

**TOWN OF BELL
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, April 18, 2017
following the Annual Town Meeting
at the Bell Community Center**

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 p.m. Board members present were Matt Lazorik, Mike O'Bryon, Vicki Lewis-Hay, Janice Olson, Yvette Fleming, MaryBeth Tillmans and Lynda Nedden-Durst.

-Board Meeting Minutes- V. Lewis Hay made a motion to approve the minutes and J. Olson 2nd the motion. Approved.

-Treasurer's Report – J. Olson made a motion to approve the report and V. Lewis-Hay 2nd the motion. Approved

Old Business:

1. Siskiwit River Protection and Access – Update

The Bayfield Regional Conservancy was awarded the DNR grant from Knowles-Nelson stewardship program for the acquisition of the two adjacent parcels in the Town of Bell for conservation and public recreational purposes. As of the result of the vote at the Public Hearing held on February 8th and the town board sending the resolution to the DNR opposing support of the acquisition, the DNR now has withdrawn that money. They are holding the money with the possibility that the town might change its mind and rescind the opposing resolution and send another letter in support or opposing of the acquisition. The town did receive notification that they have been awarded the NOAA grant, pending approval of congressional funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. M. O'Bryon wanted to make a motion to begin a referendum process for a town vote and to rescind the last resolution to the DNR. This was tabled until further information is received about funding confirmation from the NOAA grant.

2. Birch Hill natural area – Discussion and possible decision

M. O'Bryon read a letter from Bill Sloan with an update. A grant application is being drafted. The deadline for the application is May 1, 2017. The town board needs to formally approve the concept of the Birch Hill Natural Area and approve the grant application. Funds would not be available until November or December. There is the potential of clearing to be done this year with a large donation of bulldozer time. M. O'Bryon made a motion to approve the concept of a walking trail on the Town of Bell forest land on Birch Hill and move forward with the planning and grant applications. The Town of Bell does not guarantee any money toward it. Y. Fleming 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Approved. Y. Fleming commented that it would be the responsibility of the town to maintain it according to the town's land comprehensive plan.

3. Commercial use of Town land- update on new ordinance

M. Lazorik has received recommendations from the Planning Commission and others. He will send this information to the attorney for drafting of the ordinance. M. Lazorik made a recommendation to designate the location east of the flowing well, which has a separate parking lot, as a launch area for all commercial paddle crafts, in conjunction with a permit that will be issued. The area is a separate piece of land and is easy to define in a legal description. The legal counsel recommended choosing a spot and coming up with a legal description that they can write into the permit. A separate ordinance in conjunction with this ordinance could be written up only this area to be allowed for paddle craft sports launching. Discussion was held. Y. Fleming made a motion that this parcel of land be designated as a launch site for all paddle craft sports. If private individuals want to use other town lands, a permit would be required. An ordinance shall be formed that relates permits to this. This is the direction the town will proceed with.

4. Income Survey – Community Development Block Grant – Update
M. Tillmans discussed the Income Survey being sent out to Town of Bell citizens and answered questions at the Annual Meeting. She reminded everyone to complete their survey and send it back by May 4th.
5. Disposal of old lawn mowers- Update
The two town mowers were sold on the Wisconsin State auction site. The John Deere was sold for \$2500.00 and the Stiga sold for \$1500.00
6. Purchase of new lawn mower- discussion and decision
The following bids were received:

Northland Lawn & Sports:	John Deere 930M	- \$8,500.00
	John Deere 930R	- \$9,800.00
Denny's Lawn & Sport:	Ferris	-\$8,583.86
	Cheetah Commercial	- \$10,478.67
	Toro	-\$8,300.00
	Gravely	-\$9,200.00
Lulich Implement	Kubota ZD1011-54	-\$10,586.91
	Kubota ZG227A-54	-\$8,495.91
	Kubota Z724XKW-54	-\$7,866.00
Bobcat of Duluth	Kubota ZD1011-54	-\$10,993.56
	Kubota Z724XKW-54	-\$8,295.81

M. Lazorik made a motion accept the bid from Northland Lawn & Sports for the John Deere 930M for \$8,500.00 . V. Lewis-Hay 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Approved.

New Business:

1. Approve Bid for Gravel
The following bid was received:
South Sand & Gravel and Trusty Trucking - \$15.32 per ton for 2500 tons.
M. Lazorik made a motion to approve the bid from South Sand & Gravel and Trusty Trucking for \$15.32 per ton and Y. Fleming 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Approved.
2. Request from Good Earth Outfitters to extend their alcohol sale hours from 5:00 to 6:00pm- discussion and decision
V. Lewis-Hay made a motion to approve extending the Good Earth Outfitters alcohol sale hours to 6:00p.m and M. O'Bryon 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision.
3. Approve marina lease agreement for Hannah Fawver
Y. Fleming made a motion to approve the marina shop lease agreement for Hannah Fawver and J. Olson 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Approved.
4. Approve Siskiwit Lake campground rate increase
The current camping fee rate is \$10.00 . Discussion was held. Y. Fleming made a motion to increase the Siskiwit Lake camping fee to \$15.00. M. O'Bryon 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Approved.
5. Adopt a resolution supporting the Harbor Assistance Program statement of intentions
M. Lazorik made a motion to adopt a resolution supporting the Harbor Assistance Program statement of intentions and M. O'Bryon 2nd the motion. Unanimous decision. Approved.
6. Appointment of Planning Commissioner
Several nominations were received. M. Lazorik nominated George Lazorik for the position of Planning Commissioner. Vote (2-3): Yes- M. Lazorik and M. O'Bryon. No- V. Lewis-Hay, J. Olson and Y. Fleming. Not Approved. Next nomination – Pete Lamb. Vote (4-1): Yes – M. O'Bryon, V. Lewis Hay, J. Olson and Y. Fleming. No – M. Lazorik. Approved. Pete Lamb was sworn in as Planning Commissioner.

Committee/Project Reports:

Fire Department/Ambulance – The fire department had one run. The South Shore Ambulance had one run Orienta, one to Clover and two to Port Wing

Roads-Roads limits will be off on May 1st.

Planning Commission-They reviewed the Commercial Use of town land ordinance. Their recommendations were sent to M. Lazorik. They discussed goals and objectives for next year.

Marina-The bathrooms will open on May 1st. The floors will be painted and there will be new exterior doors that do not rust.

Parks and Lands/Green Shed-They are doing more with the website. A community clean up day is being held on April 29th. The Green Shed Museum will be opening on the 3rd Thursday in June.

Community Center-No report

Notices/Library-There will be three author talks this summer. One in June, July and August.

There will be a book display on nature this summer at the Green shed. They will have a table at Corny Day.

Recycling Center-Things are moving along well. Linton Smith is back.

Airport-None

Cornucopia Business Association-They are gearing up for the Spring Fling.

Scenic Byways Committee-

Bills were paid. At 10:35 p.m. V. Lewis Hay made a motion to adjourn the meeting and J. Olson 2nd the motion. Approved.

Respectfully submitted

MaryBeth Tillmans - Clerk