

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING, March 17, 2021

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 17, 2021, at the Town Hall. Proper notice was given as the agenda was posted at the town hall and on the town's website March 12, 2021. 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, zoning administrator Jim Alt, public works employee Steve Jacobs and legal counsel Adam Jarchow. Others in attendance for portions of the meeting were Lynn Johnson-Yohnk. Treasurer Maxine Spiess was absent. Kelly/Bergmann **moved** to approve the agenda; **motion carried**. Appel/Kelly **moved** to approve the minutes as printed for the February 17, 2021, town board meeting; **motion carried**.

No public comment was had.

Committee, Commission and Employee Reports: The treasurer's report was reviewed. Receipts for the period ending February 28, 2021, amounted to \$264,557.53, cash balance on February 28, 2021, was \$543,326.60. Appel/Bergmann **moved** to receive the treasurer's report; **motion carried**. Mr. Jacobs gave the highway report. Ms. Krueger presented the clerks report. Appel/Kelly **moved** to adopt Resolution 21-05 amending the 2021 budget; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call, 5-0.

Resolution 21-05

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2021 BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF ST. CROIX FALLS

WHEREAS the Town Board approved installation of new toilets and a water softener system at the Town Hall/Shop facility: and

WHEREAS the anticipated expense exceeds the amount budgeted in the Highway Building Outlay account.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls, Polk County, Wisconsin, that the sum of two thousand, five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) is hereby transferred from the Contingency account to the Highway Building Outlay account.

Bergmann/Dorsey **moved** to approve payment of vouchers 21-049 through 21-071 amounting to \$34,129.18; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0. The 2021 year to date budget summaries were reviewed. The building permit/building inspection log was reviewed. Mr. Alt presented the zoning administration report. Supervisor Kelly stated there is a State initiative to implement a grid numbering system for addresses. Consensus of the board was to encourage properties especially around Deer Lake to ensure fire/house numbers are clearly marked and visibly for emergency response services. Supervisor Kelly also stated Polk County corporate counsel has drafted a resolution to remove the use regulation from the County Shoreland Ordinance for properties located in a zoned town. Chairman Behning asked if he Board would like to consider creating a committee with the City to discuss a potential corporate boundary agreement; and asked if there was interest in bringing natural gas to the town hall facility if a line was brought from US Highway 8 to the property across the road. Both items will be added to a future agenda to be considered.

New Business: Mr. Alt presented a special exception request for a storage facility located at 1494 Highway 35. Discussion was had. Dorsey/Bergmann **moved** to adopt Resolution 21-06 with the amendments of removing the screening requirement along Highway 35; there is to be no outdoor storage of cars and trucks; and the storage container must be removed by July 1, 2022. Bergman/Dorsey **moved** to amend the July 1, 2022, date to October 1, 2022, for removing the storage container: **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0. The **motion carried** adopting Resolution 21-06 as amended on a unanimous roll call vote, 5-0.

Resolution 21-06

A RESOLUTION GRANTING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO STORAGE SOLUTIONS LLC TO OPERATE A STORAGE FACILITY IN THE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

WHEREAS Lynne Johnson-Yohnk, agent for Storage Solutions LLC, owner, filed an application with the Town of St. Croix Falls Zoning Office to operate an existing storage facility request outdoor storage of vehicles and boats at 1494 State Road 35N, located in the NW ¼ of Section 24, T34N, R18W and identified as Tax Parcel #044-00579-0100, and

WHEREAS Chapter III, Section C, 3. Commercial District, c. outdoor storage facility requires a Special Exception; and

WHEREAS the previous special exception for the property terminated upon the sale of the property; and

WHEREAS the Plan Commission did conduct a public hearing on the matter and did recommend approval on March 10, 2021, for the special exception with conditions to operate storage facility with outdoor storage of vehicles and boats in the NW ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 24.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls, Polk County, Wisconsin, does hereby concur with the Town Plan Commission to grant a special exception to Storage Solutions LLC to operate a storage facility with outdoor storage of vehicles and boats at 1494 State Road 35N, located in NW ¼ of NW ¼ Section 24 and identified as Tax Parcel #044-00579-0100 subject to the following conditions:

1. Any vehicles stored on the property must not allow any fluids to seep into the ground;
2. All vehicles must be currently registered, insured and licensed;
3. No maintenance or work is allowed on any vehicles at the property;
4. No trucks or cars to be stored outside on the property
5. Any covers for any vehicles must be designed for the vehicle and form fitting;
6. There must be a twenty-four hour contact phone number on the front gate for emergencies or issues;
7. There shall be no storage of items in the vision triangle;
8. The storage container must be removed by October 1, 2022;
9. The business will be on a one year probationary period during which any complaint will lead to an automatic review of the special exception and/or conditions by the Plan Commission and/or Town Board;
10. The special exception shall terminate upon the sale or transfer of ownership of either the parcel of land or the business itself; and
11. The Business must obtain and maintain all proper permits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this special exception is conditioned on the applicants obtaining the necessary and required permits, if any, from Polk County and various agencies of the State of Wisconsin; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this special exception must be exercised by application for the necessary permits within twelve (12) months of the date of this Resolution.

Appel/Bergmann **moved** to adopt Resolution 21-07 appointing Maxine Spiess as town treasurer; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0.

Resolution 21-07

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A TOWN TREASURER FOR THE TOWN OF ST. CROIX FALLS

WHEREAS the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls, Polk County, Wisconsin, pursuant to Wis. Stats. 60.30(1e) adopted Ordinance 18-03 that the office of the town treasurer shall be filled by appointment; and

WHEREAS the Town electors of the Town of St. Croix Falls on November 6, 2018, passed a town referendum approving the office of town treasurer to be filled by appointment; and

WHEREAS Maxine Spiess' current term as town treasurer ends April 19, 2021.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of St. Croix Falls, Polk County, Wisconsin, does hereby appoint Maxine Spiess as the Town of St. Croix Falls "Town Treasurer" for a two year term effective April 20, 2021 to April 17, 2023.

Appel/Dorsey **moved** to adopt Resolution 21-08 appointing alternate members to the Board of Review; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0.

Resolution 21-08

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 H. Beistle, and
Alternate 2: Frank Behning

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these appointments be effective immediately and run through the Monday before the third Tuesday of April 2022.

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.

Bergmann/Dorsey **moved** to approve the 4 Control Inc. quote for spraying invasive species in the town right-of-ways according the map with the addition of one-half mile along 120th Avenue in the amount of three thousand dollars (\$3,000); **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0. Appel/Kelly **moved** to approve Raska Sewer Service to install two portable toilets at the Deer Lake boat landing for a monthly rate of one hundred ten dollars (\$110.00) per toilet for the 2021 summer season; **motion carried** on a unanimous roll-call vote, 5-0. The Event Permit Ordinance was reviewed and the first reading was had.

The chairman read the call for a closed session per Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(c) for an employee review. Appel/Bergmann **moved** to adjourn to closed session at 7:35 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 8:23 p.m. with the board members and legal counsel present.

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

The next town board meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Agenda items to be considered are committee members for joint meetings with the City and natural gas installation at the town hall facility. The annual town meeting will be held on April 21, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Bergmann/Appel **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **motion carried** and the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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