Agenda:

- 1. Meeting: Called to order by Chairman Jon Winter at 6:30 pm.
- 2. <u>Roll Call</u>: Present: Mark Saari, Miina Helske, Brian Stockinger, Nova Nordrum, Andrew Nelson, Jacklyn Nelson, Supervisor Scott Luostari, Chairman Jon Winter, Treasurer Tracy Ruppe, and Clerk Ruth Ann Schnepper. Supervisor Mary Peterson absent.
- 3. <u>County Supervisor</u>: Scott: Timber sale March 5th, transportation meeting March 6th. County Board meeting 2/21, land development 2/26-Superior Business Center, city/county operated trying to re-contract, finance committee has sent proposal off for approval from other committees. 27 businesses are housed there. Scott got a chance to do a walk around the center. 17th the zoning committee discussed the CWD disease study committee-meetings are every third Thursday of the month. Bayfield County has an ordinance, at this time Douglas County has none. The DNR and University scientists to study what/how to proceed.
- 4. <u>Town board reports</u>: A gentleman from Wentworth contacted Scott wondering how his property is now listed as a wetland zone, advised to contact the county zoning office in the spring.
- 5. <u>Approval of minutes</u>: Scott motioned to approve the 1/8 regular board meeting minutes, Jon seconded, carried 6:38 pm.
- 6. <u>Treasurer report:</u> Tracy presented. Jon motioned to accept the treasurer report, Scott seconded, carried 6:39 pm.
- 7. <u>Confirmation of January revenues and expenses</u>: Scott made a motion to approve the January checks 22102 22132 + EFT's, Jon seconded, motion carried 6:40 pm.
- 8. <u>Current bills for payment</u>. Checks 22141-22172 presented for payment approval. Scott motioned to accept, Jon seconded, motion carried 6:42 pm. The lawyer fees accumulating from the Bellaire Highway issues could be reimbursable, depending on final outcomes of petition.
- 9. Correspondence
 - a) Old Brule Heritage newsletter.
 - b) Letter from Douglas County Highway Department-they are no longer accepting certain things at their recycling portals (tires, electronics etc.).

Department and Committee Reports

- 10. Fire department: Nova is running late, will return to.
- 11. Town Employees/Roads: Mark-busy plowing roads, performing repairs on the equipment/plow truck. Extra plowing-like around farmers round bales-does the Town even do it and what should be charged? Per the snow plow letter the charge is \$200 per time to be paid in advance, should be revisited at the annual meeting. Mark pushed back the snow banks on the roads. One of the plow drivers hit someone's septic tank, tank was not flagged though. Complements were paid to Mark for the job they are doing this winter.
- 12. Building permits and zoning issues:
 - a) Andrew & Jacklyn Nelson: building permit request-Poplar River Road. Mark advised that they need to have a 30 foot culvert placed. Scott made a motion to approve the permit, Jon seconded, carried 6:51pm.
 - b) County proposing to change ordinance they have been working on to eliminate certain requirements regarding some zoning areas, basically streamlining the zoning process. Land use permits to be issued rather than conditional use permits. Scott made a resolution for approval of the ordinance changes, pertaining to ordinance 8.0, Jon seconded, carried 6:55pm.

Public comment:

Public may comment on agenda items or items that may be added for future town board meeting. The comment for each speaker will be limited to (2) minutes or longer at board discretion. Personal attacks are unacceptable and will be handled appropriately.

Question as to whether the ordinance changes affect people living in trailers, they would be included, but the definition for them would not change. The square footage requirement for houses has already been removed, allowing for tiny houses.

Old Business

- 13. SVL: Lots of changes at the state level, Jon should have something by the March meeting.
- 14. Middle River Properties: nothing new.
- 15. Handicapped door repair: Mark has ordered them
- 16. Town Employees: deferred to new board.
- 17. Old business: Overcharging of collection site for seniors, Jon advised it is the resident's responsibility to contact for reimbursement, the town is only liable to reimburse for the previous year. Also in annual report about contacting treasurer for senior discount.

10. Nova arrived-she picked up new radios, base stations, pagers and additional batteries. Nova still has to log EMS grant and association invoices. WITC is hosting a "fire up for the future" camp; there are 24 openings for age's 7th grade-12th grade. Tuition is \$125 per student; all local associations are looking at sponsoring kids. Will learn things like-handling hoses, wearing gear etc.-runs Aug 11th-Aug 15th they stay onsite and meals are provided. Planning for "Be Somebody" event to be held again this year in Brule on June 8th. WITC will have some sort of demonstration like they have in previous years. The FD is back down to 10 on the roster. EMS licensing is now a 3 year renewal, still looking into training requirements. Pink Heels-volunteer FD, EMS etc. perform visits to ladies and kids with long term health issues-would like to start a chapter up here. Nova will be going with them on some of their visits, they will have a presentation at the town hall on the 26th at 7pm. Reminder to check smoke detectors and carbon detectors, and they only have a life span of 7 years. Dryers can also be problematic-make sure all vents are clean and open, as well as furnace vents. The DNR to have training in Brule come spring. Defensive fire tactics could also be on the horizon. DSPS-officer came and discussed the changes in the training. (DSPS is the FD workplace safety)

New business

18. none

The next meeting date March 12th, 2019.

Motion to adjourn made by Scott, seconded by Jon, meeting adjourned 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

2/26/2019

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