

Town of Silver Cliff Meeting Minutes

N11929 County Road I

Silver Cliff, WI 54104

Monthly Town Board Meeting Tuesday, August 12, 2020

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bruce Weber at 7 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call: Present board members: Chairman Bruce Weber, Supervisor Sue Victoreen, and Supervisor Riana Ventura

Others Present: Dana L. Weber, town of Silver Cliff Clerk; Carol Kitchmaster, town of Silver Cliff Treasurer and 9 residents present.

Verification of proper public notice: Agendas were posted at Silver Cliff Town Hall, Fire Department, Red Pine BP, Rustic Inn, Rapids Resort and Jungle Jim's.

Motion to approve the agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Supervisor Sue Victoreen, seconded by Supervisor Riana Ventura. Motion carried.

Consider for approval or other action:

Minutes from July 14,2020. After any corrections have been rectified; a motion to approve the minutes was made by Supervisor Sue Victoreen, seconded by Riana Ventura. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding ordinance authorizing issuance of operators' licenses by town clerk: A motion to approve the ordinance to allow the town clerk to approve operator licenses was made by Supervisor Riana Ventura, seconded by Supervisor Sue Victoreens. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding fire chief salary: At the annual meeting the fire chief and the constable positions were separated for wages. The fire chief's salary is set by the board (currently at \$1,000 annually)as this position is not elected; the salary is recommended by the fire department and approved by the town board. Chairman Bruce Weber is in favor of increasing the salary. The fire chief has a lot of responsibility for the reports that are required along with all the operations records; for example, testing of the hoses and the fire equipment, the dept. training that is required, as well as the incident command responsibility when first on the scene of a fire.

Supervisor Riana Ventura can not support an increase without some details supporting data for an Increase training records, attendance records, etc. for past years of training. She would like more information at the next meeting. No action was taken at this time on this item.

Discussion and possible action regarding road budget: Chairman Bruce Weber reported road work is moving forward. The town crew has been busy with culverts and roads washing out. We will be over on the road budget this year due to all the flooding we have had this year. We may have to move money from other areas (centennial budget) or from surplus funds (cd or money market) to deal with overages. A lot of paperwork was sent in to try to qualify for the Wisconsin Emergency Disaster Funds that maybe available; however, after talking to them, the road work that was submitted would have needed to be overtime to qualify. We may receive some funds; not sure at this time. No county funding is available to assist with the road washouts. No action was taken on this item.

Discussion and possible action regarding Richards Lane easement and road ending point: Chairman Bruce Weber reported: no paperwork (survey maps) was available to make a decision on this item. No action was taken.

Discussion and possible action regarding Century Link internet at town hall: Supervisor Riana Ventura is in favor of moving forward with Century Link as a provider for internet at town hall. She also is in favor of terminating the current contract with HughesNet due to poor internet service. Supervisor Riana Ventura made a motion to approve early termination of the Hughes Net contract and have Century Link provide the internet if they can quote a price plus or minus 10% of what we are currently paying with Hughes Net, seconded by Supervisor Sue Victoreen. Motion carried

Discussion and possible action regarding setting date for budget workshop for September: September 10th at 6pm will be the 1st budget workshop for the 2021 budget.

Reports / updates presented:

- a. **Treasurer's report:** Carol Kitchmaster reported a balance in the checking account of \$26,787.25 and a balance in the money market account of \$419,214.23.
- b. **Clerk's report:** Dana Weber introduced Kristin Gange as the new deputy clerk. We had a record number of absentee votes on the August 11th election.
- c. **Chairman's report:** Chairman Bruce Weber reported the town received the insurance check for the damage done to the roof at the emergency services building. The work will start the first week in September. A once-a-year insurance evaluation will be scheduled soon with Rural Mutual Insurance to make sure all the town equipment and buildings are being insured for the proper amount. 4 people went to the quarterly Wisconsin Towns Association meeting at Niagara Town Hall. The Marinette County Health Nurse gave a covid-19 update. The county is spending a lot of time doing contact tracing with the covid-19 virus. Eric Burmeister reported the long term impact from the covid-19 virus will have an effect on budgets in the future years to come. At this time it is hard to tell the impact it will have for revenue for the towns.
- d. **Cemetery committee report:** Supervisor Sue Victoreen reported the cemetery has been looking at a software program for marking graves, record keeping, and documentation.
- e. **Planning commission report:** No meetings last month
- f. **Road committee report:** No report
- g. **Road work:** Chairman Bruce Weber reported next month they will be starting the road ratings. Culverts are being marked and replaced as needed. A ditch was dug on both sides of Tower Road to try to help with the flooding over the road. Klug is holding up so far. The Marinette County Highway Commissioner, Eric Burmeister reported the long term weather cycle looks like 2 more years of rising water for the great lakes. Harper Road has flooding around 2 feet deep. The town is currently out of pit run. Bruce called the county to see if they can be of any assistance
- h. **Constable:** Sabin Rosenbaum provided a written report for June 7 through June 28th. He reported he received a call for a lost beagle that was later returned to the owner. He received a call for a resident building without a building permit. He received another call for a lost beagle that was later returned to the owner. Sabin reported the Constable vehicle could use tires and wipers before the winter.
- i. **Recycling/garbage:** Marilyn Kowis reported the recycling center has been very busy and the big dumpster is filling up with large items
- j. **Fire department:** Fire Chief, Alan Walesh reported the picnic had a great turn out. 85 gallons of Booyah and 300 brats and burgers were sold. The recently purchased equipment truck was lettered and on display at the picnic, They have responded to 2 calls with the equipment truck so far.
- k. **Parks committee:** No report for the park. Chairman Bruce Weber reported they had one rental for a graduation party in July.

July vouchers & payment of bills check #7668 to check # 7711. A motion to approve the July vouchers was made by Supervisor Sue Victoreen, seconded by Supervisor Riana Ventura. Motion carried.

Items intended for future meetings: Fire Chief salary and budget items

Public comment Cory Gange stated the town should recommend all properties have fire numbers. Maybe request that in the newsletter. Supervisor Riana Ventura requested someone from the rescue squad give a monthly update to the board of the call for the month.

Motion to adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Sue Victoreen at 8:44 pm, seconded by Supervisor Riana Ventura. Motion carried.

Dana Weber
Clerk
Town of Silver Cliff