

## Town of Silver Cliff Meeting Minutes

N11929 County Road I

Silver Cliff, WI 54104

### Monthly Town Board Meeting Tuesday, January 12, 2021

**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 (via phone)

**Others Present:** Dana L. Weber, Town of Silver Cliff Clerk; Carol Kitchmaster, Town of Silver Cliff Treasurer; Kristin Gagne, Town of Silver Cliff Deputy Clerk and 18 residents

**Verification of proper public notice:** Agendas were posted at Silver Cliff Town Hall, Emergency Services Building, 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 December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 town board meeting after any corrections have been rectified. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Supervisor Sue Victoreen, seconded by Supervisor Riana Ventura. Motion carried.

**Discussion and possible action regarding Rescue Squad Agreement:** The rescue squad is a one-year agreement with no changes. A motion to accept the agreement with no changes was made by Supervisor Sue Victoreen, seconded by Supervisor Riana Ventura. Motion carried.

**Discussion and possible action regarding Rescue Squad payment for door locks:** An invoice will be sent to the rescue squad for the push button combination lever locks to reimburse the town for the cost totaling \$2,299.00 paid to Laforce Security Systems.

**Discussion and possible action regarding WGNC name change request (Rachel Carson Spring):** A motion to reject the name recommendation made by the DNR was made by Supervisor Sue Victoreen, seconded by Chairman Bruce Weber. Motion carried.

**Discussion and possible action regarding town shop building loan payment for 2021:** A motion to make a \$60,000 principal only payment to Laona State Bank for the town shop loan was made by Supervisor Riana Ventura, seconded by Supervisor Sue Victoreen. An interest only payment will be made at the end of the year. Motion carried.

**Discussion and possible action regarding Stephenson National Bank CD due date January 14, 2021:** A motion to cash the CD in and deposit the money into the money market account at Laona State Bank was made by Supervisor Sue Victoreen, seconded by Supervisor Riana Ventura. Motion carried.

**Discussion and possible action regarding Building Permit Ordinance:** A motion to approve the final copy of the building permit ordinance #011221 was made by Supervisor Sue Victoreen, seconded by Supervisor Riana Ventura. Motion carried.

**Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution for Fine/Forfeiture Schedule:** A motion to approve the final Fine/Forfeiture Schedule Resolution was made by Supervisor Sue Victoreen, seconded by Supervisor Riana Ventura. Motion carried.

**Discussion and possible action regarding Planning Commission Appointment and selection of Chairperson:** Chairman Bruce Weber appointed Sabin Rosenbaum as Chairman of the Planning Commission. The appointment for an open position on the commission will be moved to next month's agenda.

**Discussion and possible action regarding the use of town property:** Chairman Bruce Weber reported no decision will be made at tonight's meeting--discussion only. Bruce called the Town of Athelstane and the Town of Stephenson. They post the town property "no trespassing." Michelle Baldwin called the Town of Amberg. They only post the shooting range. No other town property is posted for any specific use. Supervisor Sue Victoreen called the Town of Lakewood, and they do not have any rules or restrictions for town property. Supervisor Riana Ventura suggested contacting the Wisconsin Towns Association and reviewing each property separately. This will be addressed at the annual meeting in April.

**Discussion and possible action regarding mask mandate:** Chairman Bruce Weber reported he contacted the Towns Association, Joe, one of the attorneys on staff, said the town cannot enforce the mask mandate. However, he said it's about 50/50. 50 % are recommending it and 50% are not recommending masks at meetings. The town hall has sanitizing products at town hall and we try to practice social distancing. Supervisor Sue Victoreen stated the mask mandate is not a law and it (mask mandate) has been thrown out by the state supreme court. Supervisor Riana Ventura would like to see the board follow the mandate. No other action was taken on this item.

#### **Reports / updates presented:**

- a. **Treasurer's report:** Carol Kitchmaster reported a balance in the checking account of \$3,271.30 and a balance in the money market account of \$127,922.65. CD's total \$563,800.97.
- b. **Clerk's report:** Dana Weber reported the town will have a primary election February 16, 2021 for State School Superintendent. The Spring General Election will be April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021. I have been busy working on w-2's and year-end reports. Deputy Clerk, Kristin Gagne is working on the annual 1099's.
- c. **Chairman's report:** Bruce Weber received word from the Wisconsin Disaster Fund the town will receive \$6,308.23 for damages to Benson Lake Road last summer. Thank You goes out to Kathy Frank from Marinette County's Emergency Management Coordinator for her assistance. The town will receive \$34,790 supplemental funds from the State for General Transportation Aid (GTA). The funds for the bridge aid (\$50,000) and the Insurance claim for the Emergency Services Building roof (\$22,000) have all come in. The Red Cross blood drive was a success collecting 40 pints of blood exceeding their goal. For every 200-250 pints collected Red Cross donates money for a scholarship fund at Wausaukee Schools. The trees have been removed to relocate the ATV/snowmobile trail from private property to town property to go past town hall without cutting through the parking lot. The town shop is moving forward. Plans to pour the concrete in the next 10 days or so after the building has been enclosed and heated for 10 days. The well is in. It was only 65 feet down and is running approximately 20 gallons per minute. Please make note of anyone plowing across the road. It is against state statute and the County Sheriff may be called to issue citations if necessary.
- d. **Cemetery committee report:** Supervisor Sue Victoreen reported the committee had a meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. Ann Wender is contacting the software company about lowering the price and eliminating the annual fee. Marilyn is combining documents in a master binder file.
- e. **Planning commission report:** Michelle Baldwin reported that the Town of Athelstane has a good citation ordinance example. The first draft is in the works. A joint meeting is scheduled for February.
- f. **Road committee report:** No report
- g. **Road work:** Paul Whiting reported the price for scrap currently is \$145 per ton.
- h. **Constable:** Sabin Rosenbaum reported the Marinette County Sheriff was called for an attempted break in on Red Rock. Keep an eye out for your neighbors for any suspicious activity.

- i. **Recycling/garbage:** Marilyn Kowis reported the recycling center had 40 people last Sunday. Chairman Bruce Weber reported the town will be taking over the can collection from Red Pine BP. The town owned cage has been relocated to the town recycling center.
- j. **Fire department:** Chief Al Walesh reported it has been a quiet December. The fire department was called to assist in a search and rescue at Goodman Park and mutual aid for a fire at Golden Eagle Restaurant in Townsend.
- k. **Rescue Squad:** Ann Wender reported the rescue squad has been busy with a lot of respiratory issues. Vaccines are being scheduled for EMT's and front line workers.
- l. **Parks committee:** No report

**December invoices & payment of bills check #7909 to check # 7941 :** A motion to approve the invoices was made by Supervisor Sue Victoreen seconded by Supervisor Riana Ventura. Motion carried.

**Items intended for future meetings:** Richards Lane issue. Planning Commission Appointment. Land use of town property

**Public comment:** Dee Farley reported the centennial committee will meet at town hall this Thursday at 4 pm. The issue with Klug will be addressed in spring due to the DNR marking the surrounding area as a wetland permits need to be issued to widen road and put a culvert in. Joanne Sisler presented Michelle Baldwin with a plaque for years of service on the rescue squad. Michelle will be relocating sometime in early 2021.

**Motion to adjourn:** A motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. was made by Supervisor Sue Victoreen seconded by Supervisor Riana Ventura. Motion carried.

Dana Weber  
Clerk  
Town of Silver Cliff.