

Town of Presque Isle
Regular Town Board Meeting
March 2, 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 February 2 meeting were approved by two separate motions.

Old Business:

1. **Cell Tower Update:** Mr. MacLean has negotiated with Concordia who agreed to a price of \$800/month for cell phone tower rental. He shared a document with the board members containing information about the proposed cell tower locations. This is proprietary information, not available to the public at this time. Just one tower does not provide total coverage for Presque Isle. Mr. MacLean explained the possible locations for cell phone tower locations. Discussion followed The next step is to communicate this information to Concordia. Mr. Wolter suggested asking the Zoning Committee to review the proposed sites.
2. **Sign Ordinance:**
 - a. Mr. MacLean expressed frustration at the possibility that political signs have been removed by unknown people. It's possible that a snowplow might have caused signs to be covered with snow, but his parting comment was "don't do it".
 - b. On the topic of signs, our current ordinance doesn't allow nailing signs to trees. He would like the Ordinance Committee to review the ordinance to allow attaching signs to trees. Ms. Weber opined that the Recycling Ordinance is seriously outdated and should be addressed first.
 - c. He favors allowing the display of political signs all the time. Mr. Eesley agreed with amending the ordinance to allow the signs in question to be erected on private property and favors making the ordinance more clear. Rich Schmalzer referenced 905.1 as the section that needs to be revisited. Mr. Berdan would like to see a more efficient process for providing good information to the Zoning and/or Ordinance Committees.
3. **Approval of Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2023-27:** Ms. Weber suggested changing the wording about the parking space at the veterans memorial . A motion to approve the Presque Isle Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan for 2023-27 with minor changes was made by Ms Weber, seconded by Mr Wolter; MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
4. **Board Reports on Previous Agenda Items:**
 - a. Ms. Weber had questions about the minutes of the Town Lakes Committee. She asked Mr. Wolter about the dumpster, which was not actually ordered. There will now be a delivery charge for that. Kiosk signage will be refreshed. Mr. MacLean is in favor of boat wash stations, but the issue is complicated. Mr. Eesley has suggested a filtering system that might help with the problem. The Gorrillas are researching how this is done in Colorado. The disposal of contaminated water is another concern. There is considerable expense involved in any of these solutions. Mr. Wolter sees this as a function of the Town Lakes Committee. Discussion about lake levels at the Lakes Committee meeting was also discussed.
 - b. Ms. Weber told the board that the front entryway is being refurbished. Texture on the walls, painting, and a new drinking fountain with a water-bottle filler are all part of the plan.

New Business:

1. **Roadwork Bids:** A motion to advertise for bids for road work was made by Mr Wolter, seconded by Ms Weber, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
2. **Presque Isle Days - Vendor Approval - Craft Creek Brewery:** The clerk informed the board of the application of Craft Creek Brewery for Presque Isle Days. No action was needed.
3. **Vilas County Deer and Beaver Removal Programs:** Mr. MacLean discussed the issue of beaver dams and the problems they can cause. A motion to authorize our participation in these programs for 2023 was made by Mr Wolter, seconded by Ms Weber MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
4. **Approval of Pier and Pontoon Band Shell funded by Lions Club:** Brian Luetzow informed the board that with the new plan for a pontoon boat band shell no alteration of Pipke Park is necessary. The

Lions will fund the purchase of the pontoon boat. The previously budgeted portion of the \$10,000 designated for parks improvements will be used for the construction of the pier. They will retain ownership of the pontoon boat and share it with the American Legion. Ms Weber suggested a written agreement specifying the parameters might be a good idea. Alternatively, these minutes could provide that information. Mr. Wolter is concerned about electricity at the pier site. Mr. Luetzow said that there is code for electrical service at the water. The Town would insure the pier; the Lions would carry the insurance on the boat.

5. Approval of Library Banking Resolution: A motion authorizing the banking resolution was made by Mr Wolter, seconded by Ms. Weber, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.

6. Designation of Surplus Funds: This will be put on the next agenda. The Accommodation Tax Committee should have been consulted on this issue. A motion to present this issue to the Accommodations Tax Committee was made by Mr. Wolter, seconded by Ms. Weber, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0. Barb Peck will schedule a meeting to address the issue.

7. Health Insurance Renewal: A motion to approve the continuation of the current health insurance with Security Health Plan was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. MacLean; MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.

8. Board Correspondence and Future Agenda Items:

a. Ms. Weber has been in contact with Minal Hahm to arrange a meeting. The meeting has been set for March 21 at 1:00PM, conducted using MS Teams.

b. Ms. Weber is in contact with Rosie Page of Wisconsin Headwaters Invasive Partnership to possibly work with her with regard to terrestrial invasive species. Grant funding is available for this work that would happen on private property, not public lands.

c. Mr. MacLean commented that the salt inspection will happen soon.

d. Mr. Wolter would like to explore the possibility of granting authority for town board members to talk to the Town Attorney.

9. Miscellaneous Public Comments: Chris Wolter mentioned the candidate forum sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, scheduled for March 7 from 5:00-7:00 PM. General questions applicable to all candidates should be submitted by March 5.

Vouchers #34735-34813 with void #34754 were approved for payment and the meeting was adjourned at 7:42PM.

Town Board Action: Approved, 2-0

Approved: April 6, 2023

Amended: _____