

## FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Cloverland Town Hall

5860 Perch Lake Rd, Eagle River, WI 54521

February 1, 2023 at 11 AM

The February board meeting was called to order by Town Chairman Scott Maciosek at 11 AM at the Cloverland Town Hall. Board members present: Scott Maciosek, Francine Gough, Millie Ritzer, Mike Gough, Joe Spitz and Tracy Schilling. Also present: Richard & Roberta Dollhopf.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited and posting of meeting verified.

Motion by Millie Ritzer to approve agenda in any order at discretion of Chairman. Seconded by Francine Gough. Motion carried.

Scott Maciosek made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as presented to the board. Seconded by Mike Gough. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mike Gough to approve bills for payment. Seconded by Joe Spitz. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Additional checks were written after the monthly financials were completed. Requesting signatures for the additional checks and will be included in next month's financials. Also, will need signatures on checks for Vilas County Treasurer, Northland Pines High School and Nicolet Technical College for the February Tax Settlement. These checks will be available for Chairman to come in and sign on February 17, 2023.

Checks were written and prepared for the poll workers for the Spring Primary Election which is held on February 21, 2023.

The Annual Town Audit started last week. The Treasurer will need the Related Party Questionnaire completed and returned by the end of the meeting if not already provided. The reports from Kerber Rose should be completed in time for the Annual Meeting of Electors which will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 11 AM.

In regard to the letter/agreement with Charter Communications, Joe Spitz is concerned of the wording of it. Spitz would like to review it further and make some changes in it. Maciosek made a motion once he hears from Spitz that the contract looks good to approve it. Seconded by Joe Spitz. Motion carried.

Town did discuss the Owner-On-Site Rentals Exception and has some concerns on the legality of it. This will be tabled until next month to give Joe Spitz time to discuss further with WTA and Scott Maciosek to speak with Town Attorney.

Chairman Maciosek did recap a letter that was emailed to him from Todd Biermann of Vilas County Forestry. Letter is regarding property owner's getting upset about the snowmobiles "off trail riding and boondocking" in the county. Maciosek encouraged the board members to report violations to Vilas Sheriff's Office in efforts to help prevent the property owner's shutting down their section of trails.

Maciosek did provide board members a copy of the bid from Monroe on getting their type of salt/sander installed on the town truck, bid was just under \$25,000. Monroe states that with Chevy trucks, they have to install hydraulics in order to make the salt/sander work. The Monroe representative states that if the town is considering purchasing a truck, they should consider Ford for they already have them installed.

The bid from Rhinelander is able to make their salt/sander work on electric and can be installed on the town truck with a bid at \$9,000; however, there is a 9-month waiting period. We are already in February and if town opts for the Rhinelander bid, we should get it by next snow season.

The town truck is a 2015 diesel Chevy that has 6,000 miles and is in good shape.

Motion made by Joe Spitz to accept the bid from Rhinelander to get their sander installed on our town truck. Seconded by Millie Ritzer. Motion approved.

Scott Maciosek reviewed the quote that was provided by Kerber Rose IT and discussed it with their representative, Eric Lewis and Maciosek states that it does look good. Maciosek did want clarification on who is going to maintain the town's website? Spitz did advise that the town did decide to have Northern Lights Web Design continue with maintaining the website and the town paid for the services through October 2023.

Kerber Rose did advise with the state having several different Cloverland's, but due to us having the first .gov domain, we will have the ability to word it how we wish. Sherri can contact Eric Lewis to be able to get the .gov worked out with the town website.

The town did receive \$1200 in grant money from the Wisconsin Election Commission which it has to go towards the security and .gov domain work. With this work being in process, the future grants that will soon become available to apply for from WEC will allow the town to put it towards other election expenses.

Part of the security requirements on this grant money is to get a secure line for the town employees working the elections. Spitz did meet up with Sonicnet on Tuesday to get two separate routers installed at the town hall. We now have two routers at the town hall, one secured and one for public. Spitz was advised by Lori of Sonicnet that there would be no charge; however, Maciosek did receive a bill. Spitz will speak to Sonicnet and question the bill further.

Francine Gough discussed the current issue with Olson Memorial Library. At the latest meeting, the towns were advised how the library is having to make several budget cuts which will result in several programs being discontinued and less purchasing of certain materials. This is mainly due to the city not wanting to pay for their increased share of expenses and will possibly result in the other towns paying for their shortfall. The library is located in the city limits and the number of highest users of the library services are city limit residents. Cloverland residents is placed second in the highest number of users. The town of Cloverland and other towns have already budgeted the amount requested by Olson Library in 2022 for 2023 last November. This can and will result in overspending in this line-item for the contributing towns.

Next board meeting: March 8, 2023 at 11 AM.

Public Comments: None

Letters and communications: Scott Maciosek did speak to Attorney Steve Garbowicz regarding the Town considering obtaining a constable. Garbowicz advised we will want to look at Wis. State Statutes 60.10, specifically 60.10(1)(b)(4). Town may want to discuss further at the Annual Meeting on April 18, 2023.

With no other business on the agenda, Scott Maciosek made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mike Gough. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM.

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Posted by: Tracy Schilling, Clerk/Treasurer

To be reviewed for approval on March 8 2023.