

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING, March 18, 2020

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls was called to order by Chairman Frank Behning at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, at the Town Hall. Proper notice was given as the agenda was posted at the town hall and on the town's website on March 13, 2020. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Present by roll call were Chairman Frank Behning, supervisors Katie Appel, Will Bergmann, Mike Dorsey by remote access and Sharon Kelly. Also present were town clerk Janet Krueger and public works employee Steve Jacobs.

Appel/Bergmann **moved** to approve the amended agenda; **motion carried**. Appel/Kelly **moved** to approve the minutes as printed for the February 26, 2020, town board meeting; **motion carried**.

No public comment was had.

Committee, Commission and Employee Reports: Chairman Behning gave the treasurer's report. Receipts for the period ending February 29, 2020, amounted to \$354,079.92, cash balance on February 29, 2020, was \$615,669.72. Bergmann/Kelly **moved** to receive the treasurer's report; **motion carried**. Mr. Jacobs gave the highway report. Mr. Jacobs stated new front tires at approximately one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) a tire will be needed for the tractor and the tires on the one ton will need to be replaced. The board directed Mr. Jacobs to work with the Town of Balsam Lake on removing rocks from the road right-of-ways using the St. Croix Falls dump truck and Balsam Lake's back hoe. A day picking rocks will be spent in each town. Mr. Jacobs presented information on a Tiger Growler Mulching machine to be used for mulching trees. There was some concern that the potential stress of the mulching equipment would be too much for the tractor arm due to age. This item will be placed on next month's agenda for further discussion. Mr. Jacobs stated that Polk County had two sets of seven foot serrated grader blades at approximately two hundred dollars a set. Appel/Kelly **moved** to approve the purchase of two sets of serrated grader blades from Polk County at two hundred dollars (\$200.00) a set: **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0. Ms. Krueger presented the clerk's report. Dorsey/Bergmann **moved** to approve payment of vouchers 20-055 through 20-079 amounting to \$31,728.31; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0. The 2020 year to date budget summaries were reviewed. The building permit/building inspection log was reviewed. Chairman Behning gave the zoning administration report. Mr. Behning stated the plan commission made a motion to make no amendments to the driveway ordinance; will continue discussion on potentially allowing shipping containers; and stated there will be no plan commission meeting next month. A hearing for a commercial design guidelines application will be coming in May.

New Business: Consensus of the town board was to wait to see how the serrated grader blades work on ice before considering additional ice breaker equipment. Kelly/Bergmann **moved** to adopt Resolution 20-05 appointing alternate members to the Board of Review; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0.

Resolution 20-05

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO
THE BOARD OF REVIEW FOR THE TOWN OF ST. CROIX FALLS

WHEREAS one of the changes to Wisconsin Statute Section 70.47 authorized the removal of Board of Review members for individual cases under specific circumstances, and

WHEREAS Section 70.47 (6m)(c) authorizes the appointment of alternate members to serve on the Board of Review when standing members are removed from individual cases, and

WHEREAS a standing member of the Board of Review may voluntarily remove himself/herself due to a possible conflict of interest or unable to serve for any other reason;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board for the Town of St. Croix Falls, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute section 70.47 (6m)(c) and Section 70.46 (1), hereby appoints the following electors of the Town of St. Croix Falls as alternate Board of Review members:

Alternate 1: James K. Nelson, and

Alternate 2: James H. Beistle

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these appointments be effective immediately and run through the Monday before the third Tuesday of April 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls authorizes the per diem for the alternate members attending the Board of Review be set at eight dollars (\$8.00) per hour.

Kelly/Bergmann **moved** to approve the proposal from 4-Control Inc. to spray approximately eighteen miles of town road right-of-ways for invasive species in the amount of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) with discretion of the chairman if additional is needed; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0. Discussion was had on potential 2020 road work. Chairman Behning presented a quote for a new laptop with virus protection and remote access. The virus protection would be four dollars and ninety nine cents (\$4.99) per month and remote access would be three dollars (\$3.00) per month. Kelly/Dorsey **moved** to approve the purchase of a laptop with remote access and virus protection in the amount of six hundred ninety dollars and ninety four cents (\$690.94); **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0. Discussion was had on closing the town hall due to CoVid-19. The town hall will be closed with the exception of in-person absentee voting until further notice. Fire permits will be issued by Supervisor Dorsey. Information will be posted on the town's website and the town hall door. Appel/Kelly **moved** to hire Hayley Helms as deputy clerk as of immediately; **motion carried**.

No closing public comment was had.

Chairman Behning read the call for closed session. Dorsey/Kelly **moved** to adjourn to closed session at 7:55 p.m. per Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1) (c) for an annual employee performance review; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0.

The Town Board reconvened in open session at 8:14 p.m. with the board members present.

The board announced a salary and benefit adjustment was approved for a town employee.

The next town board meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. With agenda items of appoint town clerk and approve summer road work.

There being no further business, Bergmann/Appel **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **motion carried** and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Janet Krueger, town clerk and Sharon Kelly, town supervisor.