogan reported that Spectrum and WPS completed their master contract in late November. This begins the 24 month period during which the project must be completed. A Memorandum of Understanding will be issued to the town this week that will explain the agreement between Spectrum and the Town. Any project work would not begin any earlier than March. The new website, pibroadband.com, is up and running. A total of 106 people have provided emails to stay informed about the progress.
10. **Board Reports on Previous Agenda Items:** none

New Business:

1. **Maintain the Quality of Our Lakes, PI Boat Wash, Zero Tolerance of Transfer of Invasive Species to Presque Isle Waters:** Mr. MacLean commented on the threat of invasive species and the problem caused by moving boats from lake to lake. The Natural Resources Board recently has taken a position of encouraging the DNR to support municipalities in the creation of local ordinances to control the use of ballast chambers which cannot be emptied. Mr. MacLean would like to see a balanced approach. He is hopeful that at the

January 10 meeting of the Town Lakes Committee this issue will be discussed. [Comments] Mr. Wolter, who feels strongly about the issues, stated his opinion that the DNR should be the enforcement agency. Discussion followed.

2. **DNR Changes Position and Now Endorses Local Ordinances to Manage Responsible Wake Boating and Wake Surfing- Distance from Shore, Depth of Water, Antiseptic Ballast Chambers:** Ms. Weber is in favor of the ordinance. A long period of public comments took place. Ms. Walters will post the proposed ordinance on the website. A motion to send proposed Subchapter [507](#) to the Ordinance Committee, specifically considering John’s bullet points, was made by Ms. Weber seconded by Mr. Wolter, who then amended the motion, adding the language “and consulting the town attorney before final adoption”. This amendment was seconded by Mr. MacLean, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0. The amended motion read, “send proposed [507](#) to the Ordinance Committee, specifically considering John’s bullet points and consulting the town attorney before final adoption”. MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0. Constable Eesley requested that he be included in the Ordinance Committee meeting.
3. **Vilas County Outdoor Recreation Plan - Presque Isle Questionnaire Approval:** Rich Schmalzer summarized what’s in the questionnaire, just updating information and making sure it’s accurate. This is essential for grant money. A motion approving the questionnaire was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
4. **[Resolution 2023-1](#) International Migratory Bird Days Resolution:** A motion approving the resolution was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
5. **Proposed Land Sale:** no report
6. **Amend 2023 Budget - Revised DOT Transportation Aids:** Ms Walters received notification from the Wisconsin DOT that Presque Isle’s highway aids for 2023 were increased by \$3212.77 after the budget was adopted in early December. A motion to amend the 2023 budget by increasing line items 43531 Highway Aids by \$3212.77, 55111 Library by \$972, and 57331 Highway Construction by \$2240.77 was made by Ms. Weber seconded by Mr. Wolter, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
7. **Approve/Sign 2023 Employee Work Rules and Pay and Benefits:** The board approved the 2023 work agreement with no changes from the previous year with their signatures on the document.
8. **US Department of Transportation - RAISE Grant Program:** no discussion
9. **Board Correspondence and/or Future Agenda Items:** Ordinance 507. Regarding the Meals on Wheels program, Ms. Weber is interested in having Vilas County Health Department evaluate our kitchen facilities for either catering or cooking meals. Most of the providers of Meals on Wheels are restaurants, who already know what they’re doing and have the right equipment. She suggested talking about the possibility with local restaurants to consider options. We have to be certified “health safe”. Troy Schalinske will come and see the parking situation on Main Street when the snow is gone. Mr. Wolter commended Al Eschenbauch for his recent heroic service as an EMT.
10. **Miscellaneous Public Comments:** none
11. Vouchers #34574-34637 with voids #34577 were approved for payment and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm

Town Board Action: Approved, 3-0

Approved: February 2, 2023

Amended: _____