

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Town of Silver Cliff, Marinette County Wisconsin

Town Hall N11929 County Rd I, May 20th at 9:00 am

Special Meeting Notice

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order. 9:04AM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll call. Chair Farley, Supervisors Fencl and Volkmann, Treasurer Kitchmaster and Clerk Lewis were present and 7 members of the public. Verification of public notice posted on Sunday May 17th on the website, Red Pine BP and the Town Hall.

3. Public Comment: 5 minutes. Come to the podium, state name and place of residence.

Christopher Norton Silver Cliff- Here we are at another unplanned meeting. This indicates to me that this town is not being run effectively. Here we are to approve an alcohol beverage license for the Memorial Day picnic. Memorial Day happens each year at the same time. It was designated in 1971. Here is another example of the incompetence. The clerk could have gone to work today and made \$420 but instead here she sits with you. To approve a \$10 temporary license because the chair and president of the legion can't get her act together. This should have been done months ago. This and other mistakes are costing the town thousands. At this time, Dee I again ask for you to resign.

Chair Farley- I have a small rebuttal to that. I have never in over 20 years had to get a license or fill out an application for this sort of thing. Never. This was all new to me. You have my word on that.

Chris Norton- This is not suppose to be a back and forth but I will humor you. The ignorance of the law is not an excuse. You need to know the law. You need to follow the rules. If you choose not to, then you have no business holding public office. I have been in code enforcement for 20 years. If you don't know statute or laws, then you better be able to quote them or find them to cite them. Not just make up your own rules. If you make up rules then again you don't belong in public office.

Clerk Lewis- According to paper documents Bill Wohger is the person who turned in the application last year in March. So someone has been following the proper procedures.

There is required to be 15 days minimum between when an application is submitted to when the license is issued. The person submitting the application must go through a background check. I do not have that background check complete.

Chloe Luke Silver Cliff- With this temporary alcohol license. Dee are you the head or chair person of the organization? Farley responded no she was the president. Chloe then informed her that due to the ethics laws of holding public office that Farley should not be voting whether to give herself an alcohol beverage license as it was a conflict of interest.

Steve Phenicie Silver Cliff- He is deeply disappointed that this meeting must happen. There are so many occasions where you chairman Farley have failed in your duties. I won't even go into the 9 days we went without being plowed out due to you letting the insurance lapse. Once again, you need to look at your commitments to the town. You are president of the Legion. Great. Thank you for serving in that role. You bartend and that is another job. I feel you need to devote more time and energy and do a better job for the people of this town. We must be done with these emergency meetings. At the electors meeting we talked about how much time was involved with the clerk's job. I would think that the town chairman should be spending as much time as the clerk in running the town.

Laura Fencl Silver Cliff- Asked for regular liquor licenses there was a news paper publication requirement. Did that also apply for a temporary?

Clerk Lewis- No the publication is not required for a temporary license. Applications are suppose to be submitted at least 15 days prior to the event.

4. Approval of Agenda. Motion made by Volkmann. Seconded by Fencl. Motion carried.

5. Discussion and Approval of Resolution establishing an official Fee Schedule for Alcohol Beverage License Fees and Tobacco License Fees pursuant to Wis. State statute 125.51. Also establish other relevant fees associated with the annual application process.

(a.) Clerk explained the examples that had been sent to the board of what other municipalities charge. Also referred the board to the spreadsheet of what minimum and maximum charges were according to state statutes.

(b.) Discussion was had by the board and the clerk going through the fee schedule for several minutes.

(c.) Clerk printed and presented the board with a formal resolution establishing the fee schedule.

(d.) All board members signed the Resolution establishing an official Fee Schedule for Alcohol Beverage License Fees and Tobacco License Fees. Motion made to accept the resolution 2026-05 made by Fencl and seconded by Volkmann. Motion carried.

6. Discussion and possible approval of a Temporary Alcohol Beverage license for the May 24th Memorial Day Picnic for American Legion Auxiliary Unit 66.

(a.) Clerk did not have back ground check for the applicant. Advised applicant Farley to step out of the room for the remaining quorum to vote.

(b.) After Chair Farley left the room Supervisor Volkmann and Fencl had discussion and agreed they would not authorize the license. Set a date for another Special Meeting for May 22nd at 11:00AM. Motion made to not approve by Fencl. Seconded by Volkmann. Motion carries.

(c.) Chair Farley was asked to return to the room.

(d.) Fencl asked what if the background check results were not in by then.

(e.) Clerk Lewis said that they would be in probably that day and would let everyone know individually.

(f.) Chair Farley stated if she was not given a license she had a back up plan.

(g.) Fencl and the Clerk told her not to say anymore. Clerk told Farley please do not elaborate further. Don't say anymore.

(h.) Farley stated if she did it then it would be above bar.

(i.) Clerk responded to Farley that if it was a decision made by Farley that was unlikely.

7. Motion to adjourn made by Volkmann and seconded by Fencl. Motion carried.

Submitted under constraint by Silver Cliff Town Clerk Margaret Lewis.