

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING, October 21, 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, October 21, 2020, at the Town Hall. Proper notice was given as the agenda was posted at the town hall and on the town's website October 16, 2020. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Present by roll call were Chairman Frank Behning, supervisors Katie Appel, Will Bergmann, Mike Dorsey and Sharon Kelly. Also present were town clerk Janet Krueger, treasurer Maxine Spiess, zoning administrator Jim Alt, public works employee Steve Jacobs and legal counsel Adam Jarchow. Others in attendance were Rick Mastell, Debbie Lee, Rick Friendt and St Croix Valley EMS representative Ben Wasmund. Kelly/Appel **moved** to approve the agenda; **motion carried**. Appel/Bergmann **moved** to approve the minutes as printed for the September 16, 2020, town board meeting; **motion carried**.

Public comment – Rick Mastell requested the town consider amending the zoning ordinance to allow race tracks again.

Committee, Commission and Employee Reports: Ms. Spiess presented the treasurer's report. Receipts for the period ending September 30, 2020, amounted to \$5,662.34, cash balance on September 30, 2020, was \$303,123.87. Ms. Spiess gave an update on available CD interest rates. Kelly/Appel **moved** to roll the existing CD with First Resource Bank for twelve months at .6%; **motion carried**. Kelly/Bergmann **moved** to receive the treasurer's report; **motion carried**. Mr. Jacobs gave the highway report. Mr. Jacobs stated he has completed twenty four miles of mowing with five passes; the dock will be pulled out October 22, 2020, at the Deer Lake boat landing; and the ditch was reestablished where a driveway had been installed without a permit. Ms. Krueger gave the clerks report and an update on the upcoming general election. Dorsey/Kelly **moved** to approve payment of vouchers 20-262 through 20-281 amounting to \$24,459.29; **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. Mr. Alt presented the zoning administration report. Supervisor Kelly reported that there are grants available for the boat landing to help reimburse the town for pavement expenses and additional dock sections. Chairman Behning stated CBS Squared Inc. has completed the design for Fairgrounds Road project and hopes to receive and review the plans soon; and stated some of the town's emails appear to have been hacked and asked the clerk to look into the issue with our email provider.

New Business: Ben Wasmund with St. Croix Valley EMS presented the SCVEMS financial report and call run times for the Town of St. Croix Falls. Dorsey/Kelly **moved** to adopt Resolution 20-22 approving the ambulance service contract with St. Croix Valley Emergency Medical Services, Inc; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0.

Resolution 20-22

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMBULANCE SERVICE CONTRACT WITH ST. CROIX VALLEY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INC. (SCVEMS)

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, pursuant to Wis. Stats. 60.565 is authorized and required to provide ambulance service to the town; and
WHEREAS, an existing agreement with St. Croix Valley Emergency Medical Services, Inc. (SCVEMS) expires on December 31, 2020; and
WHEREAS, St. Croix Valley Emergency Medical Services, Inc. (SCVEMS) presented a contract for ambulance service for the next five years at a rate of five dollars (\$5.00) per resident.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls, Polk County, Wisconsin, approves ambulance service with St. Croix Valley Emergency Medical Services, Inc. (SCVEMS) effective from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025, in the amount of five dollars (\$5.00) per capita per year; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the first half of the contract fee be paid by January 30 and the second half of the contract fee be paid by June 30; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Chair and Town Clerk be authorized to sign the said contract.

The clerk presented requests for additional operator licenses. Appel/Dorsey **moved** to adopt Resolution 20-23 approving additional operator licenses for the year ending June 30, 2021; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0.

Resolution 20-23

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDITIONAL OPERATOR LICENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

WHEREAS the individuals listed below have made application to the Town Clerk requesting an operator's license pursuant to Sections 125.32(2) and 125.68(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the year ending June 30, 2021, and

WHEREAS the applications appear to be complete and the required fee has been paid;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls does approve and grant operator's licenses to:

Lindblom, Rebecca Jo 347 Rice Lake Road, Somerset, WI 54025, 2021-51
Willamson-Jann, Sadie Ann 440 Charles Lane, Somerset, WI 54025, 2021-52
Anderson, Lyndsey Jo 6805 Greenway Lane, Forest Lake, MN 55025, 2021-53
Hatten, Tereasa Louise 8793 375th Street, North Branch, MN 55056, 2021-54
Repka, Stacie Bernadette 1142 80th Avenue, Amery, WI 54001, 2021-55

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be authorized to issue the licenses as the case may be.

Appel/Bergmann **moved** to adopt Resolution 20-24 setting the date, time and place for the 2021 budget hearing and calling for a special town meeting; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0.

Resolution 20-24

A RESOLUTION TO SET DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF ST. CROIX FALLS AND TO CALL A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF ST. CROIX FALLS

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute 65.90 requires a public hearing on the annual budget for a Town; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes requires the calling of a special Town meeting to approve and adopt the tax levy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls, Polk County, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 65.90 calls a public hearing on the proposed 2021 budget for the Town of St. Croix Falls in Polk County to be held on 18th day of November, 2020, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls Calls pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 60.12(1)(c) a special town meeting of the electors on 18th day of November, 2020, to begin immediately following completion of the public hearing on the proposed 2021 Budget, for the following purposes;

1. Amend the 2021 Annual Contribution to the St. Croix Falls Town/Village Cemetery; and

2. To approve the 2020 town tax levy to be collected in 2021 pursuant to 60.10(1) (a) of Wisconsin Statutes.

Dorsey/Appel **moved** to adopt Resolution 20-25 approving the contract for independent maintenance assessor Randy Prochnow; **motion carried** on unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0.

Resolution 20-25

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CONTRACT WITH RANDY PROCHNOW AS ASSESSOR
FOR THE TOWN OF ST. CROIX FALLS
FOR THE YEARS OF 2021, 2022 AND 2023

WHEREAS Wisconsin Statutes 60.307(4) states the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls may contract with an independent Assessor for the Town's assessment maintenance, and
WHEREAS Assessor Randy Prochnow submitted a proposal of services for the assessment of the Town of St. Croix Falls for years 2021, 2022 and 2023.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls, Polk County, Wisconsin, does approve the Maintenance Assessment Contract with Assessor Randy Prochnow for assessment periods of 2021, 2022 and 2023 with an annual fee of \$8,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that payment of services be as follows: first payment of \$3,000.00 by January 31st, and second payment of \$5,000.00 upon conclusion of the annual Board of Review.

Discussion was had on potential amendments to the town's zoning ordinance regarding racetracks. Legal counsel and Mr. Alt will bring the amendment suggestions to the plan commission. Kelly/Bergmann **moved** to amend the town's employee handbook with the discussed changes; **motion carried**.

There was no closing public comment.

The next town board meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Kelly/Bergmann **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **motion carried** and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Janet Krueger, town clerk..