

Town of Presque Isle
Regular Town Board Meeting
January 6, 2021

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 also attended. Mr. Wolter and Ms. Weber offered opinions on the issue of public comments. The agenda for tonight's meeting and minutes of the December 2 and 17, 2021 meetings were approved by three separate motions.

Old Business:

1. **Appointment of Zoning Committee and Planning Commission Member:** Mr. MacLean appointed Marshall Reckard to fill the vacancy on the Zoning Committee and Planning Commission. This appointment was approved by motion from Mr. Wolter, second by Ms. Weber, motion carried, 3-0.
2. **Park Rules and Regulations:** Ms. Weber tied together items 2 & 3, stating that she approached the Parks and Recreation Committee about updating and synchronizing them. These two documents reflect their work. She summarized some of the main amendments. Ms. Weber made a motion to approve the Parks Rules and Regulations and Ordinance 402 - Town Parks. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolter, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0. Ms. Weber stated that Mr. Benn consulted with the Chairman of the Ordinance Committee. Because he serves on both, it was not necessary to forward this to them for their recommendations.
3. **Ordinance 402 - Town Parks:** See item 2.
4. **Board Reports on Previous Agenda Items:** Mr. MacLean was excited to report that after signing up 6 months ago, he has received his Starlink Rev 2 equipment, noting some impressive download and upload speeds, depending on access to clear sky. Ms. Weber is concerned that income disparities may prevent everyone from having this technology.
5. **Miscellaneous Public Comments:** Mr. MacLean asked for public comments.

New Business:

1. **Appointment of Committee Members:** Mr. MacLean appointed Keith Staonsz, Vicki Gillet, and Christine Wallace to the Library Board of Trustees. A motion approving the appointment was made by Ms. Weber, second from Mr. Wolter, motion carried, 3-0. Since there have been several new letters of interest, a special meeting to appoint Fire Department officers and conduct interviews will be held Monday afternoon at 3:00. **Amend 2022 Budget:** Ms. Walters requested that the Board amend the budget approved at the December 2 meeting because she stated an incorrect bottom line. Ms. Weber made a motion to amend the 2022 budget in the amount of \$1,988,183. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolter and adopted, 3-0.
2. **Resolution 2022-1 - Bird City:** A motion adopting the resolution was made by Mr. Wolter, seconded by Ms. Weber, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
3. **EMS Survey RE: Consolidation of Services:** Ms. Weber mentioned a survey that was sent to Manitowish Waters taxpayers. Mr. MacLean met with the four chairmen at which this issue was discussed. Mr. MacLean praised the Fire Department for their recent work at the fire on Main Street. There are structural problems with joining with a fire company. Geography and levels of service may pose additional problems. There could be significant cost savings with consolidating the departments.
4. **Catherine Wolter Wilderness Area Annual Memo of Understanding:** A motion approving the Memo of Understanding was made by Mr. Wolter, seconded by Ms. Weber; MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
5. **Temporary Licenses - SnoBunnies:** A motion approving two picnic licenses was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter; MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
6. **Board Reports:** Mr. Wolter reported for the Fire Department, praising the response time MABAS. Manitowish Waters, Winchester, Boulder Junction, and Marenisco. He currently does not favor shared fire departments because it would reduce response time.
7. **Board Correspondence and/or Future Agenda Items:** Mr. MacLean has received an email regarding a light at Rosalind Rd. He will research the ownership of the light. Plowing snow onto a town road is not allowed.

8. **Miscellaneous Public Comments:** Al Eschenbauch spoke about the EMS survey, which makes no mention of fire departments. It talks about full-time, paid staff who would be ready to jump into an ambulance immediately. He says that our towns sometimes have trouble staffing with volunteers. He doesn't see the problems with Manitowish Waters being a fire company. He strongly supports consideration of this option. A motion approving vouchers #33622-33728 with voids, 33663, 33670, 3369, 1 33718, and 33729 was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.

Town Board Action: Approved, 3-0

Approved: February 3, 2022

Amended: _____

Town of Presque Isle
SpecialTown Board Meeting
January 10, 2022

Chairman John MacLean called the special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Presque Isle to order at 3:00pm. Supervisors Cathy Logan Weber and Carl Wolter also attended.

Interviews for Committee Positions: The Board interviewed six candidates for positions on town committees. During the process Mr. Wolter expressed appreciation for their interest, stating that it may be necessary to wait for vacancies on committees to take advantage of their willingness to serve. Ms. Weber reported that Ms. Walters called all incumbents whose term was expiring. They all agreed to serve another term. Watlers also ran the newspaper ad to which these candidates responded. Weber suggested attending upcoming committee meetings to learn more about their functions. Mr. Wolter was not in favor of increasing the size of committees.

Approval of Fire Department Officers: A motion approving the election of Geoffrey Simmons as Treasurer, and Tammy Beaudan as Secretary of the Fire Department /EMS as of January 1 was made by Mr. Wolter, seconded by Ms. Weber; MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 PM.

Town Board Action: Approved, 3-0

Approved: February 3, 2022

Amended: _____

Town of Presque Isle
Regular Town Board Meeting
February 3, 2022

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 also attended. The agenda for tonight's meeting and minutes of the January 6, and 10, 2022 meetings were approved by two separate motions.

Old Business:

1. **Pipke Park Water Control Update by M² Representative:** Mr. MacLean introduced Minal Hahm, the engineer who has been serving the Town on the Pipke Park water control structures. She was contracted this past July, at which time she viewed the structure. It was determined that a dam inspection was necessary. It is her opinion that this structure might not be categorized as a dam. A hydrologic & hydraulic study would be needed. An Emergency Action Plan and dam inspections are required. The timeline is too short to do the required work in time for the current grant cycle. Next steps are a survey, which can't happen in the winter, and a dam break analysis. Chris Oates, DNR, says that there is some base information available, then a plan for reconstruction and repair is needed. Al Drum asked about the possibility of allowing the existing fix to remain in place. Forrest Van Asten will follow up with a site visit. Ms Hahm did not have a good feel for whether the current fix will suffice. If the DNR denies the current fix, Mr. Drum asked for a ballpark number for repairs. She was not able to forecast with any certainty. A decision could be made whether to reconfigure the pond to decrease the volume/area of the pond to reclassify it.

Eric Benn stated that an EAP exists, and dam inspections have been made, but not every year. Minal will be furnished with copies of those. Abandoning the south pond structure could be considered; then it would be part of the dike. That might help get it reclassified as something other than a large dam. The north pond will still have a dam, but that's in good shape. The measurements are made at the streambed and pond bottom. Ms. Weber referred to the outlet from the south pond but all of the parts of the pond are part of the dam structure. She asked if all of the structures need to be repaired. Brian Luetzow has had a conversation with Forrest Van Asten. It's not possible to meet the March 4 deadline; this will be a lengthy project; the ponds may possibly get filled by the end of summer. He stressed the importance of keeping the beavers away. Van Asten was taking photos, but no measurements were taken. Ms. Hahm will be in touch as developments occur. Not meeting the March 4 deadline will delay the project. Funding happens on an annual cycle, so the next opportunity is a year in the future.

2. **Board Reports on Previous Agenda Items:** none
3. **Miscellaneous Public Comments:** none

New Business:

1. **Post 480 Future Plans:** Larry Gorrilla spoke to the Board about plans for Post 480 American Legion. He gave a historical summary of the organization and detailed their current activities. They are designing a new year-round facility. He spoke of the bar and the need for a license, and being passed over for a "Class B" liquor license, despite having an annual application for said license on file in the Town Office. Ms. Weber asked what the Board could do to help. He recommended researching the statutes and working with the town clerk.
2. **Judicial Candidates for Spring Election:** Bob Berdan spoke about the former municipal court in Presque Isle. When local hearings resulted in a favorable verdict for the Town, the aggrieved party had the option to appeal to Vilas County Circuit Court. Daniel Overby, candidate for the new circuit court position, spoke about the addition of a second judge for Vilas County. One possibility would be a traveling judge that could hear cases in the municipality where the violation occurred. He summarized his history, having a law enforcement background, after which he went to law school. He worked as an attorney in Chicago, and then moved to Arbor Vitae. He is currently associated with a law firm in Wausau, but works mostly from home. He has been helping out Judge Nielsen in recent years as a court commissioner.
3. **Appointment of Committee Members:** Mr. MacLean appointed Rich Schmalzer to the Board of Adjustment. Discussion followed. A motion approving the appointment was made by Mr. Wolter seconded by Mr. MacLean, MacLean, aye; Weber, nay; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 2-1. Mr. MacLean will speak with Otto Novak, the incumbent for this position. Ms Weber stated that the EDC Committee

could have one more business member. A possible candidate, unavailable for the last round of interviews will be contacted.

4. **Appointment of Planning Commission Chairperson:** Peggy Johnson-Wiessner was appointed chairperson of the Planning Commission. She also serves as the new chair of the Zoning Committee.
5. **Future Road Work Bids and Discussion of Road Equipment Needs:** Mr Wolter would like to have knowledge of road work bids and equipment purchases. Mr. MacLean has a preliminary list:
 - finish Viola Lane
 - South Crab Lake Rd, with ditching and fixing hairpin turns. Mr. Wolter commented that this road has not had attention for years.
 - Ridge Rd, Hank Rd, & Breede Rd Mr. Wolter would like to pull that contract from the vendor that didn't start the work last summer and give it to Pitlik & Wick.
 - East Bay, chip seal
 - Bow Rd, chip seal
 - Lynx Lake Rd
 - Hemlock Hill Rd
 - Transfer Station driveway

This is all work to be done in 2022. Ms. Weber pointed out that the WTA magazine had information on federal grants in its most recent issue. She stressed that the timeline is short.

6. **Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Storage Containers:** The Ordinance Committee inquired whether the Town Board was interested in addressing this issue. Mr. Wolter questioned whether the Town Board asked the committee to look at this subject. Ms. Johnson-Wiessner reported that Mr. Jukich said that he's only had one problem so far which he addressed. There are currently no such ordinances in Vilas County but some towns are talking about it. Arbor Vitae is working on an ordinance right now. The Zoning Committee will continue to monitor the situation and come back to the Town Board if necessary.
7. **Approval of Private Road Name - Lynx Lodge Drive:** A motion approving the proposed private road name was made by Ms. Weber seconded by Mr. Wolter, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
8. **Discussion and Possible Action RE: Procedure**
 - a. **Future Agenda Items Procedure:** Mr. MacLean suggested that he have control over what items are placed on the agenda. Mr. Wolter is not in favor of that. Ms. Weber read from a Wisconsin Towns Association document, which suggested the development of a policy. Mr. MacLean asked that any proposed items be emailed to the other board members and the clerk. Ms Weber prefers the current practice. Mr. MacLean said that supervisors can add items under the "Future Agenda Items" during a meeting for placement on the next month's agenda.
 - b. **Minutes:** Mr. MacLean spoke to this issue. He does not want to publish unapproved town board minutes. Mr. Wolter stated that citizens want to see what happened at a meeting. Mr. MacLean can live with the current practice using the "unapproved" notation.
 - c. **Pipke Park Pond Management:** Ms. Weber appreciated Ms. Hahm's report. She summarized a timeline of the happenings surrounding the failure of the pond structure. She pointed out that the July 28 administrative order from the DNR was not shared with the Board. Mr. MacLean explained his efforts to repair the structure, stating that it was his responsibility to respond to the order. With regard to the DNR's February 1 deadline, they disagreed about informing the DNR about keeping or abandoning the structures. Engineering has to be done for any repairs. She is concerned that the side board is being left out of these decisions. A motion authorizing the Town Board to pursue the steps necessary to restore the waters in the South Pond, to include grant and town funding if necessary, according to the July 28, 2021 Administrative Order requiring the town to take action to remedy the condition of our dam was made by Ms. Weber seconded by Mr. Wolter. MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0. Discussion followed. The survey will happen soon. The north pond outlet is in good shape, but if the structure becomes plugged, that would cause a breach in the dike. A solution is needed for that, perhaps a soft tube, filled with rip-rap, not costly, with approval of an engineer is needed. The 1400 ft pipe which fills the north pond should be scoped for problems, or eliminated. Ms. Weber suggests discussing this with the DNR and

engineers to figure this out. Mr. MacLean would like to put together a wish list of what they'd like to happen. Mr. Wolter suggested a special town board meeting with the involved parties. A motion authorizing Supervisor Weber to serve as a liaison working with the engineer on paperwork, and keeping the process moving forward was made by Ms. Weber, which died without a second.

9. **Town Financial Process RE: Borrowing:** Ms Walters summarized the debt situation of the town, stating that the Town is in a good financial position with respect to debt.

10. Schedule Possible Special Meetings:

- a. **Town Board Meeting RE: Broadband, Wis. Stat. 19.85(f) “conducting public business with competitive implications”:** Ms. Weber suggested, in light of the March 17 grant deadline, to have a meeting before the March 3 regular meeting. It will be a closed session because of the non-disclosure agreement with utilities. Citizens expresses concern about being left out of this process. Dave Bogan and Paul Specht explained that some proprietary technological information may be mentioned in this meeting about how they deliver their services that they don't want to disclose to their competitors. A special town board meeting will be scheduled when the facts are in.
 - b. **Town Meeting RE: Broadband:** This meeting (with 15 days notice) would provide information to all citizens and get their opinions on the project. Dave Bogan and Paul Specht spoke briefly about the progress.
11. **Broadband Website:** The committee is seeking approval to develop website for broadband project, tabled.
 12. **Board Correspondence and/or Future Agenda Items:** Discussion of Legion liquor license possibilities. Grants are an increasing source of funding for municipal projects. Paul Mueller stated that the high school hires professional grant writers. The four chairmen met regarding unification of EMS services; the outcome of that meeting will also appear on the next agenda.
 13. **Miscellaneous Public Comments:** Rich Schmalzer expressed concern that the motion adopted under item 8c was inconsistent with the relevant discussion and did not include a financial limitation. Nancy Brandt expressed concern about the funding solicitations proposed to lake associations. Richard Phillips clarified that the proposed donation amount was suggested by people on the lake association board, not someone representing the Town.

Vouchers 33730-33820, and two voids, 33795 and 33797 were approved for payment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM.

Town Board Action: Approved, 2-0

Approved: April 7, 2022

Amended: _____

Town of Presque Isle
Special Town Board Meeting
February 22, 2022

Chairman John MacLean called the special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Presque Isle to order at 6:00pm. Supervisors Cathy Logan Weber and Carl Wolter also attended.

Approval of Pipke Park Survey: Mr. MacLean described the need to determine the volume of water capacity of the pond. A motion to approve the survey to be completed by Rettler at a cost of \$7200 was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.

Adjourn to Closed Session - Wis Stats 19.85(e) - Conducting Public Business with Competitive Implications Broadband Discussion: The meeting was adjourned to closed session, during which time the Board was provided with firm numbers on costs and grants.

ReOpen in Open Session: The meeting was reopened in open session by motion from Mr. Wolter, second from Mr. MacLean, motion carried, 3-0. No action was taken as a result of the closed session.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Town Board Action: Approved, 3-0

Approved: March 3, 2022

Amended: _____

Town of Presque Isle
Special Town Meeting
February 24, 2022
(unapproved)

Chairman John MacLean called the special meeting of the Town of Presque Isle to order at 6:00pm.

Broadband Presentation and Discussion: Dave Bogan presented information to those in attendance. The purpose of the meeting is to obtain a grant to fund this project. This is not a meeting to approve a contract with an ISP. March 17 is the due date for the grant application. The presentation will be available on the home page of the website by Saturday, February 26.

After the presentation Mr. MacLean commented. There are internet needs in this community. He wants to balance needs with an affordable solution. This is a viable solution to get some federal dollars back. He is throwing his support to this program for current internet needs. This project is a series of incremental tasks, one step at a time.

An advisory vote was taken,

- In favor: 20
- Opposed: 7

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01PM.

Town of Presque Isle
Regular Town Board Meeting
March 3, 2022

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 also attended. The agenda for tonight's meeting and minutes of the February 22 meeting were approved by two separate motions.

Old Business:

1. **Judicial Candidate Presentation:** Meg O'Meara was present to talk about her candidacy for the new judicial position for the Vilas County Circuit Court.
2. **Beaver & Deer Removal Programs:** A motion authorizing agreements with Vilas County Highway Department for beaver trapping and deer removal was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
3. **Ordinance Approval:** A motion approving both the following ordinances was made by Mr. Wolter, second by Ms. Weber, motion carried.
 - a. **Municipal Judge - Renumbering**
 - b. **Citations - Proposed Ordinance**
4. **Town Garage Furnace Replacement:** Installation of a new furnace in the town garage was necessary after a complete breakdown of the old unit. Payment of the invoice was authorized by motion since the work has already been completed.
5. **Highway Equipment Purchase - Possible Approval - Front End Loader:** Mr. MacLean discussed the negotiation of replacement of the front end loader. Caterpillar and John Deere are the two manufacturers being considered. There is a \$12,000 difference in the trade in values. The possibility of selling the current front end loader instead of trading it in has been proposed. A motion to authorize Town Crew Foreman Joe Thoma to make the decision on which model to purchase after test driving each one, and decide later whether to sell or trade, depending on which is most beneficial to the Town was made by Mr. Wolter, seconded by Ms. Weber, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
6. **Roadwork Bid Specifications - South Crab Lake Road Major and Scheduled Chip Seal for Other Roads:** Mr. MacLean met with representatives from Pitlik & Wick regarding a major project for South Crab Lake Road, currently in the planning stages. Tasks include increasing ditches and changing sidelines. Pitlik & Wick is putting together some cost estimates for moving certain amounts of material. In reviewing road projects with Mr. Thoma, the Town may be able to do this entire job ourselves. Pitlik & Wick who have agreed to do the work left undone by Fahrner Asphalt Sealers at the price they (P&W) quoted last year. Mr. MacLean would like to see the Crab Lake Road project done and chip sealed this year, since Pitlik & Wick will be in the area for the seal coating at the same time. Mr. Wolter questioned whether any public utilities might be affected. Pitlik & Wick are aware of that issue. No action was taken. Joe Thoma commented on the scenario that might necessitate waiting until 2023 to do the chipseal.
7. **Court Decision RE: Direct Legislation:** Mr. MacLean informed those present that the court decided in favor of the Town. There was some disagreement about the timing of the decision and placement on the spring ballot. Ms. Weber commented that we are a town that has village powers. The ruling was about direct legislation, not hazardous wakes. The court ruled that the statute referenced in the action does not apply to towns. The petition was ruled as not effective for that reason.
8. **Pipke Park Ponds - Discussion of Options and Future Decisions RE: DNR Revised Administrative Order, John MacLean to remove gate board on 2' dam in Little Horsehead Creek:** Mr. MacLean reported that the DNR required the removal of the gate boards. Ms. Weber talked about the February meeting with Forrest Van Asten, DNR Water Management Engineer. An order issued by the DNR on July 28 has been superseded by a renewed order issued by the DNR. She provided some details of the order, stating, in part, that the new culverts do not adequately provide proper drainage. The decision needs to be made by April 1 whether to repair or abandon the structures. Grants are available for both outcomes, 50% for the repair, 100% for the abandonment. M² will be providing more information. Eric Benn, when asked, commented that the abandonment would bring the waterway back to its natural state. A motion to reconstruct the pond

structures according to the DNR order of February 22, was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. MacLean MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0. Mr. MacLean commented on his personal difficulty with this process because in his opinion a robust repair has been made.

9. **Board Reports on Previous Agenda Items:** Ms. Weber reminded the Board of the women's door on the vault toilet.

New Business:

1. **Town Financial Borrowing Facility for Broadband:** Ms. Walters recommended borrowing from the State Trust Fund from which funds are available for a 10 year loan at 3.5%. She also mentioned that Presque Isle has the lowest mill rate in the state, adding that Winchester and Presque Isle vie for that honor from year to year. She predicts that no real estate tax increase would be necessary to obtain a 1.5 million dollar loan.
2. **Fire/EMS Volunteer Incentive Program:** Mr. Wolter introduced the incentives recommended for Fire/EMS volunteers. The program details are attached. A motion approving the Volunteer Incentive Program that the Fire Department proposed was made by Mr. Wolter, seconded by Ms. Weber. This expense would be funded by the regular Fire Department budget. MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
3. **Meeting Held on Consolidation of EMS Services:** Brief discussion took place.
4. **Broadband Resolution - 2022-2:** A motion to adopt Resolution 2022-2, Broadband Expansion Grant Application was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
5. **Grant Writing Resources:** Ms. Weber reported that the Wisconsin Towns Association has informed town officials that much of funding for large projects will be coming from grants in the future. She recommends a search for a grant writer who might be able to help with the process when large projects need funding. Gary Owens suggested that advertising for this position would provide some resources. College students might be a good resource.
6. **Inclusion of New Bandshell Location on Pipke Park Survey:** A suggestion was made that the proposed bandshell be included in the survey currently being done in Pipke Park. A motion to include the bandshell location on the Pipke Park survey was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
7. **Broadband Website and Upgrade to Town Website and Email Systems:** No action was taken. Dave Bogan will have a conversation with Mr. MacLean about options and needs.
8. **Liquor License Discussion:** The clerk has had communication from Larry Gorrilla inquiring about the holders of "Class B" liquor licenses in Presque Isle. Ms. Walters commented that she could make inquiries of all seven of the license holders requesting copies of invoices from liquor distributors to make sure all license holders are open for three months per year as required by the local ordinance. A motion asking the clerk to investigate this issue was made by Mr. MacLean, seconded by Mr. Wolter, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
9. **Designation of Surplus Funds:** A motion designating 2021 surplus funds was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0. The itemized designations are attached.
10. **Public Depository Resolution - Fire Department:**
A motion approving the Fire Department public depository resolution was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0. The required documents were signed.
11. **Board Correspondence and/or Future Agenda Items:**
 - a. **Fire Barn Mural:** Ms. Weber reminded the Board that Susan Casey is planning a mural for the side of the Fire Barn. Mr. Wolter made a strong recommendation that the Fire Department be involved in this, stating further that the Fire Department members do not want the proposed fish mural. They would prefer a horse drawn wagon and supported the chosen artist's rendering of that. Ms. Weber and Doug Wolter have had a conversation about the mural. Mr. MacLean is not in favor of words and artwork together. No action was taken. This decision is tabled until the next meeting.

- b. Appointment of Weed Commissioner:** Mr. MacLean appointed Gary Owens as weed commissioner. When Ms. Weber expressed security/safety concerns for Mr. Owens, Constable Eesley stated that he would support Mr. Owens in the execution of his duties. A motion confirming the appointment was made by Mr. Wolter, seconded by Ms. Weber, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
- c. Appointment of Committee Members:** Ms. Weber has received correspondence from a concerned citizen remarking about the lack of turnover on committees, hoping that it might be possible to give an opportunity to new individuals. Mr. Wolter added that new people are a good thing, but continuity is also important. At a previous meeting a person was replaced who would have stayed on in the position. Mr. Wolter had a problem at that time with eliminating that person who had agreed to serve another term. Mr. MacLean admitted that “it might not have been handled very well on his end.”
- d. Door for Vault Toilet:** See item

12. Miscellaneous Public Comments: Barb Peck commented on the volunteer incentives, asking if recipients would be required to serve a certain length of time. She also favored the board, when seeking an advisory vote, to only allow taxpayers to vote if tax revenues would be spent for that purpose. Mr. MacLean expressed his intent to disallow zoom voting. Someone suggested that when an advisory vote is taken, advance notice should be provided. Rich Schmalzer suggested that people who are asked about their willingness to continue to serve on a committee should have no expectations that they will be asked to serve again. Nancy Brandt suggested that three public readings of proposed ordinances would do a better job of informing the public of the content of those ordinances. Eric Benn commented that can become very laborious. Ms. Walters read the citation ordinance that was adopted earlier in the meeting. In response to a question about the reason for the new ordinance, Mr. Berdan explained that the new constable asked for an ordinance clarifying the duties and process of the constable. Mr. MacLean directed the clerk to add “Open Fields Doctrine” to the next agenda citing a recent Lakeland Times article about Oneida County’s ordinance which addresses entering on private property without consent. Dave Bogan commented about zoom, agreeing that zoom meetings can be difficult, but zoom provides opportunities for new people joining committees and seasonal residents to participate in our process.

Vouchers #33821-33895 void in addition to the wire transfer for the debt service payment were approved for payment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

Town Board Action: Approved, 2-0

Approved: April 7, 2022

Amended: _____

A broadcast of this meeting is available at [The Northwoods Review's Facebook page](#).

Town of Presque Isle
Special Town Board Meeting
March 11, 2022

Chairman John MacLean called the special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Presque Isle to order at 6:00pm. Supervisors Cathy Logan Weber attended by phone and Carl Wolter was present. Members of the Broadband Committee were in attendance.

Adoption of Amended [Resolution 2022-2 Broadband](#): Dave Bogan explained that this amendment to the resolution was necessary because of a recalculation of Charter's math. Charter representatives noticed some inequities in our costs relative to other projects which prompted the recalculation. The change lowers the costs to all entities. The comparisons are detailed below.

	Total Project Cost	Town of Presque Isle Contribution (not to exceed)	Charter Communications Contribution	PSC Grant
Original	\$8,750,600	\$1,500,000	\$3,832,500	\$3,418,100
Revised	\$6,972,272	\$1,200,000	\$3,881,775	\$1,890,497

The obligation of the town is reduced from \$1,500,000 to \$1,200,000. A motion adopting the amended Resolution 2022-2 was made by Mr. Wolter seconded by Ms. Weber, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.

Town Board Action: Approved, 2-0

Approved: April 7, 2022

Amended: _____

Town of Presque Isle
Regular Town Board Meeting
March 28, 2022

Chairman John MacLean called the special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Presque Isle to order at 2:30pm. Supervisors Cathy Logan Weber and Carl Wolter also attended.

Discussion and Authorization to Apply for Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Funding: S Crab Lake Rd is scheduled for resurfacing this summer. This project would be eligible for funding through BIL. It was decided to plan for asphalt rather than seal coating and also suggested to add Buckley Rd to the project. A motion authorizing Clerk Walters to file an application for the Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation was made by Mr. Wolter, Seconded by Mr. MacLean, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.

Town Board Action: Approved, 2-0

Approved: April 7, 2022

Amended: _____

Town of Presque Isle
Regular Town Board Meeting
April 7, 2022
(unapproved)

Chairman John MacLean called the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Presque Isle to order at 6:00pm. Supervisor Cathy Logan Weber also attended. The agenda for tonight's meeting and minutes of the February 3, March 3, March 11, and March 28, 2021 meeting were approved by motion.

Old Business:

1. **Roadwork Bid Specifications - South Crab Lake Road System, Major Drainage and Sight Improvements and Paving Project:** A grant application has been submitted for BIL funding. Requirements of the process will put the S Crab Lake Rd project completion into 2023. It may be that the engineering phase can't be completed in time for the current grant cycle. No further action will be taken until more information is available
2. **Board Reports on Previous Agenda Items:** Future agenda items: designated funds, storage containers, special meeting scheduled for 10:00 this Saturday. Clerk Walters reported that letters went out to "Class B" license holders on April 5.

New Business:

1. **Continued Call for Direct Communications, Citizens and Committee Members:** Chairman MacLean prefers people communicating directly with each other rather than email chains causing controversy.
2. **Jeanne Klingenmeyer sign update:** Ms. Klingenmeyer presented information on the EDC sign project. Her document showing the current proposal is attached. Plans to include the Wilderness Veterans Memorial on the sign have been added to the plan. The new quote totals \$6995, 50% due at acceptance of proposal.
3. **DNR Pipke Park Pond Presentation- Forrest Van Asten:** no action was taken
4. **Various options for Pipke Park Ponds – Al Drum:** Mr. Van Asten needs to receive a plan for keeping the water level at acceptable levels. Ms. Weber questioned the status of the plan. Discussion followed. The Wisconsin DNR has authority pursuant to Wis. Stats. 31.02 and 31.19 to regulate the pond structures. A motion to have M Squared, our engineering firm, after data from the Rettler Survey is complete, develop a conceptual design to include the South Pond inlet, & outlet reconstruction along with inspecting and possible reconstruction of the North Pond outlet. The design should include a maximum/minimum estimate for the work was made by Ms. Weber. The motion died for lack of a second.
5. **Employee health insurance options/ negotiations – Eric Sarboro:** Because of the increase in the Town's current plan for next year, there are two options to provide health insurance to employees. Individual health insurance plans would require them to choose Marshfield or Aspirus. Keeping Security Health Plan and increasing the deductibles was selected as the better option. This would result in a 6% rather than 24% increase with the current levels of deductibles. The HSA contribution from the Town would increase based on the deductible.
6. **Armour Lake adjoining lots boundary adjustments to accommodate ingress and egress easement – Dan Aicher:** A change is being proposed to provide lake access to property owners of two adjoining lots on the north shore of Armour Lake. Peggy Johnson-Wiessner recommended having this issue reviewed by the Zoning Committee. She added that there is an easement on this property that may come into play. A motion to submit the Aicher lots on Armour Lake to the Zoning Committee was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. MacLean; MacLean, aye; Weber, aye, motion carried, 2-0.
7. **Harmonized boating ordinance Chapter 500 for Papoose Lake Presque Isle/ Winchester Ordinance minor adjustment:** Paul Lewandoski reported on a proposed change to the joint ordinance adopted on April 6, 1998. The Papoose Rosalind Lake Association has proposed these changes to bring

the ordinance into conformance with state statutes. He has spoken to members of both towns. The DNR is required to review the changes. If both towns agree it can be adopted. Bob Berdan, member of the Zoning & Planning Committee expressed concern about this not coming before the Zoning Committee. A motion to send a request to the Zoning & Planning Committee was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. MacLean; MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; motion carried, 2-0.

- 8. Electric Vehicle charging stations for Presque Isle and Community Center Complex, opportunities and challenges - Dion Smith:** Mr. Smith is interested in welcoming some green changes to the area infrastructure. He is interested in conducting research on the feasibility of charging stations in the area. He will report back to the board. Concern was expressed about the Town doing something that could be done by a private business. There may be some federal money available for this later this spring.
- 9. Open Fields Doctrine:** Mr. MacLean cited a Lakeland Times article in which Oneida County has banned use of the open fields doctrine. He spoke about current privacy issues. Many comments were made by the audience members. A motion to send the article asking the Ordinance Committee how to tighten up our fourth amendment rights in Presque Isle was made by Mr. MacLean, seconded by Ms. Weber, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; motion carried, 2-0.
- 10. Grant Writing Resources:** Ms. Weber provided rationale to the concept of using the services of a grant writer. There are many grant opportunities currently available.
- 11. Broadband Website and Upgrade to Town Website and Email Systems:** Mr. MacLean reported that his email is working much better. Dave Bogan presented a proposal to create a dedicated website dedicated to the broadband project, cost projected at about \$300/yr. No costs would be incurred until grant approval is received. A motion authorizing the expenditure if the grant is received, was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. MacLean; MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; motion carried, 2-0.
- 12. Zoom Meeting Discussion:** Mr. MacLean is not supportive of zoom meetings in which the technology gets in the way. Dave Bogan remarked that the way technology is being implemented in the room and the way the meeting is being regulated could be improved. The onus is on the town to make the technology appropriate for our needs.
- 13. Expanding Public Gardens:** Mr. MacLean would like to see the town gardens expanded. Ms. Weber said that there is a waiting list to get a plot. Winchester is starting its own community garden.
- 14. Board Correspondence and/or Future Agenda Items:**
 - a. Letter from Vilas County seeking to raise Tax Levy Caps in response to inflation:** next agenda. Ms. Weber speculated that the Board may have previously adopted a resolution.
 - b. Donna Jukich and John MacLean met with Representatives from Winchester , Manitowish Waters, Boulder Junction to discuss combining Emergency Medical Services:** There will be future meetings to discuss this further.
 - c. Plant trees on logged land.** Future agenda item.
- 15. Miscellaneous Public Comments:** Paul Specht commented that Forrest Jukich has raised the concern of storage containers. There is consensus in the Zoning and Planning Committee to address this issue. There is no agreement in the committee as to what direction to go, so there would be compromise during this process. A suggestion to pursue future projects for housing in the community. This concept is highlighted in the Land Use Plan. Proactive grant seeking is needed.
- 16. Vouchers 33896-33953 were approved for payment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:49PM upon motion by Ms. Weber.**

Town Board Action: _____

Approved: _____

Amended: _____

A broadcast of this meeting is available at [The Northwoods Review's Facebook page](#).

Town of Presque Isle
Town of Presque Isle
Regular Town Board Meeting
April 21, 2022

Chairman John MacLean called the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Presque Isle to order at 6:00pm. Supervisor Cathy Logan Weber also attended. The agenda for tonight's meeting and minutes of the April 7, 2022 meeting were approved by two separate motions.

Old Business:

1. **Amendment to Designation of Surplus Funds:** A motion to amend the previously designated funds was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. MacLean; MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; motion carried, 2-0.
2. **Various options for Pipke Park Ponds – Al Drum:** Mr. Drum summarized the history since the breach of the structure last summer, the requirements of state law to remedy the situation, and options for the repair. He also talked about the special situation created because of the DNR ownership of the ponds previous to the Town regaining ownership in 2009. More details will be discussed at a joint meeting to be held on April 27 at 1:00pm, with Forrest Van Asten presenting. Mr. MacLean is looking for a common sense solution. Several options provide alternatives for solving the problem. Eric Benn provided information on the maintenance and inspection history since the transfer of ownership. Ms. Weber reminded the Board that a plan to have equipment ready to drain the excess water out of the pond needs to be submitted to Mr. Van Asten.
3. **Discussion of Storage Containers:** Paul Specht provided information about the regulation of storage containers. The Zoning & Planning Committee is seeking direction from the board as to whether to do nothing, have an ordinance ready if this should become a problem, or adopt an ordinance to address problems that might occur in the future. Ms Weber speculated about any containers existing previous to the adoption of an ordinance being grandfathered. Mr. MacLean suggested some possibilities for rules. This item will appear on the next agenda.
4. **Ordinance #2022-03 An Ordinance to Amend Subchapter 505.Motorboats and Watercraft Joint Ordinance Towns of Presque Isle and Winchester (minor adjustment):** The Ordinance Committee has approved this version of the ordinance, similar to one proposed by Paul Lewandoski representing the Pappoose Lake Association. The Winchester Town Board will consider the same ordinance at its next meeting. If both towns approve the identical ordinance it will be forwarded to the DNR for their review. A motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-03 was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. MacLean MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; motion carried, 2-0.
5. **Broadband Business:** The application has been submitted, no approval until probably June. There will be a website created to provide information after the grant is awarded.
6. **Roadwork Bid Specifications - South Crab Lake Road System, Major Drainage and Sight Improvements and Paving Project- Survey and Engineering to be responsive to BIL Application (discussion with 3 Engineering Firms & Additional Survey Firm):** Mr. MacLean gave some history on the creation and existence and reported that the Town Crew will be doing the prep work for this project. Improvements need to be made to ditching and drainage, and safety. He consulted three engineering firms, one of which will be able to do the engineering for this project. He asked for patience on the part of residents as pot-holes are filled this summer and reported that the 66-ft right-of-way, documented in surveys, is sufficient for the adjustments that will need to be made.

7. Board Reports on Previous Agenda Items: none

New Business:

1. Roofing

- a. **Community Building - Shingles Missing:** Mr. Wallace has observed some deteriorated shingles on the Community Building roof. Ms. Weber is suggested securing a cost estimate from Matt Gagnon, who has done work for the town before.
 - b. **Fire Barn - Repairs Needed:** Doug Wolter, concerned about the possibility of rotting wood, suggested that the rubber roof on the Fire Barn needs attention.
2. **We issued a permit for improvement of existing CenturyLink lines on McDowell Road:** Mr. MacLean reported briefly on this informational items.
 3. **Reforest recently cut over Town Lands in Comparable Fashion to White Pine Planting on South Crab Road:** Mr. MacLean suggested replanting trees into the area recently logged, recommending the purchase of 5000 trees, costing about \$1000. Ms. Weber reminded the Board about the previous suggestion to update the town's logging plan, considering which species would be the best for a given area.
 4. **Bird City Cutout Silhouettes of Birds in black construction paper, mount on windows to lessen bird collisions:** Mr. MacLean is suggesting this simple project to save the birds. These can be ordered online.
 5. **Clean Up day to be chosen on 4/27:** Mr. MacLean is soliciting help for the town cleanup.
 6. **Boating Etiquette:** Mr. MacLean encouraged people to be polite on the lakes this summer.
 7. **Word about load limits on Roads:** Mr. MacLean reminded everyone about the current load limits, stating that running out of propane at this time is a problem. He encouraged people to plan ahead in the future because the damage to Presque Isle's roads, especially because of the clay base is significant when heavy trucks are on the roads during this time.
 8. **Parking on Main Street:** Mr. MacLean has talked to M2 about this issue, seeking an improvement on the parking situation.
 9. **DNR Presentation on Pipke Park Ponds on 4/27 1pm at Community Center Board Room:** FYI
 10. **Agenda for Annual Meeting - [Sale of Town Land](#):** Ms. Weber requested that a possible sale of town land should appear on the Annual Meeting agenda. A motion approving this addition was made by Mr. MacLean, seconded by Ms. Weber; MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; motion carried, 2-0.
 11. **Board Correspondence and/or Future Agenda Items:** Ms. Weber: Discussion of Storage Containers, Parking on Main Street
 12. **Miscellaneous Public Comments:** Mr. MacLean promoted the Lobster Feed scheduled for May 14 at the American Legion building. The board heard brief public comments.

A motion approving vouchers #33967-33984 was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. MacLean, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; motion carried, 2-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM.

Town Board Action: Approved, 2-0

Approved: May 5, 2022

Amended: _____

Town of Presque Isle
Regular Town Board Meeting
May 5, 2022

Chairman John MacLean called the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Presque Isle to order at 8:23pm, immediately following the Annual Town Meeting. Supervisors Cathy Logan Weber and Carl Wolter also attended. The agenda for tonight's meeting and minutes of the April 21, 2021 meeting were approved by two separate motions.

Old Business:

1. **South Crab Lake Road Update:** It might not be possible to meet the August 1 engineering deadline for which there are 19 applications in our zone, only 2 will be awarded.
2. **Discussions with Engineers Regarding Pipke Pond Diversion Structures:** Mr. MacLean will be looking at the structure tomorrow. Mr. Wolter pointed out the problems with the current pumps and has offered to donate his equipment and time to remove the water by digging a channel that would empty the south pond in hours. Discussion followed. No change will be made to the current plan to use siphoning or pumping to get the water level down to a level that is acceptable to the DNR.
3. **Discussion of Storage Containers:** The Zoning and Planning Committee is willing to research this issue and would do so upon authorization of the Town Board. Al Drum suggested having the ordinance ready in case the need arises. A motion to request the Zoning and Planning Committee to draft such an ordinance, was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
4. **Parking on Main Street:** Mr. MacLean will be meeting with M² tomorrow to look at parking options for Main Street. His intent is to get a price from them to do some design work. The Town would bear the cost of any construction project.
5. **Board Reports on Previous Agenda Items:** Max Wallace will be replacing missing shingles on the Town Hall.

New Business:

1. **No Motorized Vehicle Signs on Pipke Park Ponds, State Statute 30.29:** Ms. Weber suggested a sign near the American Legion Post publicizing this. Pat Eesley doesn't think that this would be necessary, considering the training provided by the ATV organizations. Constable Eesley would be on site during an upcoming event to monitor that. He is not in favor of permanent signs. An option to provide temporary signs, suggested by Doug Wolter will be implemented.
2. **New Hours for County Supervisor and Constable:** Pat Eesley is resuming office hours on the first Thursday from 10-noon. County Supervisor Richard Logan will be holding office hours on the second and fourth Saturdays from 10-noon.
3. **Fire Department Joint Meeting Update:** Donna Jukich covered this at the Annual Meeting held earlier tonight.
4. **Set Board of Review Date:** A motion to set the Board of Review date for May 19 at 5:55PM was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
5. **Board Correspondence and/or Future Agenda Items:** Mr. MacLean has taken a look at Viola Lane in response to some inquiries. He has taken a look at the project with Jake Klessing, representing Pitlik & Wick.
6. **Miscellaneous Public Comments:** Mr. MacLean addressed the issue of load limits relative to propane deliveries. The Town will not risk the road structure by allowing propane trucks to violate load limits. Rebecca Nelsen talked about a nice book available in Winchester that has information for new residents and suggested a similar publication for Presque Isle. Mr. Wolter said that there is a

danger of promoting one business to the detriment of another. Nick Williams inquired about what will be done this summer on S Crab Lake Rd. Generally, there will be brushing, ditching, and grinding, in that order during the summer. The poor drainage exacerbates the problem. Mr. MacLean wants the major adjustments to the road structure done before the fiberoptic goes in.

Vouchers # 33986-34019 were approved for payment and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

Town Board Action: Approved, 3-0

Approved: May 19, 2022

Amended: _____

Town of Presque Isle

Annual Town Meeting

May 5, 2022

The Annual Meeting of the Town of Presque Isle was called to order at 6:00PM by Chairman John MacLean, who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. MacLean addressed the problem of online voting and asked for comments from those present. Pam Whipple, in favor of allowing the zoom attendees to vote, feels that they're virtually here and should be treated as people who are in the room. Pat Barofsky stated that people on zoom are attending with the expectation of voting and it is unfair to exclude them for that reason. Dave Bogan commented that online meetings are not going away and recommended that the Town Board learn and invest what is needed to make it work. Barb Peck made a motion to allow the people on zoom if they show their face and can prove their eligibility to vote, seconded by Jeff Burke, the motion was defeated, 14-18.

The agenda was approved by motion from Rich Schmalzer, seconded by Eric Benn, motion carried.

Agenda

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading and Approval of Agenda

Tax Summary

Financial Statement

Committee Reports

1. American Legion Post 480
2. Ambulance
3. Beautification Committee
4. Board of Adjustment
5. Broadband Committee
6. Chamber of Commerce
7. Constable
8. EDC
9. Fire Department
10. Heritage Society
11. Invasive Species
 - a. Aquatic
 - b. Terrestrial
12. Library
13. Lions
14. Ordinances
15. Parks
16. Zoning Administrator
17. Zoning Ordinance and Land Use Plan

Set Date for Budget Hearing:

Miscellaneous Public Business

Cell Phone Tower Proposal - Possible Action

Adjournment

Tax Summary: Ms Walters, representing Treasurer Sitkiewitz, summarized the tax collections, report attached.

Financial Statement: Ms. Walters reviewed the 2021 revenues and expenditures, report attached.

Committee Reports:

American Legion Post 480: no report

Ambulance: Donna Jukich reported. She talked about the difficulty of getting EMS volunteers; there are currently 3 active EMTs and 2 who help regularly, also 4 EMRs. These volunteers answered 119 calls in 2021. Our EMS service is rated as a “basic” EMS service. Howard Young helps to provide an advanced level of care when necessary. The small number of EMTs provides a challenge for the department. More education is required presently to keep certifications up to date. In rural areas, EMS is in a crisis at the present time. They have been investigating how to address the problem. The four towns have met to discuss what might be possible; there is disagreement about how to move forward.

Beautification Committee: Ms. Weber mentioned that the plantings at Pipke Park will need to be maintained. Conversation will take place about the placement of a memorial tree.

Board of Adjustment: Dave Bogan reported that there were no cases heard this past year.

Broadband Committee: Dave Bogan reported; his report is attached.

Chamber of Commerce: Brenda Dyre reported, mentioning some new members and thanking the recently retired Joan McDonald for her many years of service.

Constable: Mr. Eesley reported his activity, report attached.

Economic Development Committee: Jeanne Klingenmeyer reported their contributions to the broadband project, the 3-phase signage project, and Main Street improvements.

Fire Department: Doug Wolter reported on their activity this past year, stating that there are a few new members.

Heritage Society: Mr. MacLean reported that the 8th grade class visited the Heritage Cottage this year.

Invasive Species:

Aquatic: Nick Williams reported, report attached. Funding delays on the part of the DNR have affected the timely receipt of funds.

Terrestrial: Ms. Weber reported on the invasive species that affect Presque Isle. Garlic Mustard was the initial species that received treatment. Japanese Knotweed and Bush Honeysuckle have also been treated.

Library: Pam Whipple reported that our librarian, Shelly Knaack, has accepted a position at the Land O’ Lakes Library. A written report is attached.

Lions: Rich Schmalzer reported that the membership has increased significantly this past year. Their primary function is to raise money for charitable causes. He detailed several of their events and some of the causes to which they contribute.

Ordinances: Eric Benn provided a report, attached. They respond to requests for ordinances as authorized by the Town Board.

Parks and Recreation: Barb Peck reported; her report attached.

Zoning Administrator: Ms. Walters read Forrest Jukich's report, attached.

Zoning Ordinance and Land Use Planning: Al Drum presented the report, attached.

Set Date for Budget Hearing: Eric Benn made a motion to set the Budget Hearing date at 6:00 PM on Thursday, November 17, seconded by Rich Schmalzer.

Miscellaneous Public Business:

Discussion and Possible Sale of Town Land: Phil Harris made a motion to authorize the sale or purchase of town land as decided by the Town Board, no second, Discussion followed. Pam Whipple would like to see a motion for a specific piece of property. Al Drum asked for a reading of the legal description. Ken Reid does not believe that the Town should be selling off property, but prefers a public sale. Nick Williams asked how it is zoned. How will you determine a price? Doug Wolter recommended to do the due diligence and not decide tonight. The adjacent lot is assessed at \$7500, perhaps suggesting that the value of the land in question would have a similar value. Dave Bogan recommended referring this to the Zoning Committee. A motion to table until more research is done and provided to the electors at a special town meeting of the electors was made by Jeanne Klingemeyer, seconded by Rich Schmalzer, who also suggested an analysis of all town-owned land. Dave Bogan suggested providing the information in advance of the meeting.

Mr. MacLean opened the meeting up to additional business, limiting comments to 2 minutes. None was brought forward

Rich Schmalzer made a motion to adjourn at 8:13 seconded by Phil Harris, motion carried.

Town of Presque Isle

2021

Revenues

	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2021 Over/(Under)
Real Estate Taxes	\$1,229,318	\$1,240,291	\$10,973
Room Tax	\$10,000	\$20,819	\$10,819
Intergovernmental Revenues			
ARPA Funding		\$32,186	
CARES Grant		\$930	
State Shared Revenue	\$13,113	\$11,111	-\$2,002 see medical transport
2% Fire Dues	\$12,000	\$12,107	\$107
Transportation Aids	\$161,701	\$161,701	\$0
LRIP Funds		\$25,288	\$25,288
Municipal Services Aid		\$51	
In Lieu of Taxes, Cons	\$7,000	\$8,129	\$1,129
Severance Tax		\$8,632	\$8,632
FC/MFL		\$586	\$586
PILT	\$3,500	\$4,304	\$804
AIS Grant		\$1,809	\$1,809
Medical Transport		\$2,000	\$2,000
Computer Tax Relief	\$38	\$38	\$0
Fuel Tax Refund		\$289	\$289
Local Bridge Aids	\$18,250		
Recycling Grant	\$8,000	\$8,145	\$145
NWLS Collection			
Development Grant		\$1,140	\$1,140
	\$223,602	\$278,446	\$54,844
Licenses & Permits			
Liquor & Beer Licenses	\$2,000	\$2,120	\$120
Dog Licenses		\$81	\$81
Zoning Permits & Fees	\$7,000	\$11,847	\$4,847
Fire Numbers		\$1,250	\$1,250
UDC Inspections			
Variance Fees			\$0
	\$9,000	\$15,298	\$6,298
Fines, Forfeits & Penalties			
			\$0
Public Charges for Services			
Clerk's Fees & Misc		\$369	\$369
Ambulance Charges	\$23,000	\$26,012	\$3,012
Other Highway Revenues			\$0
White Goods Disposal	\$4,000	\$7,479	\$3,479
Building Materials Disposal	\$1,000	\$2,605	\$1,605
Cemetery		\$400	\$400
Timber Sale			\$0
	\$28,000	\$36,865	\$8,865
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Interest Income	\$5,000	\$1,152	-\$3,848 budget lowered but not enough
Rent Income	\$6,780	\$10,781	\$4,001
Sale of Fire/Ambulance Equipment			
Sale of Highway Equipment		\$30,000	
Sale of Transfer Station Equip		\$123	\$123
Sale of Recyclables		\$1,213	\$1,213
Contributions Towards Grant		\$3,217	\$3,217
Insurance Recoveries		\$15,050	
Misc Income			
	\$11,780	\$61,536	\$49,756
Proceeds of Long-term Debt	\$250,000		-\$250,000 didn't need it
	\$1,761,700	\$1,653,256	-\$108,445

Town of Presque Isle

2021

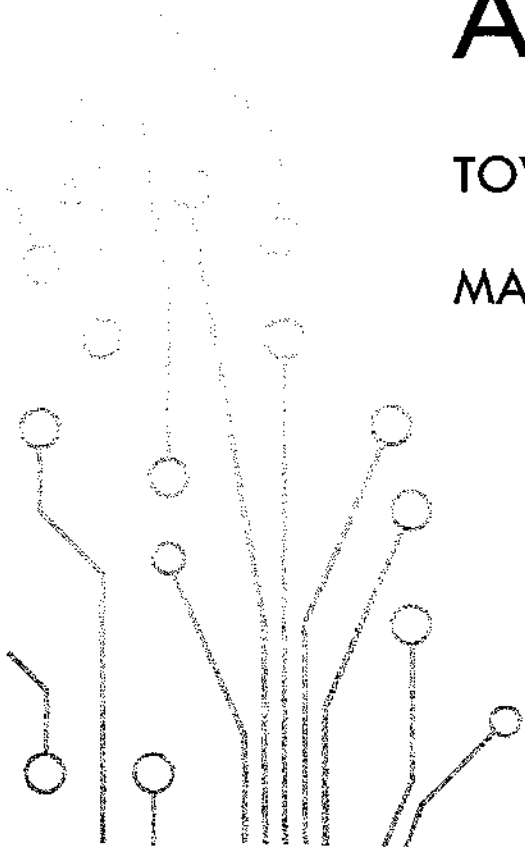
Expenses

	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2021 Over/(under)
General Government			
Town Board	\$42,298	\$39,526	-\$2,772
Zoning	\$18,000	\$19,411	\$1,411
Legal	\$5,000	\$7,271	\$2,271
Clerk & Elections	\$42,387	\$40,663	-\$1,724
Treasurer & Assessor	\$35,724	\$32,051	-\$3,672
Town Hall	\$44,174	\$38,151	-\$6,023 Max didn't put as much time in here.
Highway Insurance	\$35,000	\$56,183	\$21,183
Other Insurance	\$55,000	\$44,395	-\$10,605
Other			\$0
	<u>\$277,583</u>	<u>\$277,650</u>	<u>\$67</u>
Public Safety			
Constable	\$10,500	\$8,354	-\$2,146
Fire Protection	\$55,500	\$62,610	\$7,110
Ambulance	\$15,000	\$14,704	-\$296
	<u>\$81,000</u>	<u>\$85,669</u>	<u>\$4,669</u>
Public Works			
Highway Salaries	\$177,302	\$133,391	-\$43,910
Garage Supplies	\$5,000	\$3,724	-\$1,276
Fuel, Oil	\$22,000	\$23,863	\$1,863
Garage Utilities	\$6,000	\$6,283	\$283
Equipment Repairs	\$20,000	\$30,702	\$10,702
General Highway Maintenance	\$147,000	\$52,397	-\$94,603 some projects didn't get done
Gravel Crushing	\$50,500	\$96,829	\$46,329 crushed gravel this year
Gravel Pit Reclamation			
Street Lights	\$3,500	\$4,185	\$685
	<u>\$431,302</u>	<u>\$351,374</u>	<u>-\$79,928</u>
Sanitation			
Solid Waste	\$80,138	\$82,474	\$22,336 changed accounting parameters
Recycling	\$59,316	\$49,541	-\$9,775 single stream costs more
	<u>\$119,455</u>	<u>\$132,015</u>	<u>\$12,560</u>
	\$550,757	\$483,389	-\$67,368
Health & Human Services			
Cemetery	\$2,000	\$1,209	-\$791
Tri-County Council	\$200		-\$200
	<u>\$2,200</u>	<u>\$1,209</u>	<u>-\$991</u>
Culture, Recreation & Education			
Library	\$68,007	\$70,404	\$2,397
NWLS CD Grant	\$1,140	\$1,140	\$0
Parks	\$37,688	\$46,871	\$9,183 Max put in more time here.
	<u>\$106,835</u>	<u>\$118,416</u>	<u>\$11,580</u>
Conservation & Development			
Room Tax Expenditures			\$0
Chamber of Commerce	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0
Economic Development Committee	\$1,500	\$2,312	\$812
Expenditures of Room Tax		\$747	\$747
Vilas County Advertising	\$2,000		-\$2,000
Aquatic Invasive Species Committee	\$14,300	\$59,838	\$45,538
Terrestrial Invasive Species Committee	\$1,800	\$979	-\$822
Logging			\$0
	<u>\$27,100</u>	<u>\$71,376</u>	<u>\$44,276</u>
Capital Outlay			
Buildings	\$8,000	\$18,304	
Other General Government			
Ambulance Equipment			
Fire Protection		\$72,446	\$72,446
Hwy Equipment			
Fire Equipment		\$1,402	
Town Garage			
Highway	\$353,026	\$295,214	-\$57,812
Refuse Collection		\$7,053	
Recycling	\$4,500	\$1,700	-\$2,800
Little Horsehead Boat Landing		\$109,735	\$109,735 grant receipt=\$31,411 last year
Pipke Park Ponds		\$9,714	
Parks - Other	\$23,600	\$36,318	\$12,718
	<u>\$389,126</u>	<u>\$551,886</u>	<u>\$134,288</u>
Debt Service			
Principal	\$311,200	\$320,479	\$9,279
Interest	\$15,900	\$6,621	-\$9,279
	<u>\$327,100</u>	<u>\$327,100</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total	<u>\$1,761,700</u>	<u>\$1,916,693</u>	<u>\$126,520</u>

BROADBAND COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF PRESQUE ISLE ANNUAL MEETING

MAY 5, 2022



ABOUT THE COMMITTEE

- Town Board authorized a Broadband Working Group in 2019 to investigate possible town-wide solutions to improve broadband access
- The Working Group became a Town Committee in December 2021

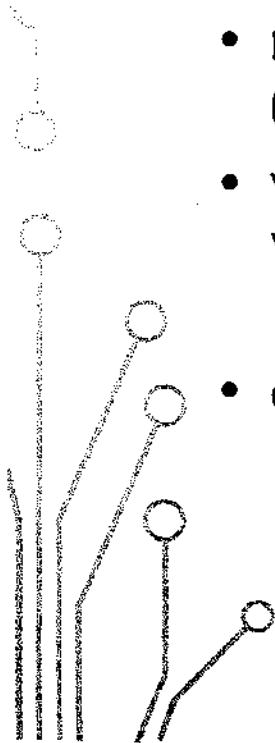
Committee Members

- Paul Specht, Co-Chair
- Dave Bogan, Co-Chair
- Eric Benn
- Gary Plouff
- Philip Schaffner
- Nick Williams
- Christine Wolter
- Cathy Logan-Weber, Board Liaison



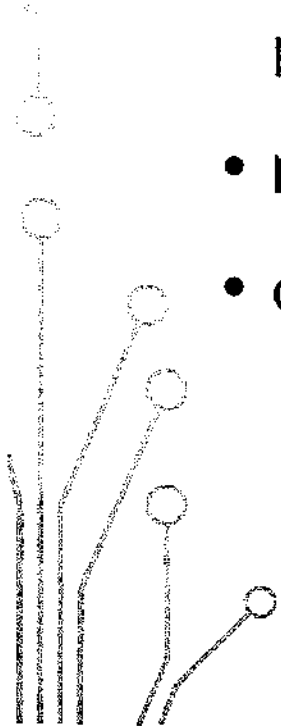
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Researched appropriate technologies for a town-wide improved broadband solution
- Conducted multiple public information sessions and Town Board updates as work progressed
- Recommended a fiber-based solution partnering with Charter Communications (Spectrum) for the entire Town
- Worked with Charter to submit a Broadband Expansion Grant application to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) to help fund the project
 - The Town will contribute \$1.2M to the \$6.97M project; no increase in property taxes
- Grant application decision expected Summer, 2022



PLANS ASSUMING GRANT AWARD IN SUMMER 2022

- Upon grant award, agree to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Charter
- Develop and deploy a dedicated website for the Presque Isle broadband project; continue public information sessions
- Negotiate and agree upon contract terms with Charter
- Oversee Charter's design and installation work in Presque Isle



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Presque Isle Township

Constable Report

MAY 2021 - MAY 2022

Submitted BY PATRICK EESLEY

DATE 5/5/2022

TOTAL Service CALL'S 127

Town Road Patrol	65
Water Craft / Boating Violation's	7
Trass Passing	5
Property checks	2
STRAY / Lost Animal's	3
Snow mobile Patrol	9
Vilas County Assistance	2
Snow mobile Accident's	3
Fire Work Violations	2
Vehicle Accident's	4
Snow Plowing Violations	10
Down Power lines	3

Attended Lion's Club Sale, Farmers Market, Fireman's Picnic, PI Day's, Healing Patriot's Parade.

Respectfully Submitted,

PATRICK EESLEY

Presque Isle Town Constable

**Presque Isle Town Lakes Committee
History of Grants 2006-2022**

	Status	Town Share	DNR Share	Lakes Share
2006 Grant	Completed	\$ 7,137.31	\$ 33,634.75	\$ 5,006.41
2008 Grant	Completed	\$ 5,617.24	\$ 25,138.48	\$ 1,053.76
2009 Grant	Completed	\$ 52,519.27	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -
2012 Grant	Completed	\$ 36,061.15	\$ 87,041.00	\$ 2,297.85
2015 Grant	Completed	\$ 9,698.70	\$ 19,691.30	\$ -
2016 Grant	Completed	\$ 9,706.00	\$ 43,142.00	\$ 1,512.00
2017 Grant	Completed	\$ 15,575.97	\$ 65,559.16	\$ 1,475.16
2018 Grant	At DNR *	<u>\$ 28,077.11</u>	<u>\$ 150,933.60</u>	<u>\$ 2,921.29</u>
Grand Total		\$ 164,392.75	\$ 525,140.29	\$ 14,266.47
Average per year over 16 years **		\$ 10,274.55		

Notes

* Includes the DNR final payment of \$113,200.20 expected in second half of 2022.

** For probably the last 10 years PITLC's annual budget has been \$13,000.00.

Presque Isle Town Lakes Committee
All Town Report May 5, 2022
By Nick Williams, Chairman

Nick Williams, Chairman of Presque Isle Town Lakes reports the following:

The town lakes committee has continued to study our Presque Isle lakes.

In 2022 we sent 13 Lake Study reports to the DNR for final approval. We were told the DNR hopes to review the reports and send back possible corrections by mid to late May. If this is true town lakes will file for final DNR reimbursement of \$113,200.20 and receive the funds by year end. For these 4 grants, covering 13 lakes, we will spend no additional funds in 2022.

In 2021 we sent 8 lake study reports to the DNR for final approval. We filed for final reimbursement in the amount of \$44,128.70 in the latter half of 2021. Unfortunately, due to Covid issues the money was not received by the town until 2022.

This means in 2022 we should book a total of \$157,328.90 in revenue without spending a dime.

We still have a very small \$4,000 grant outstanding which has been delayed due to DNR issues. The funds were advanced in 2021. At this point we do not know when the delay will be rectified.

I will say our lake studies have proved beyond question that the erroneous reports of Curley Leaf Pondweed in Stateline Lake and Spiney Waterflea in Presque Isle Lake were false.

Moving on I would like to clear up a misconception advanced at our April 12 town lakes meeting. I would like to talk about the financial history of town lakes. Over the past 16 years the town share of grants, the net town expense, has been \$164,392.75 or an average of \$10,274.55 per year. This is well below our annual budget of \$13,000.00. Town taxes have not been raised one penny since town lakes inception in 2005.

Town lakes, through careful management of our projects, has brought \$525,140.29 of DNR funds to the town over the years to help underwrite our lake study projects. There was some talk at our meeting that our state taxes would go down if we did not apply for these grants. That is not true. The DNR would merely have awarded the funds to other municipalities in other counties.

The town should continue to apply for Lake Grants and bring more DNR funds to it to continue to monitor and protect our most precious lake resources.

Town lakes has recently undertaken the task of town board education. We have written a memo on DNR Grant task requirement parameters and what is required to complete the grants. We advised the board what we, as grant recipients, can and cannot do. For example, we are unable to throw out certain tasks merely because they might be somewhat unpopular. Because the DNR establishes the rules we are required to accept them.

We wrote another education memo to the board which went over how lake study grant funds are received and paid out over the course of an average 4-year grant term. Using real examples from our 2018 grants, we went over specific cash flow examples and how annual cash flows can fluctuate year over year.

Right now PI is aquatic invasive free. There are efforts underway on certain lakes where the associations are actively trying to eradicate certain shoreland plants such as yellow iris, purple loosestrife and more. We rely on the lake studies to help us find and work on eradicating these unwelcome plants.

If you would like to learn more about our efforts, please visit our completed lake study reports under 'helpful links' on the town's website. All generations of reports are available except for the ones where the DNR has not completed their review. You can personally see how the character of certain lakes has changed over the years. You can also talk to your lake association board to learn more about your lake and the programs available to help protect it.

Town lakes has studied 31 lakes and two rivers, some as many as three times. If you would like your lake studied, and it hasn't been so far, please contact a committee member and we can put yours on our list.

Town of Presque Isle Annual Meeting
2022

In 2021, the Presque Isle Library offered 7 Summer Kid's programs with topics such as Fish, Birds of Prey, Environmental Easel, Loony Loons, Insects, Turtles, and Bubbles. We were able to offer all of these programs at the Pipke Park Pavilion and had wonderful attendance. Everyone was happy to have events to attend. The Discovery Center, University of Wisconsin Water Library and Northwoods Wildlife did an amazing job presenting these programs and we are happy to report we will be hosting them once again in 2022.

Although we didn't offer as many adult programs as usual, we were able to offer some including, short story book club, PI Bookies Book club, Wednesday afternoon knitting club, Saturday morning Qigong and one barn quilt painting class. Program attendance was 355 in 2021.

Even though we were only open to the public for half of the year, we had over 6000 patrons visiting the library. Our circulation was almost 8000 and our electronic book check outs continue to increase – this year to over 3000. Our website was visited 47,284 times.

As we look forward to 2022, we hope to increase our programs, events, and offerings for the community. We are so excited to participate in Northwoods Book Festival after a two-year hiatus with six other area libraries. Even more exciting, we received a humanities grant in the amount of \$10,000 for this event.

Our meeting spaces became increasingly popular in 2021 as more and more patrons work remotely and use our Wi-Fi and meeting rooms. Our boosted Wi-Fi allows 24-hour access outside of open library hours. In addition, the library continues to offer Gale courses- over 350 online classes are offered for free with a library card.

At this time, we would like to thank the Town of Presque Isle for their continued support, our staff and volunteers, with whom we could not operate the library, our residents and our patrons. Presque Isle Community Library is the shining star of the community ~~and~~ *and*
We look forward to a bright future ~~of service to our community.~~

Presque Isle Lions Club 2022 Activity Report

April 27, 2022

Club Information:

Currently 31 members
Meetings held 2nd Thursday of each month

Fundraisers:

Feb. 26 - Chamber Ice Fishing Jamboree
May 14 - Lobster/~~Prime Rib~~ Dinner
June 18 - Presque Isle Days
July 8, July 29, Sept. 23 - Tunes on the Water
July 30 - Lions Logger's Breakfast
Aug. 6 - Lions Rummage Sale
Nov. 5 - Christmas in November

Community Support:

May 17, Sept. 13 - Blood Drive
May 21, Oct. 1 - Healing Patriots Parade
July 13, July 27, Aug. 10 - Kids Fishing Days
Oct. 31 - Halloween Spooktacular
Dec. 9 - Olde Time Christmas Celebration

*Town
CLEAN-UP - Seasonal
Park*

Projects:

Spearhead construction of the Pipke Park band shelter. \$20K financial donation.
Handicap/Rehabilitation Equipment Loan Closet
Hwy B road clean-up

Ongoing Financial Contributions:

- Wisconsin Lions Foundation
- Leader Dogs for the Blind
- Lions Eye Bank
- Wisconsin Lions Missions
- Kid's Christmas Party & Fishing Contest
- Presque Isle Library & Chamber of Commerce
- Lakeland Union High School (College Scholarships) *Presque
Isle
Res.*
- North Lakeland Elementary School
- Community Parks and Historical Sites
- Boulder Junction Food Pantry
- Open Your Heart (Families in need)
- Presque Isle Fire Department
- Scholl Community Impact Group (Autism)
- Healing Patriots

Report from Ordinance Committee

The town Ordinance Committee held monthly meetings over the course of the past year and attempted to respond to the tasks assigned to the committee by the Presque Isle Town Board.

The ordinances that the committee prepared that were adopted by the Board and incorporated into the Town Code of Ordinances were generally administrative or clerical in nature; which is to say the committee did not contribute to any significantly new, or major changes to, town ordinances.

The committee:

- prepared an ordinance (SC 118) that abolished the obsolete ordinance on the town's Municipal Judge
- prepared an ordinance (SC 117) that outlined the issuance of citations (to assist our newly elected Town Constable)
- reviewed and endorsed an update prepared by the Town Parks & Rec Committee to the ordinance (SC 402) outlining proper use of town parks and other town properties
- reviewed and helped staff an update to a Joint ordinance of Presque Isle and Winchester related to watercraft use on Papoose Lake (SC 505).

Submitted by: Eric Benn, member & alternate secretary of Presque Isle Ordinance Committee

Parks & Recreation Report---Annual Meeting 2022

The P&R committee is charged with overseeing the parks and recreational facilities with input from the community. Part of that responsibility involves making recommendations to the town for needed maintenance. Some of the projects are done by committee members and volunteers and larger projects are addressed by the town.

Just a few of the more recent projects/activities of the committee include: 1. Coordinating the repair of the log pavilion at the Community Center. 2. Coordinating the dock repair at Sensenbrenner Park. The committee provided the funds for the lumber but the Lions did all of the work. 3. Coordinating the installation of electrical outlets in the pavilion at Sensenbrenner Park. 4. Providing parking and traffic signs, as well as more parking spaces, at Pipke Park during events. 5. Recommending repairs to the concrete apron at the Pipke Park pavilion. 6. Updating Town Park Ordinance 402 and Town Parks Rules and Regulations.

There are a number of items we want to address this year, including signage for the Community Center Trails, maintenance on the Wilderness Trail Boardwalk in Pipke Park, staining the Pipke Park pavilion, benches for Sensenbrenner Park, repairs/updating to the concession stand and toilets at the ball diamonds, and improving the Community Center playground. There certainly could be more added to our list. In fact, members of the committee are visiting all parks and facilities now to assess what needs to be done and we always welcome comments and suggestions from the community.

Our meetings are usually the third Monday of the month at 10:00 am and are always posted. Please feel free to attend.

And don't forget town cleanup is May, 26th at 10:00 a.m. We'll meet at the Community Center parking lot.

Barb Peck, Chair

PRESQUE ISLE ZONING

YEAR	2018	2019	2020	2021	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
NEW HOUSES	3	9	12	16					
NEW GARAGES	22	11	11	21					
NEW ADDITIONS	7	8	9	4					
COMMERCIAL	1	0	0	1					
MISCELLANEOUS	21	19	28	22					
SUBDIVISIONS	1	3	0	0					
TOTAL PERMITS	57	47	60	64					

EXAMPLES OF MISCELLANEOUS PERMITS ARE STORAGE SHEDS,
DRIVEWAYS, STAIRS TO THE LAKE, DECKS, DEMO'S, etc.

Presque Isle Zoning Committee and Zoning Commission Report for
Annual Meeting of May 5, 2022

at Presque Isle and I'm a member of

Planning world.

Cal This is a brief report from the Presque Isle Zoning Committee and Commission. ~~for the year 2021~~. The Town Zoning members worked exclusively on the Town of Presque Isle Comprehensive Plan from January of 2021 through September of 2021. Several citizens contributed, including Carmen Farwell, Barb Peck, ~~Adam~~ Johnson and particularly Eric Benn who submitted many written contributions for the working draft of the Plan. Hopefully I didn't forget others who attended these sessions. The Town was aided by a consultant, ~~the North Central Regional Planning Commission~~. The Plan is an ~~88~~ page document intended to be a project planning reference. We are expected to consider the effects of any Town project on the many other Town characteristics. ~~So~~ the nine chapters ^{such as} are ~~entitled~~ Demographics, Natural Resources, Housing, Utilities and Community Facilities, Transportation, Economic Development, Land Use, and Intergovernmental Cooperation. The ~~Ninth~~ chapter is all about implementation. The Plan looks like this, and can be found in the Library, I believe. The Plan was formally adopted on September 2, 2021, and amendments were adopted by the Board on October 21, 2021.

On another note, Richard Hemming formally retired from the Committee and Commission on October 21 following over sixteen years of service, the last 10 years or so as Chair. Dick was an outstanding member and Chairperson.

Peggy Johnson-Wiessner was elected as the Chairperson of the Zoning Committee at the January 18, 2022 meeting of that Committee. Peggy was then appointed as Chairperson of the Planning Commission at the February 3, 2022 Town Board Meeting.

Other issues considered by Zoning last year include shipping containers used as storage buildings on private properties, possible revisions to Town zoning fees, rules for camping on unimproved properties, and recommendations for approval of several Certified Surveys creating small land divisions.

Town of Presque Isle
Regular Town Board Meeting
May 19, 2022

Chairman 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 also attended. Chairman MacLean expressed sympathy for the Rottman family in their recent tragic loss. He then spoke briefly about showing sympathy for our neighbors when they experience a loss. The agenda for tonight's meeting and minutes of the May 5, 2022 meeting were approved by two separate motions.

Old Business:

1. **Sign Locations:** Exact measured and recorded sign locations were finalized and proper forms were forwarded to the Vilas County Highway Department. These signs were previously approved. Jeannie Klingenmeyer is arranging for the installation of the signs. Brief discussion followed.
2. **The American Legion Events:** Maps and information are available from area businesses and the Presque Isle Chamber. Mr. MacLean clarified that the Healing Patriots event is actually to be held on May 21 at 3:50pm. The Pork and Ride Event which benefits the Good Neighbor Program is scheduled for June 4 at 11:00am.
3. **Chip Seal Vendor unable to complete work:** Mr. MacLean advocated for awarding the work to the next qualified bidder on those projects to accomplish needed repairs. Some of the roadwork last summer was not completed by the company who was awarded the bid. Mr. MacLean contacted the next vendor in line. Pitlik & Wick, the aforementioned second-lowest bidder, agreed to do the work for the price they bid last spring. A motion to accept the bids for tar and chip to Pitlik & Wick was made by Mr. Wolter, seconded by Ms. Weber, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
 - a. **Advertise for Other Road Work Bids:** A motion to advertise for road work planned for the 2022 season was made by Ms Weber, seconded by Mr. MacLean, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
4. **Rosalind Road Yard Light:** Dave Kimball stepped up to help with his donated bucket truck and skills to shield a problematic yard light. Mr. MacLean thanked Mr. Kimball for his generous donation of time and equipment.
5. **Discussions with Engineers regarding Pipke Pond Diversion Structures:** M² Engineering has been helping with the pond project and visited the site recently. The engineer supported the Town Crew's position that the dike between the two ponds should be kept and a different structure be utilized to provide an outlet from the south pond to the north pond. They then examined the inlet to the South Pond and considered a similar solution there, using the pre-existing structure in that same area. M² would like to make a presentation to the Board by zoom on Tuesday, May 24 at 4:00. Mr. Wolter expressed concern that the water level has not been lowered. He has asked that the hours Mr. Wallace has spent and gasoline that has been used is wasting manpower and money. Ms. Weber suggested that renting more powerful pumps might help. Installation of a culvert would provide a bigger permanent way to keep the south pond drained down and allow for future regulation of the water level. The consequence of not following the DNR order was questioned. Rich Schmalzer explained that if a government agency issues an order, you have to do it, "absent legal action", further stating that they're right until you prove them wrong in court. It would be a costly process. There is frustration that the DNR returned the property and liability to us and now they're forcing the repairs on us.
6. **Parking on Main Street:** The M² engineer has viewed the parking issue and curb problem at the junction of County Roads B & W.
7. **Clean Up Day for Presque Isle:** Community volunteers will assemble on May 26th, 2022 in the parking lot of the Community Building at 10:00.
8. **Streetlights on Main Street:** Mr. MacLean has some suggestions for these structures, including break-away masts and a sample lighting fixture. He has a plan for getting the electricity underneath Main Street.
9. **Board of Review date:** This item was covered in the initial session of the Board of Review held this evening

at 5:55, before the commencement of the regular Town Board meeting.

10. **Ordinance 2022-03 - Readopt Subchapter 505 - Presque Isle/Winchester:** A motion to readopt was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. MacLean, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
11. **Board Reports on Previous Agenda Items:** Ms. Weber reported on a recommendation from the Park & Recreation Committee to relocate the Pipke Park path to the back of the proposed band shell. This expenditure will be approved during voucher approval at the end of the meeting. Mr. Wolter will investigate relocating the path to the back of the band shell and he will donate his time and equipment. Town Board members will walk the proposed path at 3:30 Tuesday at Pipke Park before the meeting referenced in item 5 above.

New Business:

1. **Brushing Around Town:** Mr. MacLean spoke about recent weather/disaster events. He also mentioned the maintenance of the Pipke Park pond dikes.
2. **Town Transfer Station Tray System to Catch Debris Under Compactors:** Mr. MacLean is proposing a better system to collect the leachate from the compactors. Discussion followed regarding the cleanliness and safety of the site.
3. **Engineers' Inspections of South Crab Lake Road System:** Mr. MacLean has inspected S Crab Lake Rd with three different engineers. This is a feeder road for several smaller roads, Buckley, Hemlock Hill, Forty-Niners, and S Crab-Lynx Bay Roads (laid out in 1956, but never constructed). He suggested that connecting Lynx Lake Rd and S Crab Lake Rd (which is the aforementioned road that was laid out in 1956) would provide a connector road for EMS vehicles. The BIL funding seems to be less likely at this time and comes with requirements that might not be the best thing for the town. Seal coat may be the best solution for S Crab Lake Rd. Nick Williams asked if residents have been consulted about the project. Mr Wolter stated that the town has authority to do any improvements within the 66 ft right-of-way. Broadband is coming. Fix the road now before the broadband goes in. Mark Billhymer complained that people are turning around in his driveway which is being torn up by plows. Terry Kennedy doesn't believe that major improvements are warranted. He suggested burying power lines at the same time. Pete Williams expressed concerns about steep hills and asked about a traffic study.
4. **Board Correspondence and/or Future Agenda Items:** Ms Walters informed the Board about issuing a temporary beer and wine license issued to Friends of the Library. The contact information in our Emergency Action Plan is seriously out of date, and should appear on the next agenda. She also asked the Board to schedule a special meeting with the five businesses that have failed to respond to the three written requests for documentation proving they have been open for liquor sales during at least three months of the last license period, ending June 30, 2022. Certified letters will go out immediately informing them of the meeting scheduled for 9:00 on Tuesday, May 24.
5. **Miscellaneous Public Comments:** Mr. Wolter encouraged involvement in EMS and Fire services.

Vouchers 34020-34046 were approved for payment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm.

Town Board Action: Approved, 3-0

Approved: June 2, 2022

Amended: _____

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Town of Presque Isle
Regular Town Board Meeting
June 2, 2022

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 also attended. The agenda for tonight's meeting and minutes of the May 19, 2022 meeting were approved by two separate motions.

Old Business:

1. **Town Clean Up Day- recap and schedule additional day(s):** Mr. MacLean reported that the town clean up day went very well. Volunteers divided into teams to tackle the several tasks. Other dates may be scheduled.
2. **Kai Kempen, Northland Sealcoating completed rubber seal and iron coat on Parking Lot surrounding fire station:** Mr. MacLean reported that he was pleased with the job they did. Iron Coat is a bonding agent that resists abrasion, minimizing damage caused by turning wheels on the new surface.
3. **Parking on Main Street and HWY W:** Our engineers suggested contacting the Vilas County Highway Commissioner before undertaking this project at the town level. They briefly discussed the plan that was discussed before the project was done vis-a-vis the current problems.
4. **Chip Seal Vendor unable to complete their work. Award work to other qualified bidder to accomplish needed repairs:** Mr. MacLean reported that the second bidder is unable to do the work. The clerk believes that the project would need to be rebid. A motion to rebid the chip seal work that was not completed last year was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
5. **Discussions with Engineers regarding Pipke Pond diversion structures:** Mr. MacLean reported that a backhoe will be used to dig down to the pipe to the southeast of the structure between the ponds slightly to the east of the area where people walk.
6. **Discussions about consolidating EMS:** Another meeting will be held between the four towns in a Manitowish Waters location.
7. **Board Reports on Previous Agenda Items:** Ms Weber would like to see a copy of the five-year road plan. She has spoken with several people about the door on the vault toilet. The frame is rotted, so the whole structure needs to be replaced. Skip Slatinsky would be willing to do the work. Mr. Slatinsky will begin the replacement of the four town hall doors on Monday. Mr. Wolter would like to be advised of any need for new equipment.

New Business:

1. **Update Emergency Action Plan Contact Information:** A motion to adopt the amendments to the plan was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
2. **Special Thanks to Shelly and appointment of our New Librarian, Christal Schermeister, Welcome!** Mr. MacLean thanked Shelly Knaack for her devotion to the Librarian's position. Christal Schermeister, the new librarian, is a recent college graduate, excited to begin her new position. She is being trained by Ms. Knaack. An open house to bid farewell to Shelly and welcome Christal will be held from 9:00-3:00 on June 10.
3. **Harmonize and streamline penalty schedule for Town Ordinances:** A motion to accept the ordinance as drafted by the Ordinance Committee was made by Mr. Wolter seconded by Ms. Weber, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0. Later in the meeting Bob Berdan, via phone call, reported that some additional ordinances would have to be revised in addition to the ones stated in the draft of the ordinance. At that time it was suggested that the ordinance could be re-adopted at the June 16 meeting.
4. **Adjust fees for disposal of large appliances and safety requirements for their disposal:** Mr. Wolter is suggesting raising prices as a penalty for not taking the doors off refrigerators. Recently this has happened four times. Ms. Walters reported some details about increased costs averaging 42% for 2022 over 2021. She

suggested a 50% increase in fees to cover the cost. A motion to raise fees and include a fee for refrigerators with the door attached was made by Mr. Wolter, seconded by Ms. Weber, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.

5. **Weed Commissioner directed to go after White Pine Blister Rust Alternate Hosts-Currants and Gooseberries:** Mr. MacLean said that historically, the CCC segregated gooseberries and currants from white pines because they could be an alternative host to white pine blister rust. He is advocating implementing that same policy at the present time. Mr. Owens, the weed commissioner, asked if these species would be treated as invasives. Mr. MacLean's intent is to make the problem known so people could be paying attention to white pines on their property and keep these species away from them. Ms. Weber is in favor of making sure town land is monitored for this problem. It was decided to prepare information to appear on the town website.
6. **Signage to alert travelers on South Crab Lake Road system of construction and road hazards:** Mr. MacLean would like to erect a low-cost sign while the roadwork is being done.
7. **Board Correspondence and/or Future Agenda Items:** Mr. Wolter would like to see returning to the former policy of **agenda preparation**, suggesting that the clerk and board members would have the authority to add agenda items for their own purposes. Discussion followed. A motion that any town board member can add an agenda item by contacting the town clerk was made by Mr. Wolter, seconded by Ms. Weber, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0. Ms. Walters reported that five entities have applied for "**Class B**" liquor licenses. Three businesses have yet to submit their license applications. Mr. Wolter will withhold his vote on granting licenses to businesses that have not responded to recent requests from the clerk. Mr. MacLean reported on **power outages** that have occurred so far this year, stating that he is working with executives at Xcel Energies to remedy how things went wrong earlier this week.
8. **Miscellaneous Public Comments:** There were some comments from citizens.

Vouchers 34045-34077 and a payment to Northland Sealcoating were approved for payment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Town Board Action: Approved, 3-0

Approved: June 16, 2022

Amended: _____

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Town of Presque Isle
Regular Town Board Meeting
June 16, 2022

Chairman John MacLean called the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Presque Isle to order at 6:00pm. Supervisor Cathy Logan Weber also attended. The agenda for tonight's meeting and minutes of the June 2 meeting as amended were approved by two separate motions. Mr. MacLean awarded the "Dumb and Dumber Award" to the individual who was shooting at power poles.

Old Business:

1. **Parking on Main Street and HWY W:** Mr. Wolter would like to see the lines for parking removed. He doesn't favor removing the curbs to increase parking. Ms Weber commented on the problem with green mesh getting tangled and chopped up by the mower.
2. **Chip Seal Vendor unable to complete their work. Award work to other qualified bidder to accomplish needed repairs. [See item 1 under New Business]:** This will be addressed under new business.
3. **Board Reports on Previous Agenda Items:**
 - a. Ms. Weber asked about the backhoe project at Pipke Park. It will be used to determine the depth of the long pipe that bypasses the south pond. She also mentioned the vault door replacement. She has a price of \$500 for the total cost of the project.
 - b. Mr. Wolter, about Pipke Park, suggested stopping all pumping and telling the DNR to do it. Mr. MacLean and Ms. Weber agreed that they have made a promise to the DNR and need to stick to that.
 - c. **EMS Meeting Report:** The four towns met again today. The goal is to reduce response time. There is an additional problem of increasing requirements for EMS that reduces the number of people willing to commit that much time.

New Business:

1. **Open Road Bids:** Mr. MacLean opened road bids from Pitlik & Wick. The bids are summarized below:
 - a. Ridge Rd: \$15,076
 - b. Hank Rd: \$17,486
 - c. Breede: \$16,289Mr. Wolter made a motion to award the bids to Pitlik & Wick. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weber, motion carried, 3-0. Mr. Frank predicts that the work could be done in July.
2. **Discussion and Approval of Business Licenses:** A motion approving operators licenses, two of which are conditionally approved, still requiring proof of completion of the Responsible Beverage Server class, was made by Ms Weber, seconded by Mr. WolterMacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0. A motion approving all other business licenses, one of which is conditionally approved, contingent on the fulfillment of DOR requirements, was made by Ms Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
3. **Adopt Ordinance 2022-04 Penalties and Forfeitures:** This is the ordinance that was prematurely adopted at the last meeting. A motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-04 was made by Mr. Wolter, seconded by Ms. Weber, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
4. **Proposed Agenda Policy:** Ms. Walters read the proposed policy. Mr. MacLean allowed comments from the audience. Based on those suggestions, changes will be made to the proposed policy.
5. **Discussion Regarding Proposed Sale of Town Land and Scheduling of Town Meeting of Electors:** Several citizens asked questions and offered suggestions. Information will be placed on the town website.
6. **Electric Distribution Information:** Mr. MacLean introduced Mark Lorenz, engineer, retired from a career in utilities to address the excessive power outages in recent months. Mr. Lorenz spoke about three issues:
 - a. avoid problems: Linemen complete a maintenance cycle every four years to accomplish that, trimming trees, etc. Unfortunately that didn't help this year.
 - b. finding the problems when they occur: This is difficult in a forested area with many wetlands.
 - c. lack of automation to provide feedback: Gary Owens stated that the modems should be telling the

power company when a house loses power. Mr. Lorenz replied that current equipment is not the latest technology. Our local area is the last area scheduled to get next generation meters. Mr. Owens requested to be involved in any meeting that would take place. Lorenz indicated that the utility company will be more responsive if there are a lot of complaints, stating further that the PSC has the capability to exert pressure to get these problems solved.

7. Board Correspondence and/or Future Agenda Items: Ms. Walters inquired if the board would like to bid out the liability insurance policy which is scheduled to renew on August 18. She stated that the Town receives excellent service from Horton, the current vendor. The board declined to pursue another quote this year. Fire Department officers were elected and will be approved at the next meeting. At the Transfer Station, one tray has been installed and one soon to be installed under the companctors.

8. Miscellaneous Public Comments: none

Vouchers 34079-34115 were approved for payment after comments by Mr. Wolter and Ms. Weber about an increase in the cost of the fireworks display from \$5000 to \$7500 without board discussion before the contract was signed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm

Town Board Action: Approved, 3-0

Approved: July 7, 2022

Amended: _____

Town of Presque Isle
Regular Town Board Meeting
July 7, 2022

Chairman John MacLean called the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Presque Isle to order at 6:00pm. Supervisor Cathy Logan Weber also attended. The agenda for tonight's meeting and minutes (as corrected) of the June 16 meeting were approved by two separate motions.

Old Business:

1. **Bid Opening - East Bay Rd:** Mr. MacLean opened the only bid from Pitlik & Wick, double seal coat, \$35,938. A motion to accept the bid was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
2. **Broadband Update - Grant Award:** Dave Bogan presented information regarding the recently awarded \$1,894,097 grant for the broadband project which totals \$6,972,272, \$3.9M is Charter's obligation; the Town will contribute 1.2M. In October-November discussions between Charter and the Town will take place. Dec 31 is the goal to have the charter/state contract finalized. Engineering and construction may begin in early 2023. The entire project will be done at the same time even though the funding sources will be different. Charter has 24 months to complete the project, which would indicate that early-mid 2025 would be the target completion date. The Broadband Committee will begin developing a website.
3. **Committee Appointment - Gary Owens:** Chairman MacLean appointed Gary Owdns to the Broadband Committee. A motion approving the nomination was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
4. **South Crab Lake Rd:** Mr. MacLean has met with people from the area of the planned roadwork. One of the representatives has covid, so the discussion related to that meeting will be discussed at the July 21 meeting. Ms. Weber spoke about Mr. MacLean's tree-cutting. She brought up the issue of Mr. MacLean assuming duties that would be the job of town crew. WTA guidance on volunteers cites liability issues as a reason they don't recommend Town Board members volunteering for work such as this. The recommendation from WTA is to discuss the use of volunteers at a Town Board meeting. Mr. MacLean disagreed, and sees this as part of his job as Town Chairman. Mr. Wolter supported Mr. MacLean's position. It was determined that all tree cutting on S Crab Lake Rd has taken place on the road right-of-way. Mr. MacLean reported that he is currently working with engineers on the project. Mr. Wolter has viewed the site, observing that he didn't see any issues with the work that has been done.
5. **Vault Toilet Door Replacement:** Ms. Weber has worked with Slatinsky Construction regarding the rotting door which would cost a total of \$500 to replace. A motion approving the expenditure was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
6. **Pipke Park Update:** Mr. MacLean has dug down in an attempt to find the depth of the auxiliary fill pipe. The surveyors have finished the field work in Pipke Park. M² will schedule the steps to complete their recommended solution to the pond structures.
7. **Proposed Policy**
 - a. **Agenda Formation:** Mr. MacLean read the proposed policy. A motion adopting was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0. A request was made to lower the notice board at the Transfer Station to facilitate posting of notices. Notice board locations will be discussed at the next meeting because of challenges with the Post Office notice board. Additional language stating the official locations of the notice boards will be added when that issue is settled.
 - b. **Real Estate Transactions:** A motion to follow these guidelines was made by Mr.

Wolter seconded by Ms. Weber, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.

8. **Board Reports on Previous Agenda Items:** Ms. Weber mentioned that the four new Town Hall doors have been successfully installed and keyed to match the other doors. Mr. Wolter said that Jeanne Klindingmeyer has received permission from Vilas County to place the new signs. Kid's Fishing Days are coming July 13 & 27. A town cleanup day is planned for Monday, July 11.

New Business:

1. **Approval of Fire Department Officers:** A motion approving Fire Chief Doug Wolter, Assistant Chief Jim Nelson, Secretary-Treasurer Geoffrey Simmons, and EMS Director Donna Jukich was made by Mr. Wolter, seconded by Ms. Weber, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
2. **Discussion Regarding Proposed Sale of Town Land and Scheduling of Town Meeting of Electors:** Discussion took place about the possibility of the road frontage of 50 or 80 ft. The suggested cost, based on a conversation with Assessor Paul Carlson, would be \$5000-\$10,000. A motion to call a meeting of the town electors for September 1 to consider disposal of town land was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0. In the meantime, Mr. MacLean will talk to the property owners about the width of the proposed parcel.
 - a. List
 - b. Town Map
 - c. Village Map
 - d. drawing
3. **Discussion and Possible Approval of "Class B" Liquor License - Post 480 American Legion:** A motion granting the newly discovered reserve license to Post 480 American Legion was made by Mr. Wolter, seconded by Ms. Weber, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0. A motion to set the fee at \$200 was made by Mr. Wolter, seconded by Ms. Weber, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0. Thanks to Patrick Roche for discovering the statutory provision that allows the issuance of the additional license.
4. **Board Correspondence and/or Future Agenda Items:** S Crab Lake Rd Update, Lights on Main Street, Pipke Park Pond Schedule, Posting Places, Pipke Park Bypass Rd. Route has been staked out. Building in town ordered to install well & septic. Same vendor for July 4 celebration. June 30 or July 1 next year. Location of Presque Isle days. Pork & Ride was very successful, lots of ATVs and UTVs. Speed limits on town roads are in place to protect walkers.
5. **Miscellaneous Public Comments:** Constable Eesley needs the buoys back that were removed recently. If the constable puts a buoy out, leave it alone!

Vouchers #34117-34167 with 34167 void were approved for payment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm.

Town Board Action: Approved: 2-0

Approved: July 21, 2022

Amended: _____

Town of Presque Isle
Regular Town Board Meeting
July 21, 2022

Chairman John MacLean called the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Presque Isle to order at 6:00pm. Supervisor Cathy Logan Weber also attended. The agenda for tonight's meeting and minutes of the June 16 meeting were approved by two separate motions.

Old Business:

1. **South Crab Lake Rd Update:** Mr. MacLean began by stating that supervisors have received correspondence from concerned residents of this road. He stated that the most recently received letter has not been approved by any parent organization. He met with three designees appointed by the Crab Lake Conservation Foundation Board. Mr. MacLean has been working with M² Engineers, stating that there are no erosion concerns. Ms. Weber also received the correspondence. Her understanding is that the main concerns are about wetlands. Mr. MacLean met today with John Simonson, a DNR specialist. When lowering the two problematic hills and the dangerous curve, care will be taken not to impact the wetlands. Permits will be obtained in any areas deemed necessary. A two-year window exists before broadband is installed, so the work must be completed before that project commences. Mr. MacLean asked for comments. Nick Williams: What is the usual procedure for documenting Mr. MacLean's meetings with outside agencies? Mr. MacLean expects to get summaries of meetings from the parties with whom he met. Mr. Williams wants to know about the approval process for work being done, e.g. culverts, etc. Tree cutting does not require permits. Are permits required for cutting down hills? Yes, with consideration to how that affects wetlands. When soil is transferred, Mr. Williams is concerned that soil will not stay where it was put. More work will be done in that location. His goal is to not exceed a 3/1 slope, to be engineered. Silt fences will be done where they are needed. A property owner on Molly Point is concerned that runoff will flow through their garage. No changes are planned in that area. Charles Gray: The letter will definitely be approved by the CLCF. Mr. MacLean commented on cutting aspen. It is better to intentionally cut them because where they fall can be planned in contrast to letting them fall naturally. Mike Gray: The letter was approved by board vote. He expressed frustration at not having knowledge of the process.
2. **Pipke Park Pond Schedule:** Mr. MacLean commented on the length of time it took to complete the survey which has been submitted to M². The schedule is partially complete. The board discussed the general schedule, details to follow. Ms. Weber briefly outlined the steps to work toward finalizing the plan. Eric Benn stated that the inaccurate water level is related to the inability of the surveyors to locate the bottom of the ponds. Bob Heilman: What is the timing for the completion of the schedule? Mr. MacLean replied that they will use the existing long pipe to the south pond and a similar thing at the other inlet.
3. **Lights on Main Street:** Mr. MacLean showed a prototype for the Main Street lighting. The cost is not known at this time. The plan is to use LED lights, but may be initially fitted with traditional bulbs. Ms. Weber asked about a plan. Mr. MacLean mentioned some of his thoughts about where the lights would be located in different zones which would be on one side of Main Street or the other depending on what would work best. A foot bridge across the creek to Karsyn's Korner was mentioned. Light posts, possibly with a break-away feature, would need to be carefully considered. Ms. Weber wondered why the east side of the road for all the lights wouldn't work. Mr. MacLean is including the option for a walkway along with the lights.
4. **Board Reports on Previous Agenda Items:** none

New Business:

1. **2023 Independence Day Fireworks:** Mr. MacLean would like to set the 2023 fireworks display for July 1. A motion to schedule fireworks display for July 1, 2023 with Bartolotta, was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. MacLean; MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; motion carried, 2-0.
2. **Public Notice Board Locations:** The notice board at the Transfer Station needs to be lowered. The clerk opined that the one at the post office is not ideal because non-governmental information is allowed on that board according to the postmistress. She suggested considering Karsyn's Korner for an alternative location,

which years ago was one of the three official spots. The kiosk from the Heritage Cottage might be moved there. John will consult the owners about that possibility.

3. **Pipke Park Bypass Road:** Ms. Weber visited the site with the group that has proposed the change. Mr. Wolter suggested that it would need to be 18 ft wide and is concerned that the proposed roadway is not wide enough. Ms. Weber is concerned about losing parking spaces on each end. Steve Dimmig was asked about the situation. Flaring the entrance might save some parking spaces. One way traffic would be necessary during events, suggesting angled parking to increase the number of spaces. The moving of the road is for safety concerns, not parking needs. The current road would only be used by vendors, musicians, and possibly handicap drop off. Ms. Weber would like to see more specific plans. Costs would need to be considered, but the Town Crew could be used for some of the work. Barb Peck: The Parks and Rec Committee is aware of the proposed change and agrees that a well-defined plan is needed. The entire committee is in favor of the change. The Park and Rec Committee has signs available for events. Mr. MacLean introduced the idea of moving the quonset hut. Mr. Dimmig added that the concrete pad would be a nice base for a picnic shelter. An old car should be removed from that area.
4. **Building in Violation of Vilas County Order to Install Well and Septic:** Mr. MacLean addressed the issue of the building violation. He will talk to Vilas County about how to proceed.
5. **Annabelle Lake Boat Landing Parking Issues:** Mr. Heilman has had problems with parking at the landing. People shouldn't be parking in the turn-around. One or two no parking signs might solve the problem. Mr. MacLean suggested also painting "no parking" on the pavement. Discussion followed.
6. **Tree Removal Proposal - Foley's Tree Service:** This proposal is for work to be done in the cemetery. A motion to approve the proposal to be fulfilled by Dave was made by Ms. Weber seconded by Mr. MacLean MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; motion carried, 2-0.
7. **Tree Cutting at Wilderness Park:** Mr. MacLean is happy with the clean-up efforts in Wilderness Park. Ms. Weber stated that cutting was done in the area where the shoreline erosion grant plantings were done. People are unhappy with the tree-cutting that was done there. Vilas County should have been called because more than two trees were cut. Mr. MacLean defended his action, but agreed to contact Vilas County when more than two trees need to be cut. Bob Barofsky, long-time member of the Park and Rec Committee, addressed the Board. One of three sites funded by the grant, the viewing corridor, was the place where the tree cutting was done. He is concerned about potential erosion that might take place there. He also recommended adding a railing to the stairwell. A snow fence always has to be placed at two of the locations to deter snowmobiles. Planting shrubs might help with that, too.
8. **Disposal of Front End Loader:** A motion to authorize Joe Thoma and Clerk Walters to work together to seek sealed bids with minimum price to be higher than the two negotiated values of the used front end loader was made by Mr. MacLean seconded by Ms. Weber; MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; motion carried, 2-0.
9. **Transfer Station Traffic Flow - Paving:** Mr. MacLean reintroduced the paving of the traffic flow at the Transfer Station which will be considered at the next meeting.
10. **Board Correspondence and/or Future Agenda Items:** Mr. MacLean: authorizing professional analysis of joint EMS options at a cost of \$6000. Also, something about process, more details to follow. Ms. Walters: zoom process, if any, for town meeting of electors.
11. **Miscellaneous Public Comments:** Ms. Weber plans to remove two popples near the garden shed. There were problems with the zoom video tonight. Emma MacLean described a system used that she uses in her job. Gary Owen stated the company is WebEx and offered to help.

Vouchers #34168-34193 were approved for payment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51PM.

Town Board Action: Approved, 2-0

Approved: August 4, 2022

Amended: _____

Town of Presque Isle
Regular Town Board Meeting
August 4, 2022

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 also attended. The agenda for tonight's meeting and minutes of the June 16 meeting were approved by two separate motions, minutes approval happening at the end of the meeting.

Old Business:

1. **Approval of \$6000 Funding for Comprehensive Study of EMS in the Four-Towns Area:** Mr. MacLean spoke about a proposal to have a professional evaluate the EMS situation in the four-towns area. Donna Jukich, EMS Director, and Corky Curtis, department member, gave details on the difficulty facing EMS services all over the state and country. Meetings have taken place between representatives of the four towns. The consultant will give advice and help resolve different opinions of what would work best. County-wide and hospital based systems, in addition to each town continuing with its own department will be explored. The hope for this study is that the consulting firm will meet with each town individually and help decide what options will work best. Questions and comments were fielded from the citizens present. The suggestion was made to propose that the consultant expand this to a county-wide study, suggesting that the four town chairs approach Vilas County. A motion to authorize the study in the four towns was made by Mr. Wolter, seconded by Ms. Weber, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0. Those present expressed their appreciation for our EMS personnel.
2. **South Crab Lake Rd Update:** Nick Williams has received some documentation from both the clerk and the engineer. The schedule is based on the deadline for installation of the broadband infrastructure. More communication would be appreciated by the residents in this area. Signage erected a week in advance of major work would be helpful, or an email to Nick Williams.
3. **Pipke Park Pond Schedule:** The cost estimate that Chairman MacLean was hoping for did not arrive before this meeting.
4. **Board Reports on Previous Agenda Items:** Wilderness Park tree cutting: Ms. Weber picked up some shrubs that might be beneficial for a variety of purposes. Mr. MacLean and Ms. Weber will plant them together. The Board of Review needs to be postponed. Regarding the request for no parking signs at the Annabelle Lake Boat Landing, the speed bump has been removed and the planks have been fixed. The signs at this landing and Butler Drive are switched around. They will be restored to the proper locations.

New Business:

1. **Public Notice Board Locations:** Mr. MacLean has gotten consent from Brenda Dyre to place a notice board at Karsyn's Korner. A motion to designate Karsyn's Korner as one of the three official public notice boards to replace the Post Office as an official location was made by Mr. Wolter, seconded by Ms. Weber, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
2. **Pipke Park - Relocation of Quonset Hut:** Amid plans to erect a band shell and relocate the road in Pipke Park, Mr. MacLean is suggesting relocating the quonset hut to the east of the dike near the junction of the north and south ponds. The building could be set on gravel for the present. A motion authorizing moving the quonset hut was made by Ms. Weber. Mr. Wolter would favor getting rid of the structure. Steve Dimmig reminded the Board of the plan to use the concrete slab for a picnic shelter to enhance the bandshell area. Barb Peck suggested that consulting the Park and Recreation Committee about their ideas, suggesting that this matter could wait until after the committee's next committee. Ms. Weber withdrew her motion, suggesting that it be put on the Park & Rec agenda.
3. **Building in Violation of Vilas County Order to Install Well and Septic:** Mr. MacLean has been in contact with Vilas County Sanitary Administrator. This issue will go before the judge on September 9. Mr. MacLean will attend that hearing. Mr. Wolter suggested that our attorney attend that hearing. Ms. Weber suggested that

court documentation could be consulted in lieu of Mr. Garbowicz's attendance.

4. **Transfer Station Traffic Flow - Paving:** Mr. MacLean suggested a special meeting to look at the Transfer Station traffic flow issue with the intent of selecting the best option to solve this issue. Monday August 8 at 3:00 was selected for the meeting time.
5. **Well Inspection/Abandonment:**
 - a. **Wilderness Park:** During the park clean-up two wells were discovered, one of which at least, needs to be abandoned. This would include filling the sump with bentonite.
 - b. **Evergreen Cemetery:** The well at the cemetery, if that's what it is, may need to be abandoned, as well. Richard Logan has been helpful in considering solutions to this problem, re: repair or abandonment. A motion to contact Webster Well Drilling to evaluate the 3 sites and abandon, if necessary, was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
6. **UDC Inspection Fees/Non-Compliance Penalty:** The Town Board has received an email from Rick Clem, UDC Inspector. Mr. MacLean doesn't see the need. Ms. Weber thinks his proposal to increase the penalty is reasonable. A motion to authorize the fee increase was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. MacLean MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, abstain; motion carried, 2-0-1. Gary Owens questioned the 4th amendment issue, wondering how these locations were discovered. Mr. MacLean asked the Zoning Committee to look at this issue.
7. **Board Correspondence and/or Future Agenda Items:** Mr. MacLean: Regulation of Underground Utilities. Gary Owens' help may be sought on this proposed issue. Lighting Engineering Proposal for Main Street. Pipke Park Pond Dam Failure Cost Estimate. Power Line Maintenance Re-routing Part 1. Gaps in Phone Coverage - Cell Phone Towers.
8. **Miscellaneous Public Comments:** Ann Milne commented on the Transfer Station issue. She is very supportive of trying to enhance the traffic flow. She suggested inviting some traffic flow experts to weigh in on a solution to the problem. Jeff Burke says the UDC administrator has total authority to set his fees. He does not have to ask the town's permission. Peggy Johnson reminded the Board to approve the last meeting's minutes. Both the Lions Garage Sale and Fireman's Picnic were promoted.

Vouchers 34194-34218, with 34217 void, were approved for payment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm

Town Board Action: Approved, 309

Approved: August 18, 2022

Amended: _____

Town of Presque Isle
Regular Town Board Meeting
August 8, 2022
(unapproved)

Chairman John MacLean called the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Presque Isle to order at 3:00pm. Supervisor Cathy Logan Weber also attended.

Discussion of Traffic Flow at the Transfer Station: Mr. MacLean and Ms. Weber met with Mike Peterson to discuss traffic flow options for citizens dropping of recyclable and solid waste items.

Discussion/Action to Allow or Disallow Zoom Voting at the September 1 Town Meeting: No action was taken because Mr. Wolter was not in attendance.

Ms. Weber left the meeting because of a previous engagement and the meeting was adjourned.

Town Board Action: _____

Approved: _____

Amended: _____

Town of Presque Isle
Regular Town Board Meeting
August 18, 2022

Chairman John MacLean called the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Presque Isle to order at 6:00pm. Supervisor Cathy Logan Weber and Carl Wolter also attended. Heidi Putnam from Vilas County gave a presentation about the Rice Creek Watershed Project. The agenda for tonight's meeting and minutes of the August 4, 2022 meeting were approved by two separate motions.

Old Business:

1. **Transfer Station Traffic Flow - Paving Report:** Mr. MacLean, reporting that Mike Peterson was present at the meeting, stated that traffic flow was observed and problems were noted. Mark Lorenz also looked at the area with special attention to the power pole that is somewhat complicating traffic flow.
2. **Well Inspection/Abandonment Report:**
 - a. **Wilderness Park:** Ms. Weber reported that a professional, such as Webster Well Drilling, will be required to abandon any wells. Quita Sheehan has sent a copy of the application form for abandonment, which has been submitted to Vilas County. There are two wells at this location. One needs to be abandoned, possibly the other one, as well. Mark has been contacted by someone to check the well.
 - b. **Evergreen Cemetery:** It is still unknown if this is actually a well or not. The source of the water is unknown.
3. **Board Reports on Previous Agenda Items:** Mr. MacLean will be meeting for a second time with the property owner of the dwelling in violation of Vilas County Zoning. Seal coating on Hank, Breede and Ridge Roads has been completed.
4. **Pipke Bypass Road and Quonset Hut:** Mr. MacLean cited aesthetic and space problems with the current location of the quonset hut. Max Wallace has suggested a location north of its current spot. Eric Benn reported on discussion at the recent Park & Rec meeting, encouraging careful thought before moving ahead. He stated that the building is in good condition and could be disassembled and moved. Ms. Weber recommended consulting with the DNR since the park was partially funded by a DNR grant. A meeting will be held Tuesday, August 23 at 4:00pm after which the DNR can be informed of the plan.
5. **Discussion/Action to Allow or Disallow Zoom Voting at September Town Meeting:** The Town Meeting will be scheduled for September 8 at 6:00pm. Mr MacLean does not think this should be a contentious issue and sees problems with zoom voting. Ms. Weber recognizes that processes have changed in recent years. She wants people to have the opportunity to be involved. Gary Owens stated that he doesn't think it's feasible at this point. Mr. Wolter is opposed to zoom voting. Mr. MacLean took comments from the audience. A motion to disallow Zoom voting at the town meeting was made by Mr. Wolter seconded by Mr. MacLean; MacLean, aye; Weber, nay; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 2-1.
6. **Fire Department Officer Omission:** Mr. Wolter called to the attention of the Board that Colin Curtis should be included as the Assistant EMS Director. A motion approving the addition was made by Mr. Wolter, seconded by Ms. Weber; MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.

New Business:

1. **Regulation of Underground Utilities:** Mr. MacLean introduced the topic of installation of public utilities in the town. He is seeking to implement rules for standardizing installation of these facilities, possibly using common burial locations. Richard Logan commented that the National Electric Code and some other documents can help with this. He thought having our own rules might be redundant. Mr. Wolter commented that the WTA has had information on this topic.
2. **Lighting Engineering Proposal for Main Street:** No information is available at this time.
3. **Pipke Park Pond Dam Failure Analysis:** The cost of the dam failure analysis, south pond inlet and outlet structures and north pond inlet and outlet structures is \$38,780. The design project is expected to be

completed in three months. Heated discussion took place regarding this issue. A motion to approve the engineering proposal was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. MacLean, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.

4. **Power Line Maintenance - Re-Routing Part 1:** Mark Lorenz was asked to comment on this issue. He previously recommended filing complaints with the PSC if we are unhappy with the electrical service here. We are served out of the Marenisco substation. Xcel Energy has plans to build a tie line between Marenisco and Presque Isle and install a new substation in Presque Isle, sometime after three years in the future. They have had a lot of problems with the “transmission line” between Marenisco and Presque Isle. He questions whether this would be manually or automatically switched. He showed a report of the details of power outages at his house furnished by the PSC. Mr. Lorenz also commented that linemen are expected to perform duties that are the responsibility of the utility. He proposed improvements to the power company process. Rebuild projects on major feeder lines are being considered. Gary Owen suggested contacting legislators because this is a regulated utility. More discussion will take place, possibly in small groups. Mr. Lorenz stated that our equipment is decrepit and needs serious work.
5. **Gaps in Coverage - Cell Phone Towers:** Mr. MacLean emphasized the need for better cell service. He is proposing multiple cell towers in problem areas. Gary Owens has spoken with a Charter representative who is researching a possible solution. This may happen in conjunction with the broadband project. Discussion followed. Perhaps county involvement would be helpful. Vendors don’t want to use multiple small towers.
6. **Set Board of Review Date and Time - September 21 9:00AM:** Everyone was agreeable to the timing.
7. **Move Pier from West to East Presque Isle Lake:** Park and Rec has considered this proposal and the logistics of moving the pier. This is the 32 ft pier that is lying by the boat landing on Hwy P. It was previously located in Wilderness Park. More things need to be considered to make any decisions about this.
8. **Board Correspondence and/or Future Agenda Items:** UDC presentation with Rick Clem regarding fee increases. Broadband group email address. Uninhabitable building.
9. **Miscellaneous Public Comments:** Zoom meetings, voting, polling would be considered absentee voting.

Vouchers 34219-34253 were approved for payment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.

Town Board Action: Approved, 2-0

Approved: September 1, 2022

Amended: _____

Town of Presque Isle
Special Town Board Meeting
August 23, 2022

John MacLean called the meeting to order at 4pm. Carl Wolter and Cathy Logan Weber also attended.

Pipke Park Quonset Hut Proposed Location:A location was discussed to move the Quonset hut north along the pond road to the other end of the parking area as a possibility.

The board walked the possible area for a bypass road to the northwest of the future bandshell. Also discussed were alternate locations for the bandshell to include on the slab of the Quonset hut or on the north side of the Pipke Park Pavilion. The suggestion originally made by the Lions to gate off the area by the pavilion, during an event, seemed a good one. The traffic could come in from Hwy W and go either to the right or the left to the 2 different parking areas on either side of the future band shell.

No action was taken.

Transfer Station Traffic Flow: At the transfer station the discussion was about rerouting the traffic to come in and drive to the right of the containers and to go through the containers the opposite way (south) we have been driving. This will allow more people to line up and alleviate traffic from being all the way to Hwy W. The transfer attendant had previously suggested marking pavement with arrows to make clear the direction of travel.

No action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 5:21

Town Board Action: Approved, 2-0

Approved: September 1, 2022

Amended: _____

Town of Presque Isle
Regular Town Board Meeting
September 1, 2022

Chairman John MacLean called the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Presque Isle to order at 6:00pm. Supervisor Cathy Logan Weber attended. Tonight's agenda and minutes of the August 23 and August 18 meeting were approved by three separate motions.

Old Business:

1. **UDC Process and Fees - Rick Clem:** Mr. Clem, of RC Inspection Agency, introduced himself, and presented information regarding the increase of fees. County fees have tripled. There is much more legwork to be done these days because of non-compliant cases. This has necessitated the late fees that have been imposed. The problem exists in every portion of their service area. Violators are found using information provided by, for example, utility companies. Discussion followed. Mr. MacLean read a portion of a 1947 article regarding building codes, attached.
2. **Annabelle Lake Boat Landing Signage Update:** Signs have been ordered and other repairs have been made.
3. **Schedule Virtual Meeting with M² Regarding Dam Failure Analysis (DFA):** A virtual meeting will be coordinated with M².
4. **Zoning and Planning Committee Recommendation on Proposed Land Sale:** Ms. Walters reported that the proposed sale does not conflict with the land use plan, as determined by the Planning Commission.
5. **Revision to Policies:**
 - a. **Real Estate Policy:** A motion to adopt including zoning administrator was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. MacLean, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; motion carried, 2-0.
 - b. **Agenda Policy:** This item was tabled awaiting the return of Mr. Wolter.
6. **September 8 Town Meeting Protocols:** Ms. Walters detailed her preparations for the special town meeting. Attendees will be asked to fill out a sign-in sheet that includes their name, signature and an indication of whether they are a registered voter or eligible elector. Eligible electors who are not registered voters will be required to show proof of residence in order to vote. The electors will determine whether voting will take place by show of hands, standing, orally, or by paper ballot. Zoom voting will not be allowed. The proposed resolution will be printed on paper ballots in preparation for the meeting, in case that option is chosen. It is possible that the resolution to be voted on will be altered during the course of the meeting.
7. **Board Reports on Previous Agenda Items:** The hand pump well at Wilderness Park is contaminated with coliform bacteria. Improvements would need to be made in order to keep this pump in service. Rosie Page, Wisconsin Invasives Partnership, has a grant available to treat Japanese Knotweed at no cost to the town. There will be some prep work that will need to be done for the treatment to be applied. Mr. MacLean has spent time on the power issues. He has reported some progress. There are some trees in the S Crab Lake Rd that will need to be removed for safety reasons.

New Business:

- 1. Broadband Email Group for Providing Project Updates:** tabled
- 2. Town Hall Back Parking Lot Striping:** Mr. MacLean suggested having pickle ball or four-square court on the back parking lot. Our disability signs are very old and will be replaced.. Ms. Weber stated that the back lot would probably not need van accessible spaces. Mr. MacLean commented that the new signs in town look very nice.
- 3. Board Correspondence and/or Future Agenda Items:** Town lighting system, possibly “pedestrian” system. Special meeting re: pipke park quonset hut and transfer station
- 4. Miscellaneous Public Comments:** Jorja Burke asked about the real estate sale, wondering about setting a precedent for future real estate sales. Ms. Walters responded that each town meeting would put forward a resolution that stands alone. Although people might like to look at the history of the town’s real estate transactions, the statutes don’t specify whether a resolution should be general or specific. Mr. MacLean’s words to the wise: Don’t be a jerk with guns. Don’t pass on the double yellow line.

Vouchers #34254 -34302 with voids #34270-34276 were approved for payment and the meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm

Town Board Action: Approved, 2-0

Approved: September 15, 2022

Amended: _____

Town of Presque Isle
Special Town Meeting
September 8, 2022
(unapproved)

Chairman John MacLean called the special meeting of the Town of Presque Isle to order at 6:00pm, stating the purpose of considering the sale of a parcel of town land.

Clerk Walters answered the following questions that were raised at the annual meeting:

1. The property is located adjacent to the boundary line of the village on the north side of Oxbow Rd.
2. The parcel of land in the proposed sale is zoned General Business.
3. No formal offer has been received, but assessor Paul Carlson has been consulted. She explained that the dimensions of the proposed sale have changed which might affect the \$5000-\$10,000 he initially suggested.
4. The land in question has been reviewed by the Zoning & Planning Committee and determined that it does not conflict with the Land Use Plan. Zoning Administrator, Forrest Jukich, also reviewed the proposal and indicated that the proposed 50 ft would not allow for a suitable sized garage. That determination prompted an extension of the dimensions.
5. A review of all town-owned land was completed. A listing is on the website and maps have been created to show those parcels.

Nancy Brandt questioned the process for verifying that unregistered people are actually legal residents. Ms. Walters indicated that people are responsible for being honest about their residency and she would not be asking specific questions of people who state they have lived here for the statutory requirement of 28 days.

Bob Barofsky asked if the dimensions of the property were posted. Ms. Walters indicated that the dimensions were available on the website, but not in the legally advertised and posted notice of this meeting.

Al Drum brought up the fact that this sale would create a non-conforming lot. Ms. Walters agreed, suggesting that a variance could be sought. She also suggested that the electors could increase the dimensions of the parcel to two acres from the 100'x215' that was in the proposed resolution.

Jorja Burke asked if the price should be stated in the resolution. Ms. Walters stated that the Town Board would be negotiating the finer points of the transaction, and that the electors are just being asked for authorization to move forward.

Resolution to To Authorize Town Board to Dispose of Real Property:

The relevant text of the resolution as revised states:

“The town meeting of the Town of Presque Isle, Vilas County, Wisconsin, by a majority vote of the eligible electors voting at the special town meeting, duly noticed, assembled and voting, resolves and orders as follows:

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 60.10(2)(g) the Town Board of the Town of Presque Isle is authorized, by sale to Christopher A and Theresa A Szczublewski, to dispose of the following real town property, specifically described as:

The unplatted part of Government Lot 3, S34 T44N R6E, adjoining computer #22-1251 and fronting on Oxbow Rd, a parcel of land not to exceed 2 acres.

The town clerk shall properly post or publish this resolution as required under s. 60.80, Wis. Stats., within 30 days of the below-noted adoption date.”

The entire resolution is attached.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2022-1 To Authorize Town Board to Dispose of Real Property was made by Gary Owens, seconded by Chris Luetzo.

A motion to adjourn was made by Nellie Herman-Hemming, seconded by Theresa Owens.

Town of Presque Isle
Regular Town Board Meeting
September 15, 2022
(unapproved)

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 were both present. Tonight's agenda and minutes of the September 1 meeting were approved by two separate motions.:

Old Business:

1. **Schedule Virtual Meeting with M² Regarding Dam Failure Analysis (DFA):** A meeting will be scheduled to coincide with a regular town board meeting. They are making progress, but there have been challenges.
2. **Revision to [Agenda Policy](#) :** Ms. Walters read the proposed policy aloud. Ms Weber clarified the addition recently proposed. A motion approving the policy as read was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
3. **Hand-Pump Well:** Ms. Weber reported that Becca Kemme, water specialist, has tested the water, showing the presence of coliform bacteria. We would be required to raise the pump one foot and install screens. The DNR is not in favor of putting this well back into service. If that is done, it will need to be entered into the state system. Ms. Weber has been unable to ascertain costs at this point. Ms. Kemme added more requirements to bring the well up to their standards in a recent email. The cement blocks may help prevent erosion. Both wells must be cut off at ground level so they can be covered over. We were cautioned not to incur any costs until filing the proper DNR forms. The well on the eastern shore will be abandoned. The fate of the hand pump well has not been determined at this time.
Regarding the cemetery water supply, Ms. Weber speculated that the 55 gallon drum buried in the dirt has nothing preventing people from falling into it. She has attempted to determine the source of the water. Although it looks like it comes from the transfer station, no one is able to identify the source. Mr. Wolter said that if it's going to be used, it should be closer. If it's too far away, maybe it should be abandoned. He suggested putting an air fitting on the pipe and blowing back to find the source.
4. **Japanese Knotweed Grant Funding:** Ms. Weber reported that treatment will be happening soon. There are three sites that will need treatment. Mr. Wolter mentioned crown vetch as a problem on S Crab Lake Rd, near Ten-o-Five Drive. Ms. Weber expressed concern about leaving bare ground that would be inviting more invasives to populate that area.
5. **Board Reports on Previous Agenda Items:** none

New Business:

1. **Broadband Email Group for Providing Project Updates:** The committee is hoping to get an email list of property owners. The informational website will be available, but they would like to be able to send emails to keep everyone informed. The clerk, unable to provide a list of email addresses, is doubtful that Vilas County would be able to help with that, and suggested an initial mailing inviting people to provide their email addresses. There may be privacy issues related to the email proposal that must be considered. Dave Bogan might be able to help with best practices.
2. **Town Hall Back Parking Lot Striping:** Mr. MacLean brought up the issue of pickleball courts in the back parking lot. Ms. Weber is specifically asking about parking places being striped. The front lot striping is difficult to see, as well. She is asking if it should be done now or coordinated with the transfer station striping that will possibly occur next spring. Mr. MacLean will contact Kai Kampen, Northland Seal Coating for information.
3. **Town Pedestrian Lighting System:** Mr. MacLean would like to buy locally built lamps if they can be UL approved. Karsyn's Korner has consented to installing two of these lamps on their property. The lighting would continue up the west side of Main Street (8 lamps) and cross over to the east side (19 lamps). He is proposing running power from each property owner to power the lighting. The cost of engineering a street light project was initially estimated to be \$56,000. This amount was later pared down to \$32,000. He doesn't believe a pedestrian light system would be as expensive. Mr. Wolter asked how they would be metered? The energy usage would be calculated, and the town would reimburse the property owners. Would there be an easement? Mr. MacLean called

the concept an “overlay zone”, or “lighting zone”. Mr. Wolter has spoken with Jack Bauer, Xcel Energy, who stated that they could bore along the pavement. Gary Owens: with the technology today there might be other options that could work. Ms. Weber feels strongly that lighting must be carefully designed to prevent light pollution. “Accent lighting” is more appropriate and less costly than “street lighting”. Stacy Westeen. Xcel Energy, has stated that the street lights will be going away.

4. **Special Meeting RE: Pipke Park Quonset Hut and Transfer Station Traffic Flow:** Mr. MacLean reported that those present at the meeting wanted to give this more thought before taking action. Two turn-arounds have been proposed to help with traffic flow. The bandshell feature could be attached to the current pavilion. The change in layout of the road has been shelved. The suggestion has been made to use the log pavilion near the Town Hall for musical events..

The traffic flow at the Transfer Station was also discussed. Mr. MacLean has spoken with Joe Thoma who has proposed having two entrances off Hwy W with individual parking stalls for people to get out of their cars to access the trash/recycling bins. Mr. Wolter favors reversing the traffic flow through the bins. Ms. Weber suggested reversing the traffic flow right now, putting up signs and cones that will designate the traffic pattern. Mr. Wolter suggested temporary striping.

5. **Library Accounts Signatory Resolution:** tabled

6. **Consider Maintaining Insurance Coverage at Current Levels:** No additional coverage will be added at this time, since the downstream risk is low.

7. **Reminder: Board of Review September 21:** The Board of Review will convene at 9:00 on the aforementioned date. Mr. Carlson will be in the office on September 19 from 10:00-11:00 for property owners to meet with him..

8. **Cell Service - Towers:** Dave Bogan spoke on this economic issue. There are no towers in the eastern part of the town because a decade ago, it was felt that there were not sufficient numbers to justify providing that service. Numbers haven’t changed that much, but the need is greater in today’s world. tower companies, who construct the tower, and service providers, who rent space on the towers, are two separate entities determining if the revenue would justify the expense. It takes a couple years to get a tower built if it is economically feasible. Temporary structures seem desirable, but are obstructed by trees. Mr. MacLean wondered if subsidizing the project would help. He also speculated that the laying of the fiberoptics might help with the process of getting better cell phone service in the dead spots. He asked Mr. Bogan what the town could do to move this forward, who replied that the town board could engage with a consulting company that specializes in this area. There are three tower builders, American, SBA, and Cellular One. A letter to these companies to see if they are interested in securing additional tower locations would be a good start.

9. **Proposed Purchase of Transfer Station Equipment - 20 Yd Dumpster:** Andy Skarbek, AKAR Disposal, is ordering some dumpsters and has asked if we would like to order an additional dumpster. A motion to order an additional dumpster was made by Mr. Wolter, seconded by Ms. Weber, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.

10. **Board Correspondence and/or Future Agenda Items:** A taxpayer has contacted Mr. Wolter about problems with Wilderness Park boat landing. The pads are separated and wheels are falling into the gap. The problem may have been caused by power loading boats. Next meeting agenda items will include power company service, proposed sale of property, (MacLean: board members should walk the property before the next meeting.) back sidewalks, town requirement for all utilities in joint effort (broadband), camping ordinance amendments, disposal of baling equipment at Transfer Station, budgeting workshops. Fire Barn parapet. Regarding the Vilas County Health Department case against Carl Gagliano, the old case #20f0249 has been dismissed. The active case number is 21cx2.

11. **Miscellaneous Public Comments:** Jorja Burke suggested asking the Cemetery Administrator about the cemetery water source. Al Eschenbauch, referencing the cell service issue, stated that Boot and Minok Lakes now have a view of a large red light. Aesthetics should be considered before any new cell phone towers are erected. Pam Eschenbauch suggested adding a public comments agenda item to Old Business.

Vouchers #34256-64 and 34304-37 with void #34326 were approved for payment and the meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.

Town Board Action: _____

Approved: _____

Amended: _____

Town of Presque Isle
Regular Town Board Meeting
October 6, 2022

Chairman John MacLean called the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Presque Isle to order at 10:00am. Supervisors Cathy Logan Weber and Carl Wolter attended. Today's agenda and minutes of the September 15 meeting were approved by two separate motions.

Old Business:

1. **Hand-Pump Well:** Ms. Weber, after several attempts, has not been able to make contact with Webster Well Drilling. It's not possible to move forward with this project until we've been provided with an itemized proposal.
2. **Library Accounts Signatory Resolution:** A motion adopting the signatory resolution for the Library was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
3. **Proposed Property Sale:** Ms. Walters informed the Board that she met with Al Drum who has been very helpful establishing the plan for completing the sale of town land authorized at the September 8 Town Meeting. A metes and bounds description is sufficient for establishing the boundaries of the land to be sold; a certified survey map is not necessary in this case. The two parcels can be combined under the same tax number, enlarging the size of the existing lot. Mr. Drum is willing to help with the project.
4. **Transfer Station:**
 - a. **Traffic Flow Update:** Kai Kampen, Northland Seal Coating will be doing the temporary striping at the Transfer Station to reverse the traffic flow between the containers. The driveway would be divided, guiding traffic to the right to travel east of the power pole and recycling container, entering between the two containers and exiting on the west side of the driveway. Cones would be placed to help mark the traffic lanes.
 - b. **Dumpster Purchase:** Ms. Weber would like to have better cost information before making a decision. An estimate was made that the 20 yd dumpster would cost \$7800. Andy Skarbek (AKAR Disposal) would purchase the two 10 yd dumpsters that we currently have on site.
 - c. **Concrete Slab for Dumpster and Compost Pile:** A concrete slab is being proposed at the south end of the blacktop to support the proposed dumpster as well as provide a base for the compost pile. The current placement of the compost pile may not be the best to promote the new traffic flow.
5. **Notice Board Project Update:** The installation of the new notice board at Karsyn's Korner will be expedited by Mr. MacLean.
6. **Well Abandonment/Repair Update:** No one has been able to ascertain the source of water at the cemetery. Since there does not seem to be a well anywhere, no well abandonment is needed. The pipes will be removed and the hole filled in.
7. **Paint stripes in parking lot:** Both the front and back parking lot striping at the Town Hall has been completed.
8. **Board Reports on Previous Agenda Items:** Mr. MacLean had a meeting with the Mulfords regarding the work on South Crab Lake Road. A citizen speculated that if the curve is fixed, people will drive faster and the safety will not improve.

New Business:

1. **Power Company Service:** Mark Lorenz spoke with the Xcel Energy Community Service Manager for almost an hour. Since then, Xcel Energy has not returned his phone calls.
2. **Deteriorating Sidewalks on North Side of Town Hall:** Mr. MacLean believes that road salt should not be used on the sidewalks. He suggested that removing the damaged part of the sidewalk rather than replacing the entire sidewalk would be the best solution.
3. **Town Requirement for All Utilities in Joint Effort (Broadband):** Gary Owens: Other communities have done this. East Troy has an ordinance that requires new utilities to go underground. Another provision could

require the utility company to bury some lines each year. Xcel Energy will not do joint trenching in northern Wisconsin Mark Lorenz: Repairing is more difficult underground. Owens: Suggested referring this to the Ordinance Committee. Who would dig the trench? Usually the utility. Separate conduit would be laid for each utility in the same trench. A motion to request the Ordinance Committee to review the ordinance of the Town of East Troy with the purpose of drafting an ordinance governing new construction was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.

4. **Zoning Ordinance Amendments:** Peggy Johnson-Wiessner briefly requested that the Town Board review the documents provided to them leading up to the scheduling of a public hearing on the proposed changes which address the issue of accessory structures and storage containers as well as a modification to the camping ordinance.
 - a. **Subchapter 903.4:** Camping not within parks or campgrounds
 - b. **Definitions: Building, Accessory:** Expansion of the definition
 - c. **Subchapter 902.13:** Ordinances related to storage containers and their usage
5. **Disposal of Equipment:**
 - a. **Front End Loader:** One bid has been received for the front end loader. The minimum bid price must be larger than the trade in value offered by the vendor.
 - b. **Baling Machine:** Mr. MacLean suggested that an auction company might be able to help with the baling equipment.
6. **Budget Workshops:** The first workshop will take place at the end of this meeting. The next one will be held October 17 at 10:00am.
7. **Fire Barn Parapet:** The parapet needs a waterproof membrane. The work might possibly be done by a man in a bucket truck. Ms. Weber suggested that Matt Gagnon might be able to do the work.
8. **Repurpose Out-of-Service Pier from Hwy P:** The Park and Recreation Committee does not have a need for this structure. Ms. Weber will confirm that at their next meeting. It could be used to span a 20 foot long stretch in the Catherine Wolter Wilderness Area. Mr. Wolter has some ideas about how it could be transported to the site.
9. **Board Correspondence and/or Future Agenda Items:** Ms. Walters reported that the Town of Presque Isle has been named in the will of Robert Westphal, now in probate. The details of the bequest are not known. Peggy Johnson-Wiessner suggested that reviewing the probate documents might provide some more information. Mr. MacLean complimented the new improvements to Karsyn's Korner. Ms. Weber mentioned that the new guard rails block the view of the message board from Karsyn's Korner. It may be possible to raise the display to restore full view. A public hearing with the consulting firm regarding the 4-town EMS issue will be held at 5:30 on October 11.
10. **Miscellaneous Public Comments:** none

Vouchers #34338-34382 with void #34377 were approved for payment and the meeting was adjourned to work on the budget at 12:10pm

Town Board Action: Approved, 3-0

Approved: October 20, 2022

Amended: _____

Town of Presque Isle
Regular Town Board Meeting
October 20, 2022

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 October 7 meeting were approved by two separate motions.

Old Business:

1. **Pipke Ponds Project: Schedule Meeting with M² - November 3:** No action was taken.
2. **Proposed Property Sale:** tabled
3. **Transfer Station:**
 - a. **Traffic Flow Update:** The new traffic pattern is working well.
 - b. **Dumpster Purchase:** Mr. Wolter has spoken with Mr. Skarbek who confirmed that the 20 yd dumpster is \$7000 plus shipping. Refrigerators need to be stacked neatly and not just dumped into the container. The board has questions for Mr. Skarbek. A motion was made by Ms. Weber granting authority to Mr. Wolter to order the dumpster that he thinks is best after consultation with Mr. Skarbek, not to exceed \$8000+shipping, seconded by Mr. Wolter, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
 - c. **Concrete Slab for Dumpster and Compost Pile:** tabled
4. **Notice Board Project Update:** Mr. MacLean is proposing moving the kiosk by the Heritage Cottage to the Transfer Station and moving the one from the Transfer Station to Karsyn's Korner. Discussion followed. No action was taken.
5. **Well Abandonment/Repair Update:** Ms. Weber has received an estimate for the well abandonment/restoration work. The reimbursement rate from the DNR will be 50%. Quita Sheehan would like to hear that a decision was made tonight. A motion to abandon the point well near the shore and fix and bring to code the hand pump which would then appear on the DNR registry using the Vilas County cost share was made by Ms. Weber seconded by Mr. Wolter, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0. Mr. MacLean will sign the contract.
6. **Deteriorating Sidewalks on North Side of Town Hall:** tabled
7. **Zoning Ordinance Amendments:**
 - a. **Subchapter 903.4:** Ms. Weber mentioned 903.4.4, wondering if there would be a change made to the permit form to accommodate this change. Ms. Weber wondered why the last sentence of 903.5 was deleted. Ms. Johnson-Wiessner responded that this provision appears in a different part of the ordinance.
 - b. **Subchapter 902.13:** Ms. Weber asked for clarification on subsection 902.13.5. There are no exceptions to the regulations in the village. She questioned the use of a conditional use permit which could be approved by the Zoning Administrator and Zoning Committee. Discussion followed. A motion to approve the scheduling of a public hearing on both the proposed zoning ordinance items and the definition was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
8. **Disposal of Equipment:**
 - a. **Front End Loader:** No new information is available, but delivery may happen by the end of October.
 - b. **Baling Machine:** Ms. Weber reported on information on two online auction sites that were promoted at the WTA convention last week. She would like to try this avenue to liquidate this equipment. Dick Logan reported favorably that the Discovery Center has sold items this way. Mr. MacLean will get an account with an auction house that he has used before.
9. **Budget Workshop:**
 - a. **Session 3, to follow Town Board meeting:** During this time, following the close of the regular meeting, the board finalized the budget for publication, but acknowledged that changes might be

made at a later date.

- b. **Employee/Board meeting - to be scheduled:** A meeting with employees has been scheduled for 10:00 on November 4.

10. Repurpose Out-of-Service Pier from Hwy P: Ms. Weber would like to see the pier used to span a wetland in the Catherine Wolter Wilderness Area. Mr. Wolter suggested cutting the wheels off and mounting it above the water level. The pier will be moved out to the proposed site. A motion was made to re-purpose the pier to the Catherine Wolter Wilderness Area was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.

11. Board Reports on Previous Agenda Items: Mr. MacLean reported an approximate cost of \$3600-\$4400 for the new pier at Wilderness Park. The hole at the cemetery has not yet been filled. She is also wondering about the status of the crown vetch issue. Gary Owens is aware.

New Business:

1. Highways:

- a. **Purchase of Blower for Town Crew:** The board reviewed proposals for several models of leaf blowers. Dick Logan explained some of the details. Mr. Wolter would like this piece of equipment mounted on the front of the front end loader. He also likes the remote control feature. It's important to be able to see what you're doing. Discussion followed. The Buffalo brand was recommended by Mr. Logan. Mr. MacLean will consult with Mr. Thoma.
- b. **Pricing Calculations - Sale of Sand:** This sand is generated during the gravel crushing process. The intent is not to compete with private vendors, but we need to get rid of this byproduct. If we are moving the sand with our equipment, Mr. Wolter suggested a price of \$4/yd. This item was tabled to a future meeting.

2. Renewals:

- a. **Maintenance Contract - Badger HVAC:** A motion approving the contract was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
 - b. **Memo of Understanding with Nature Conservancy - Catherine Wolter Wilderness Area:** Ms. Weber requested that the green trail be groomed twice a month, not as often as the yellow trail. Mr. Wolter suggested that the roads be used for snowshoeing, but has no objections to the grooming. A revised version of the MOU will be requested from Matt Dallman so that this can be approved at the next meeting. The yellow trail is tracked in both directions, so the green trail could be groomed on only one side. Rich Schmalzer will work with her on this. A motion was made by Ms. Weber to get a new MOU stating that the yellow trail will be groomed with a double pass and occasionally the green trail will be groomed with a single pass, seconded by Mr. Wolter, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
- 3. Discussion RE: Constable Vehicle:** Mr. Wolter is proposing that Max's pickup, which is already equipped with lights and the logo, could be parked in the constable's yard. The highway patrol truck could be assigned to Max for parks, and a brand new pickup and plow could be purchased for the town crew. Some repairs are needed to the pickup that Max is currently using. Ms. Weber was interested in Mr. Wolter's idea, but has been thinking about another possible option. She explained that it might be possible to acquire a vehicle through the state surplus auction site. This will be discussed during the budget workshop.
- 4. Energy Efficient Lighting in Town Buildings:** Ms. Weber has spoken with Max, who contacted Williams Electric. They suggested that Max would be capable of doing this job. He would move the good ballasts into the community room as needed and change out the fixtures in the library as proposed.
- 5. Library Ordinance Compliance with Wis. Stats.:** Pam Whipple has called to our attention that our ordinance is not in compliance with state statutes. Ms. Weber explained that the statute specifies that of a 7 person board, not more than 2 can be residents of other municipalities. Our ordinance states that they all have to be town residents. Although it was agreed that there is no problem with compliance with the statute because it says "may be", the library board would like to have the flexibility to appoint someone from another municipality. A motion to change the local ord101.3(1) to ...7 members and all but two must be residents of Presque Isle." was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye;

Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.

6. **Apply for Loan from State Trust Fund (BCPL):** A motion to submit an application request form for a loan from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands in the amount of \$108,000 was made by Mr. Wolter, seconded by Ms. Weber MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
7. **Meeting at Pipke Park - Bob Hasse & DNR personnel -Improving Fish Habitat for Ponds, 10/26 3:00pm:** Mr. MacLean provided this information to those present.
8. **Resolution to Lower Speed Limit to 45 mph on County Rd P:** Mr. MacLean has had contact from a resident concerned about the fast traffic on Highway P. Mr. Wolter stated that having laws in place doesn't solve the problem, without the ability to enforce it. Discussion followed. Dick Logan suggested that the Vilas County Sheriff's Department might do an inventory. No action was taken.
9. **EMS Study Kick Off:** Mr. MacLean attended the presentation by the consultants working with the four towns.
10. **Mouse Control in Town Buildings:** Mr. MacLean, as a result of attending the library board meeting, will be examining the building for places where mice might be getting in. Ms. Schermeister-Simons showed Max some places that have already been identified.
11. **Board Correspondence and/or Future Agenda Items:** Ms. Walters gave the board a survey from the North Central Regional Planning Commission about the Vilas County Outdoor Recreation Plan. Ms. Weber suggested forwarding it to the Parks and Recreation Committee.
12. **Miscellaneous Public Comments:** Dick Logan commented that there is a very long lead time for vehicles. Trucks Vilas County ordered this year may not be delivered until 2024. Mr. MacLean asked him about his work on transportation. Buses are used by seniors for shopping or medical appointments. There are no buses in this part of the county. He is working on getting some federal funding to help provide this service. His goal is to get the county to recognize that this part of Vilas County exists.

Vouchers 34383-34417 were approved for payment and the meeting was adjourned to the budget workshop at 7:58pm.

Town Board Action: Approved, 3-0

Approved: November 17, 2022

Amended: _____

Town of Presque Isle
Regular Town Board Meeting
November 3, 2022

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 was approved by motion. The minutes will be approved after changes are made.

Old Business:

1. **Pipke Ponds Project:** A meeting was held on October 26 with Bob Haase and Mark LaBarbera, Executive Director of Wisconsin Wildlife. These gentlemen have volunteered to help. They have proposed installing fish sticks and cribs. Fathead minnows were suggested because they're tough and reproduce quickly.
2. **Pipke ponds Project:** Matt Hahm, M² Engineering, hosted a MS Teams meeting reporting on their engineering so far. He outlined a plan that would allow a small dam classification by reducing the size of the south pond. Documents used during the discussion are attached. Discussion followed. Mr. Wolter doesn't want to see the pond size decreased, nor does he agree with the addition of a new spillway to the north pond. Mr. MacLean suggested a shallow wading beach to reduce the volume. Mr. Wolter is in favor of spending more to replace all the structures that the DNR requires. Mr. Hahm suggested a cost analysis. Al Eschenbauch suggested three ponds, all under 50 acre-feet. This suggestion will be researched.
3. **Transfer Station:**
 - a. **Dumpster Purchase:** Mr. Wolter has ordered the dumpster, which has not yet been delivered.
4. **Notice Board Project Update:** Mr. MacLean reported that the kiosk has been removed from the Heritage Cottage and put in storage. Joe Thoma will be moving the Transfer Station notice board to Karsyn's Korner, and a different board will be installed at the Transfer Station.
5. **Cemetery Pit Abandonment:** This will be completed soon.
6. **Deteriorating Sidewalks on North Side of Town Hall Update** These repairs were completed today, reducing the hazardous condition behind the library. He also spoke of work that was done with the help of Brian Luetzow and Al Drum to ameliorate the frost heaving in the log pavilion. He briefly discussed a problem with drainage related to some plantings near the pavilion.
7. **Budget Workshop:** tabled
8. **Discussion RE: Constable Vehicle:** Mr. Wolter recalled the suggestion made at the last meeting involving swaps between current vehicles. Mr. MacLean has taken Max's truck, which has 99,000 miles on it to have it serviced. Pat Eesley suggested looking at the state auction sites. He is willing to look at the websites and is also interested in finding out about Boulder Junction's vehicle.
9. **Blower Update:** The blower has been purchased. Mr. Wolter expressed concern that the purchase was made without any more board input.
10. **Mouse Control in Town Buildings:** Mr. MacLean is installing "yooper mousetraps" to deal with the mouse problem. He has taken multiple photos of holes in the building where mice are getting in.
11. **Board Reports on Previous Agenda Items:** Ms. Weber reported that she is hoping to get the 2023 MOU for the Catherine Wolter Wilderness Area. Regarding the pier suggested for use in the CWWA, Matt Dahlmann has a trailer that could be used to move the pier with the help of the town crew.

New Business:

1. **Meeting with M2:** As long as Mr. Hahm was present, this agenda item was addressed during Old Business, Item 1..
 - a. **S Crab Lake Rd:** not addressed at this meeting.
 - b. **Main Street Lighting:** Brian Luetzow and Kelly Dyre have volunteered to consult on this project.
2. **Apply for Loan from State Trust Fund (BCPL):** Ms Walters has received the loan application requested from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, as authorized at the October 20 meeting. Mr. Wolter furnished Ms. Walters with a resolution to authorize borrowing from the state trust fund (attached). Ms. Walters read the resolution. Ms. Weber made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Wolter,

MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.

3. **Possible Sites for Cellphone Towers:** Concordia is proposing the installation of a cell tower. Several other sites are being looked at for possible tower locations. The possible installation dates for this might be as soon as a year. Mr. Wolter is not in favor of a tower on the old town garage site. Mr. MacLean is sensitive to the tension between keeping the pristine nature of our town and the need to provide good service to our residents. Ms. Weber, speaking about Jorja Burke's suggestion on zoom, pointed out that the old town garage site is used for parking for special events. Eric Benn mentioned that a significant advantage to this site is elevation.
4. **Fire Department Fundraiser: New Book by Bill Rutherford:** Bill Rutherford is working on a book about the history of the Fire Department. His research into the volunteer efforts in this town provide some interesting insights into the commitment of our volunteers throughout the years.
5. **Xcel Energy: Meeting Scheduled for 11/17:** A representative from Xcel Energy will be presenting at this meeting, which will be scheduled to begin before the Budget Hearing. Rich Schmalzer mentioned the site relocation of the substation as a possible site for a cell phone tower. Eric Benn was able to ascertain that the land under the substation belongs to the town.
6. **Board Correspondence and/or Future Agenda Items:** Ms. Weber would like to have more information about decisions that are going to be made regarding the ponds. This item will appear on the upcoming agenda(s) She questioned the appearance of the cemetery water source abandonment, wondering if there was a problem? Mr. MacLean said that he put it on the agenda as a reminder so it wouldn't be forgotten. Mr. Wolter asked Mr. MacLean to check into diesel prices from other vendors, suggesting CNM, Stempihar, and Ritchie. The current invoice from Hicks reflected a price of \$4.79 for diesel. Ms. Walters documents fuel usage in town vehicles to receive fuel tax refunds from the Department of Revenue.
7. **Miscellaneous Public Comments:** none

Vouchers #34418-34444 with voids #344432 were approved for payment and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm

Town Board Action: Approved, 3-0

Approved: November 17, 2022

Amended: _____

Town of Presque Isle
Regular Town Board Meeting
November 8, 2022

Chairman John MacLean called the special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Presque Isle to order at 3:00pm. Supervisors Cathy Logan Weber and Carl Wolter attended.

Constable Vehicle: The board discussed the options for acquiring a vehicle for the constable. Options include a used Chevy Suburban, or buying a new vehicle for the town crew and rotating vehicles we already own. Mr. Wolter will research the cost of a new or used truck for the town crew. This will be considered at the November 17 Town Board Meeting, which is to be scheduled for 5:00PM..

Budget: A 5% increase for employees has been added to the tentative budget. Each budget category total will remain the same, with the increase in salaries and wages being offset by a reduction in a different line item. This budget will be presented at the November 17 Budget Hearing. The town electors will need to approve the salaries of elected officials. The option of increasing the maximum wages for the clerk to 1.5 times the current salary was suggested to more accurately represent the time required for a new clerk. Next spring the newly elected clerk may decide to either continue with an office assistant or handle office hours without an assistant.

Town Board Action: Approved, 3-0

Approved: November 17, 2022

Amended: _____

Town of Presque Isle
Regular Town Board Meeting
November 17, 2022

Chairman John MacLean called the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Presque Isle to order at 5:00pm. Supervisors Cathy Logan Weber and Carl Wolter attended. Tonight's agenda and minutes of the October 20, November 3, and November 8 were approved by three separate motions.

Old Business:

1. **Xcel Energy: Meeting Scheduled for 11/17:** Mr. MacLean expressed disappointment that Xcel Energy has declined to meet with the Town Board regarding the problems with power service in Presque Isle, particularly power outages and infrastructure. He read a letter, sent to an Xcel Energy executive. Discussion followed. Mr. Wolter is also frustrated by this situation.
2. **Discussion - Pipke Park Ponds Project:** Mr. Wolter will not be satisfied with anything less than full restoration of the ponds. Mr. MacLean mentioned the length of time waiting for the completion of the survey of the ponds, and surrounding area. He also mentioned some of the criteria for establishing what type of structures are needed and the options to solve the problem. He mentioned the possibility of utilizing grants for this project. Ms. Weber suggested setting up a grant committee with the goal of restoring the ponds. Ms. Weber is aware of the possibility that most citizens want the ponds restored. She is in favor of exploring all options and the costs associated with each. There is a little more than a year left before grant applications must be submitted. She highlighted the accomplishments to date, but is concerned about possible failure of the dikes. She reminded the board about the DNR order to keep the level of the ponds low. She sees no way to effectively accomplish that. She encouraged Chairman MacLean to oversee that process. She suggested the formation of a committee to focus on this issue and study the options. She offered to be the Town Board liaison of this committee. Mr. MacLean is concerned about the water level with regard to habitat. Ms. Weber recommended that Mr. Wolter check with the DNR to ascertain their thoughts on his offer to drain the south pond with his earth moving equipment. A motion to create a committee to work on this project was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter; MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
3. **Well Abandonment and Pump Refurbishment:** Ms. Weber spoke about the approval from Vilas County to abandon the well near the shore and bring the pump up to code, both located in Wilderness Park. Ms. Weber will contact Webster Well Drilling to get that started.
4. **Discussion RE: Constable Vehicle:** Pat Eesley described the proposed 2013 chevy plow truck, stating that it would fit our needs. The plow would help with EMS calls. Mr. Wolter commented on the research he did, with the hope of swapping out a new vehicle with current vehicles, but did not pursue that option when this vehicle became available. Dick Logan commented that VC has still not received the 2022 vehicles that have been ordered, the predicted delivery date is the second quarter of 2023. The original plan was to spend about \$15,000. This truck, price tag, \$30,000 has much less mileage than the originally proposed vehicle. Ms. Weber cited the increased cost for the plow, expressing the thought that the Town Crew could help with plowing when necessary. Ms. Weber's concerns about the condition of the truck were addressed by Mr. Eesley. Mr. MacLean mentioned the short time window for availability of this vehicle. A motion to purchase this vehicle was made by Mr. Wolter seconded by Ms. Weber, Discussion followed. MacLean, aye; Weber, nay; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 2-1.
5. **Nature Conservancy Memo of Understanding:** A motion to approve and sign the memo allowing the Town to do the grooming in the Catherine Wolter Wilderness Area was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter; MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
6. **Cell Tower Siting:** Several proposed sites were mentioned, adjacent to ball diamond, the site of the old fire tower near Cty Rd B, and the land adjacent to the proposed sale property on Oxbow Rd. Concordia is the Verizon affiliate, interested in erecting the cell phone tower(s). Mr. MacLean also suggested land on Oxbow at the corner of Pomeroy. The old town garage site, suggested by Concordia is needed for parking in the summer. Ms. Weber opined that there might be room at the back of that land to fit a cell phone tower. Mr. Wolter, interested in preserving the pristine environment, is opposed to any cell phone towers in or around the village. Ms. Weber supports a conversation with a representative of the company proposing the

installation of cell phone tower(s). She also wonders if the lights on the towers could be shielded from people on the ground. Mr. MacLean will arrange for a meeting. Mr. Wolter agrees with the need for better cell phone service, but is concerned about the aesthetics. Dick Logan: They are also looking for locations along Highway W in Winchester. He stated that the towers are 240 ft in height. Mr. MacLean encouraged anyone who is willing to have a tower erected on their land to contact the Town.

7. **Pier Disposal - From Town Property to Nature Conservancy Property:** Ms. Weber is requesting that the Town Crew place the pier on Steve Weber's trailer. Mr. Weber will bring the pier to the site and install it. A motion authorizing the placement of the pier on the privately-owned trailer and be hauled away was made by Ms. Weber seconded by Mr. Wolter; MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
8. **Board Reports on Previous Agenda Items:** A new notice board has been installed at the Transfer Station. The new traffic lines there are working well. In response to an email from Matt Hahm, M² Mr. MacLean has replied that engineering on South Crab Lake Road can be done by the vendor, which will save on the engineering expense. He favors paying a \$3000 retainer to M² to fund the engineering cost for the Main Street lighting project, which will be paid in the current year.

New Business:

1. **Bid Opening - Front End Loader:** Mr. MacLean opened the sole bid on the front end loader from Jeff Thiel in the amount of \$112,000.01. A motion to accept the bid from Jeff Thiel for \$112,000.01 was made by Mr. Wolter, seconded by Ms. Weber, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0. The transaction will take place when the new vehicle arrives.
2. **Proposed Drainage Plan for Log Pavilion - Gutters:** Mr. MacLean is proposing a solution to the drainage problem at the log pavilion. Two of the piers have raised up about an inch. Ms. Weber stated that crack-filling has been done along the edge, but there is still a lot of water coming off the roof and pooling on the concrete. She is suggesting installation of gutters would carry the water away. Mr MacLean is also suggesting that the low area of the concrete be raised up.
3. **WTA Survey:** There are some questions about roads that Ms. Weber was not able to answer. Mr. MacLean will meet with the Joe Thoma. This needs to be done right away; we've just received the second notice for this requested survey.
4. **Board Correspondence and/or Future Agenda Items:** Ms. Walters mentioned an email regarding library shelving to which Mr. MacLean responded that an interested party has been found. The issue of making the road around the south pond a town road will appear on the next agenda. The Christmas event is scheduled for December 9.
5. **Miscellaneous Public Comments:** Bob Berdan inquired about other towns in the area furnishing a vehicle for their constable. He would have liked to see more research on this issue. Barb Peck suggested that motions fully state the relevant facts and are re-read before a vote is taken, a procedure that would more closely conform to Roberts Rules.

Vouchers #34445-34495 with void #34466 were approved for payment and the meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

Town Board Action: Approved, 3-0

Approved: December 1, 2022

Amended: _____

Town of Presque Isle
Special Town Meeting
November 17, 2022

Chairman John MacLean called the meeting of the Town of Presque Isle to order at 6:00pm.

A motion was made by Al Drum, seconded by Emmie Norton to increase the salaries of all elected officials at the same rate as regular employees annually. In addition the clerk salary would be increased by 1.5 times and the treasurer salary would be increased by 1.15 times. The motion was passed, 9-0.

A motion was made by Carl Wolter, seconded by Emmie Norton to adopt the 2022 levy in the amount of 1,240,987. The meeting was adjourned upon completion of these two statutory requirements.

Town of Presque Isle
Regular Town Board Meeting
December 1, 2022

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 November 17 meeting were approved by two separate motions.

Old Business:

1. **Subchapter 101.3(1) - Clarification of Language and Re-Adoption of Amendment:** Ms. Walters asked for clarification of the language adopted at a previous meeting. A motion was made to amend s 101.3(1) to say, "7 members and all but two shall be residents of the Town of Presque Isle."
2. **South Crab Lake Road Update:** Mr. MacLean reported that no more work will be done on South Crab Lake Road this season. In a phone call with Mr. MacLean he was made aware that the DNR will serve the town with a notice of violation regarding potential wetland impact. Erosion control is required if more than , not more than an acre, but none of the areas exceeded one acre. The call came from the Enforcement Division. A written report is expected. DNR staff has suggested an online meeting, but Mr. MacLean prefers an on site meeting first.
3. **Creation of Pipke Park Ponds Ad Hoc Committee:** Ms. Weber will serve as liaison to this new committee which would consist of Eric Benn, Al Drum, and Brian Luetzow, A motion was made and then by Ms. Weber to form the with the suggested objective of restoring the ponds to the original capacity so that the ponds are able to support fish and wildlife, pursuing a DNR grant to make that happen. Discussion followed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolter; She amended her original motion to add the words "Ad Hoc Pipke Pond Restoration Committee", seconded by Mr. Wolter and carried, 3-0. The vote on the motion as amended was unanimous, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0. Mr. MacLean appointed Mr. Benn, Mr. Drum, and Mr. Luetzow to the committee. A motion approving the appointments was made by Mr. Wolter, seconded by Ms. Weber, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
4. **Discuss and Adopt 2023 Budget:** Ms Walters suggested a change to the clerk and treasurer salaries to reflect the salaries approved at the Town Meeting, including amounts for FICA and retirement contributions. Capital highway expenses were reduced by an amount equal to the two salary increases.
5. **Board Reports on Previous Agenda Items:** The WTA Survey, due last week, is not yet completed. The crack filling in the Town Hall parking lot was not approved by the board before the work was done. There is a voucher prepared to Northland Sealcoating. The new loader has been delivered. The radio and other equipment is being removed from the old and installed on the new. The power steering failed ithin a week of the purchase of the pickup truck. It was purchased "as is". It wasn't an issue at time of purchase. Mr. Wolter suggested swapping the vehicle out with the Parks truck. Discussion followed. Ms. Weber suggested the constable and parks employee have a conversation about this. The mileage of the park truck could be calculated from gas purchases. Mr. MacLean continues to negotiate with Excel Energy and believes he has made some progress on that issue. Mr. MacLean mentioned the Old Time Christmas is coming up, highlighting the fun time to be had by all. He also reminded citizens to refrain from leaving snow on a public road.

New Business:

1. **Proposal to Include Dam Road in Pipke Park on Official Road Inventory:** Mr. MacLean has met with Bob Winat, Wis DOT, regarding the trail in Pipke Park. He explained that historically there was a road around the logging pond. He would like to see the road around the south pond designated as an official road. Eric Benn gave some history indicating that the old road is not in the same location as the original road. Mr. Wolter is opposed to creating or abandoning this road. No action was taken.
2. **Replacement of Town Lawn Mower:** The Town is in receipt of a \$9000 proposal for a new lawn mower. The suggestion has been made that the old one would be sold. Max did get other prices, all higher than this

proposal. A motion to purchase the Kubota lawn mower as described in the proposal for the price of \$9000 was made by Mr. Wolter seconded by Ms. Weber, MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.

3. **Payment of Retainer to M² for Main Street:** The Board discussed the retainer to M² suggested at the last meeting. Mr. Wolter made a suggestion to talk to the county highway department first, suggesting that our county board representative could talk to the county. He questioned why we are retaining engineers now. Ms Weber is concerned about unknown expenses on projects that are already in the works, saying that the timing of this is not optimal. She would like to see something in writing from Vilas County about what they would allow us to do on this county road.
4. **Board Correspondence and/or Future Agenda Items:** Greg and Nancy Barber, new property owners, are the impetus behind the newly hung Christmas wreath on the front of the Town Hall. Ms. Weber reminded the Board that one person has to be trained for the Board of Review. A two-day online training is available April 10 & 11.
5. **Miscellaneous Public Comments:** Zoom attendees were happy with the functioning of the broadcast using the “owl”. Chris Wolter informed the Board that the EDC Committee has passed a motion to donate \$500.03 of their unspent budget for Main Street lighting. Several citizens and the Board agreed that the town crew always does a wonderful job with roads. It was noted that this week the town crew was out plowing from 8:00 at night until 5:00 in morning. Peggy Johnson-Wiessner emphasized the importance of getting water back in the ponds, making them a feature of our town as a great resource. She attended a meeting which generated specific ideas about how to get Presque Isle on the map as a tourist/handicap fishing destination. Barb Peck expressed that additional duties would put too much on the committee. Carl favors getting the water back in the pond first.

Vouchers #34496-34536 with void #34506 were approved for payment and the meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.

Town Board Action: Approved, 3-0

Approved: December 15, 2022

Amended: _____

Town of Presque Isle
Special Town Board Meeting
December 15, 2022

Chairman John MacLean called the special 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 1 meeting were approved by two separate motions.

Old Business:

1. **M² Engineering report on necessary work to restore Pipke park pond to original size:** Mr. MacLean summarized the report showing a \$93,000 cost to restore the ponds to pre-2021 levels. Survey work on this project took longer than expected. The volume of water in each pond was double what was expected, putting us in the large dam category.
2. **Pipke Ponds Restoration Committee - Document Outlining Duties of Committee:** Ms. Weber is seeking clarification on exactly what the function of this committee will be. Wendy Saleska, DNR grant specialist, attended the first meeting. The purpose of the second meeting was to learn more about the grant application process. The committee would like the authority to talk to M² and Forrest Van Asten when needed. She would like to schedule another virtual meeting with M² in March to get necessary information in order to move forward. Preparing the pond bottom to receive more water and fish would not be a function of this committee. The engineers are in contact with Forrest Van Asten, DNR, during their work. There was consensus among board members that the committee will be able to consult with others when necessary. The committee members are cognizant of costs involved and wouldn't be contacting the engineers without good reason. The grant application would be due by fall, 2023.
3. **Xcel Energy Meeting Updates on Power Outages and Service:** A planned public hearing was canceled because of weather, so no new information is available at this time. A document detailing the two planned substations in Presque Isle and Manitowish Waters are available in the town office.
4. **South Crab Lake Road Update:** Mr. MacLean has prepared a report summarizing permitting issues and an on-site meeting with DNR personnel. This information was presented at a virtual meeting today. He hopes to get permit(s) for the work. Some of the emergency work has already been completed on this project.
5. **Street Accent Lighting and Parking:** The EDC Committee has met, discussing parking options and possible fixes. They also discussed the accent lighting. The plan is that the power poles will be removed and accent lighting installed. Mr. Wolter questioned the options for providing power to all the buildings. Mr. MacLean suggested that power could come from behind some of the properties, rather than going under Main Street. Ms. Weber has spoken with our county representative who has consulted with the highway commissioner; a possible meeting with the board might happen after the first of the year.
6. **Board Reports on Previous Agenda Items:** No progress has been made on the installation of the remaining notice board.

New Business:

1. **Community Health Network Initiative (Regional and Local):** Richard Logan and Dan Peterson have been discussing the possibility of the creation of a health network in our area. Lac Vieux Desert may also be included in this partnership. Grants may be helpful in accomplishing this. Local clinics and public transportation are possible goals. The possibility of using the Community Room kitchen has been suggested for preparation of meals. Vilas County Health Department could inspect our kitchen with that end in mind. The alliance may be dubbed the Gogebic-Iron-Vilas Community Health Network. A motion to request a health inspection of our kitchen was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
2. **Appointments to Library Board of Trustees:** Mr. MacLean appointed Mary Koster and Joe Kemnitz to the Library Board of Trustees. A motion approving the appointment was made by Ms. Weber, seconded by Mr. Wolter MacLean, aye; Weber, aye; Wolter, aye; motion carried, 3-0.
3. **Proposed Land Sale:** Mr. MacLean would like to move forward on the proposed land sale. When Ms.

Weber was working on eradicating bush honeysuckle on and near the property that would be sold she discovered a significant amount of trash in that location. There is a possibility of an old dumping area there, although none is recorded in the state inventory. The adjacent property owners/purchasers have removed trash from this area as well. They would like language included in any agreement that would absolve them of any liability for future problems there. Measurements of how much land they need would help to define the margins of the land sale. Possibilities for evaluation of the area with metal detectors or digging by the town crew with the excavator would provide some evidence. It would be preferable to wait until spring to do some of this work. When the time is right, Ms. Walters would contact Mr. Garbowicz for recommendations and to draw up the paperwork.

4. **Watch our High School Band Marching on 1/1 at Rose Bowl:** Mr. MacLean encouraged everyone to watch the Rose Bowl. A combination of eleven area bands is the second largest band to ever perform at the Rose Bowl and largest band to ever be exported from the State of Wisconsin. The group includes 450 participants from our area.
5. **Board Correspondence and/or Future Agenda Items:** none
6. **Miscellaneous Public Comments:** Mr. Wolter, as a member of the public, made two comments. He thanked the town crew, specifically Joe Thoma for the creation of the Christmas tree sculpture. He also contacted the administrator at North Lakeland regarding his displeasure at the content of the Christmas concert. He was disappointed because the program included foreign selections but no traditional Christmas music.

Vouchers #34537-34573 with voids #34540, 34571, 34572 were approved for payment and the meeting was adjourned at 7:04pm.

Town Board Action: Approved 3-0

Approved: January 5, 2023

Amended: _____