

**Town of Phelps, Vilas County, Wisconsin**  
**PO Box 157**  
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**MINUTES OF PHELPS TOWN BOARD**  
**JULY 12, 2010**  
**PHELPS FIRE STATION**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Albrecht at 7 P.M. Present were Supervisors Waier, Kimmerling, McCaslin and Clerk/Treasurer Marjorie Hiller. Excused absence: D. Brand. Also in attendance were 23 citizens. The meeting was posted at the Phelps Community Center, First National Bank-Phelps Branch and Phelps Trustworthy Hardware Store and emailed to Vilas County News Review.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Supervisor Waier moved to accept the June 14, 2010 minutes. Supervisor McCaslin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Correspondence: Chairman Albrecht received a newspaper article from Arnie regarding the Sheboygan County Marsh tower which was recently constructed with new platform landings with steps and bricks and personal engravings. The fire tower is now a scenic lookout. Donations were received to help pay for the project. Also one timber cutting notice was applied for by Perttula Logging for the M. Driscoll property.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Clerk/Treasurer Hiller presented the June monthly financial report as well as balances of the different accounts as of June 30 2010. Supervisor Waier moved to accept the monthly financial report. Supervisor McCaslin second the motion. Motion passed.

Library Report: June Franzen mentioned that Kay Petts has now passed the probationary period and is working out great. Summer Library Program is going well. She had questions regarding when the resurfacing of the driveway will be taking place due to the Library being very busy at this time. Chairman Albrecht will try to get an answer back to her by the end of the week.

Constable's Report: Rick Brown mentioned that he had one call but otherwise everything is pretty quiet.

Park Commission's Report: Dick Schultz mentioned that the fields are in good shape and that the merry-go-around is up and in good working order at the park.

Town Crew Foreman's Report: Chairman Albrecht mentioned that the Highway crew is working on NW Tuttle and has about 3 days of gravel to do and should be completed by next Tuesday.

Sanitary District Report: John Barron mentioned that the increased rate hearing with the Public Service Commission is scheduled for Tuesday July 27<sup>th</sup> and indicated that there will be about a \$5.00 a month increase in water bills. If everything goes well there will not be an increase on the sewer bills.

Fire Chief's Report: Steve Waier mentioned that it has been quiet. He also mentioned that they updated the six wheeler with a whole new suspension and that the Firemen's Picnic is scheduled for Saturday July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Ambulance Supervisor's Report: Carole Selin reported that there were about ten runs last month and already reached 12 for July. The new ambulance will be coming on Sunday July 25. Lettering will be done the 25th or 26th and color coordinated with the fire trucks. She also mentioned that Picnic-in-the-Park tickets are on sale.

County Supervisor's Report: Bob Egan reported that the Economic Development Committee hired Dick Leinenkugel as the economic director. They had one meeting with local business people and found how they are so interrelated. Another meeting was with NCW regional planning in regard to creating a multi-use trail plan. He also mentioned grants and Economic Development looking into a revolving loan fund.

Phelps Chamber of Commerce: Mary Ann Bickler reported that the Kick ball tournament went great. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July banners were done in time by Ted Pasternak. Farmers Market is growing every week and is building as well. She mentioned that they are

working on having the Governor here possibly and all day celebration and hopefully annually. She also mentioned about a Tourism application for a Grant.

Phelps Town Lakes Committee: Rollie Alger reported that the Town Lakes Committee met on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Signs have been put up at the boat landings regarding the removal of aquatic plants. On July 24<sup>th</sup> the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Town Lakes Committee Sunfish Sailing Regatta race will be held. Charles Requa will be in charge of the races with a picnic to follow.

Phelps Town Building Committee: John Huza reported that they had a meeting before tonight's Town Board meeting and are proposing that the community center be an addition or extension of the current town hall. He also mentioned that they are working on grants for the town garage and will be hearing soon if the Town will be receiving a grant for this project.

Phelps Planning Commission: Eugene McCaslin mentioned that the Comprehensive Plan Ordinance has been adopted. He has talked to Dennis Lawrence and is working on the plan to be sent out to all local government units. He also mentioned that they will start the review process the beginning of next year.

Phelps Signage Committee: Richard & Peggy Lambert were not present

Phelps Museum Committee: Pauleyn Nystrom reported that they opened the museum July 2<sup>nd</sup> and was also opened on Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup>. They had approximately 60 guests – some donations and had very positive responses. They need to purchase a TV to show films such as the dedication of the sand lake pub etc.. Volunteers are needed to help out at the museum.

Food Pantry Report: None available.

Discussion/Action: Bicycle Trail Vilas County Presentation from Dale Mayo, Sig Hjermvick and Bob Egan – Bob Egan mentioned that the County has been really busy regarding this. Dale Mayo passed out a copy of a comprehensive bike trail map working draft. It included bicycle trails linking Eagle River to Land O' Lakes, Conover, Phelps and St. Germain — what planners are calling the Great Wisconsin Headwaters Trail System (GWHTS.) He mentioned that according to the interest statistics from the Vilas County Tourism Department, 17.7% of total requests are for bike trails. Easements, private ownership problems, etc. were all issues regarding these bike trails. They are looking at a multi use limestone trail that is compatible for bikes and snowmobiles. They are currently looking at an estimate for a segment from Conover Park to Song Hill Road (8.3 miles) at a total cost of \$1,605,250. They are hoping to cost share with snowmobile grants, donations, etc. The 80/20 sponsor share is \$163,200 and they possibly have a donor of \$160,000. They will know for sure by August 2 if they get the donation. Motion by Supervisors Kimmerling to go ahead with the 80/20 sponsor share of the grant for a bicycle bike trail. Supervisor McCaslin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Discussion/Action: Bicycle Committee – Motion by Supervisor Waier and seconded by Supervisor McCaslin to appoint Tuck Daniels, Terry Nordine, Pete Moline, Dorothy Kimmerling and Dick Schultz to the Bicycle Committee. Motion passed.

Discussion Action: Junked Vehicle Permit/Fee: Discussion on the junked vehicle permit fee for having over four junked vehicles. Motion by Supervisor McCaslin to set the fee at \$50.00. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Waier. Motion passed.

Discussion/Action: Town Road Sign Colors: Motion was made by Supervisor Waier to have green & white town road signs. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Kimmerling. All voting aye, except Supervisor McCaslin. Motion passed.

Discussion/Action: Driveway Permit and Fire Number Ordinance: Discussion on the correct specs for the width and entrance for any new construction. The Town Foreman needs to be present to discuss this further; therefore, this was tabled for the next meeting.

Discussion/Action: Approve Operators License for: Marla Nyman and Kari Bartelme. Motion by Supervisor Kimmerling and seconded by Supervisor Waier to approve the above licenses pending full payment of appropriate fees. Motion passed.

Discussion/Action: Retirement Party: Discussion on retirement party for Nancy Steenport. She prefers Friday nights and would like it low key. Phelps Bucks was also mentioned. This was tabled until we get a date from her.

Citizen Input: Carole Selin was wondering if the Town could have welcome signs now that the highway project is completed. Ted Pasternak did some drawings and they are at the chamber office. Mary Ann Bickler should work with Ted on cost etc. Rollie Alger mentioned that it would be nice to have the Town Foreman at the meetings so that business can be conducted on ordinances, etc. Dorothy Kimmerling questioned the sidewalk ordinance especially in regard to the downtown businesses. Tickets will be

written on each parcel per address. Steve Waier mentioned that Tim Barron and Dan Kinz did pretty much everything with the fireworks and wanted to recognize the volunteers.

Approve Vouchers: Town Board: Monthly vouchers were signed and approved by Town Supervisors.

Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Waier. Motion was seconded by Supervisor McCaslin. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

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Marjorie Hiller, Clerk/Treasurer