

**Regular Town Board Meeting**

Tuesday, July 7, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.  
Wascott Town Hall

**-Minutes-**

**Work Session – 6:30 p.m.**

The work session was called to order by Chair Jenson at 6:30 p.m. to review financial claims presented for payment by Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson. Board members present – Chair Jenson, Supv Youngquist, Supv Boughner and Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson. **A Youngquist/Boughner motion to adjourn at 6:51 p.m.; motion carried.**

**Regular Town Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**

- 1) Call to Order/Roll Call – The meeting was called to order by Chair Jenson at 7:00 p.m. Board members present – Chair Jenson, Supv Youngquist, Supv Boughner, Clerk/Treasurer Atkinson and 9 guests.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 3) Approval of Consent Agenda
  - a) Approval of the Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2020
  - b) Approval of Agenda
  - c) Treasurer’s Report
  - d) Bartender Licenses - Jeffrey Meling, Shannon McNamara
  - e) Approval of May/June vouchers

**A Youngquist/Boughner motion to approve consent agenda; motion approved.**
- 4) Public Comments – Please be advised per § 19.84(2), comments and announcements will be received from the public. Comments are to be directed to the Town Board and limited to 2 minutes per person. No action taken by Board. *Agnes Kennard* commented the trees on her property leading to the boat landing on Little Sand Lake was cut down by the Town. Those trees were not obstructing anything and wanted to know why they were cut down. *Jan Newsome* asked what road projects were scheduled in this year’s budget. Thanked the Town for her new fire number sign. *Richard Nelson*, who resides on Bond Leader Lake Road for 31 years, commented he would not even want the road paved. Dick cited that people travel that road at an excessive speed. People walk the road with their dogs and children. Suggested perhaps speed bumps could be placed on roadway to slow down the traffic and speed limit signs erected noting a slower speed. It’s dangerous and he just doesn’t want to see anyone hurt. *John Glindinning* stated he had not received any information back on the gravel issue. Chair Jenson stated she had sent him information via email. John had concerns on the ditching of roads. He felt there isn’t enough done. Need to keep water off the road bed. John suggested getting a cost analysis regarding the repair of the bridge over the Ounce River. Maybe consider abandoning the road. *Dale Frey*, a resident on Bond Leader Lake Road and lives near the boat landing, stated there are 4 wheelers and vehicles which travel very fast on that road. He would like something done as it is very dangerous to residents. *Jan Newsome* asked if the Town opened all its roads to ATV routes. The response is, no the Town did not.
- 5) Department and Representative Announcements
  - a) Fire Department – Chief Michalek - absent.
  - b) EMS Asst. Director – Stacey Vig - absent.
  - c) County Board Representative – Mary Lou Bergman - absent.
  - d) Chairman’s Report - Participated in a teleconference on June 9 entitled “When Revenues Fall Short”. Categories of possible revenue sources included delinquent property tax collections; state GTA aids may be affected due to gas revenues down; Act 185 will allow counties to adopt resolutions that will no longer require them to settle property taxes with towns; recommend towns look at how to maintain cash flow;

determine what are essential services and what are discretionary; there are several different grants available for additional expenses due to Covid.

There are small Covid business grants available for businesses. Chair Jenson has contacted businesses in Wascott informing them about this and has written letters of support for them.

- e) Supervisor's Report - Supv Youngquist commented the West side Brush Collection Site is being used alot. It needs to be pushed up again. The Ballpark garbage containers are being used by others and asked to report if one notices who it is. A resident thanked the road crew for showing courtesy by slowing down when passing. 😊
- f) Highway Department Update - Chair Jenson reported the following - working on erosion control projects on Norris Road, Lost Lake Road, S. Mail Road; culvert replacement at Carps Creek and Crotty Brook; hauled a load of gravel to the Transfer Station; graveled and did shoulder work on Tower Heights Road; graveled Jerry's Road; blacktop patching; did address sign replacement; did some safety control work on Lawler Bridge; grading, mowing roads.
- g) Transfer Station Update - Supv Youngquist reported the Transfer Station has been very busy. Maximum recycling.

6) Specific Matters for Discussion and Possible Action –

- a) Approve Betty Ebert as EMS Director - A Youngquist/Boughner motion to approve Betty Ebert as EMS Director; motion carried.
- b) Quote for rebuilding the north bridge over the Ounce River - The timbers on the bridge decking are rotting out. This project was begun a couple years ago and never finished. At that time, new deck timbers were purchased for approximately \$8,000. The contractor was unable to perform the work. Mike Hopkins, a local resident residing in that area, found a contractor to do the job. ATEK Demolition Services, LLC quoted a price of \$7,800 for rebuilding the north bridge over the Ounce River. This would include installing 3 additional joists, supplies, screws, equipment and gravel for the approaches. They would be using the deck materials previously purchased. The work would be done in July when the river is low and sluggish. Mike will be part of the working crew. **A Boughner/Youngquist motion to approve the quote from ATEK Demolition Services, LLC in the amount of \$7,800 for the rebuilding of the bridge over the Ounce River as per specifications quoted; motion carried.**
- c) Purchase of Trees for Town Hall - Clerk Atkinson requested the Board to consider purchasing some 8-10' trees from Bork Trees for an amount of up to \$1,500 to beautify the area around the Town Hall. Arrangements for purchase and planting of said trees would be coordinated with some work that needs to be done at the Cemetery. Chuck & Patti McDermott will coordinate. **A Youngquist/Boughner motion to purchase trees up to an amount of \$1,500; motion carried.**
- d) Quote for Lawn work at Town Hall - Clerk Atkinson presented the Board with a quote to upgrade the lawn with topsoil and grass seed. Due to several projects that were done, the mowing services are unable to mow some of the areas. A quote was received from Balcsik Farms, Inc. in the amount of \$4,679 to put regrade, add topsoil and seed. **A Jenson/Youngquist motion to approve the quote from Balcsik Farms, Inc. in the amount of \$4,679 to perform lawn work according to the proposal submitted; motion carried.**
- e) Town Hall Rental/Utilization during Covid-19 - Chair Jenson reviewed the status of Covid-19 guidelines and regulations at this time. Since the Governor's Safer-At-Home mandate is no longer in effect, the town needs to clarify what guidelines we will follow related to town hall usage. She reviewed current guidelines from CDC, Douglas County, and recommendations from the Wisconsin Towns Association. The Board approved adhering to CDC guidelines with the understanding that they will be updated to incorporate any CDC changes and/or any directives/guidelines from Douglas County or the State of Wisconsin. Guidelines will pertain to Board business as well as any rentals or utilization of the town hall. They will be posted around the town hall and on our website. Also, the Clerk emphasized the Town Hall is thoroughly cleaned each week and in addition, after each usage.
- f) Gravel Update - In researching this issue, Chair Jenson provided the following comments -
  - In a conversation with the Douglas County Highway Commissioner Jason Jackman, he stated Towns do not need to test gravel or include testing in their specs; most contractors already test and

customize gravel as they crush and produce it to ensure quality. If our gravel is used in a DOT project, then DOT will test.

- Antczak has done our gravel crushing for years. They customize (combine more sand, more clay, etc.) to produce quality gravel.
- Our highway employees are pleased with our gravel - it works. We are fortunate to have our own gravel pit to crush, and according to Mike Kohn of the reclamation project, we have “some of the best material for crushing.”
- Monarch Paving did a courtesy gravel test for us in 2018. Our gravel passed all DOT Section 305 requirements. Clay content is also within acceptable range. We do not want to increase this component or it will lead to sloppy roads when it rains and would be expensive to truck in more clay.
- Options: 1) Hire Solon Springs Concrete to crush and test gravel - Cost is \$10/yd; \$200,000 for 20,000 yds of ¾” gravel IF we haul; \$400,000 if they deliver; 2) Continue to crush our own with Antczak - \$50,000; 3) Take buckets of our gravel to Twin Ports Testing in Superior for testing as needed - cost of \$150 per bucket.

**A Youngquist/Boughner motion to keep doing what has been done - crushing our own - and no need for testing; motion carried.**

- g) Paving of Bond Lake Estates Road - additional cost if done earlier than scheduled - The Board decided to keep the time frame for paving of Bond Lake Estates Road as originally stated in bid contract. There would be an additional cost of about \$2500 if this is done earlier than the scheduled Fall time frame.

7) Adjournment - **A Youngquist/Boughner motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.; motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette Atkinson  
Clerk/Treasurer