

Town of Phelps, Vilas County, Wisconsin  
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MINUTES OF PHELPS TOWN BOARD  
AUGUST 9, 2010  
PHELPS FIRE STATION

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Albrecht at 7 P.M. Present were Supervisors Waier, Brand, Kimmerling, McCaslin and Clerk/Treasurer Hiller. Also in attendance were 13 citizens. The meeting was posted at the Phelps Community Center, First National Bank-Phelps Branch and Phelps Trustworthy Hardware Store and emailed to the Vilas County News Review.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Supervisor Waier moved to accept the July 12, 2010 minutes and amend the July 26 minutes – Citizen Input to read “Pitlik & Wick proposed \$7,140.00 for the existing grass areas only and \$2,457.00 to replace existing asphalt entrances. Supervisor McCaslin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Correspondence: The Clerk/Treasurer received a report from Sonicnet indicating there is 124 people in the Town of Phelps using there service. Also received correspondence and pictures regarding Ditto’s messy business parking lot, etc.

Clerk/Treasurer’s Report: Clerk Treasurer/Hiller presented the July monthly financial report as of July 31, 2010. Supervisor Brand moved to accept the monthly financial report. Supervisor McCaslin second the motion. Motion passed

Library Report: June Franzen mentioned that everything is going well and are very busy. She also mentioned that she has received some donation money and would like to use that money for a bench outside the building to the right of the steps. (Possibly transplanting the two large plants to other end and maybe graveled or pavers by this bench). This should be referred to the Beautification Committee.

Constable’s Report: Rick Brown reported that he had one call regarding a dog - no citations.

Park Commission’s Report: There was a recommendation and discussion on the park road needing a side walk on to the far side to alleviate pedestrian traffic from walking down the road during park events.

Town Crew Foreman’s Report: Gerald Niemisto reported that NW Tuttle is just about done. Storms have put them behind with washouts. Bids have to be sent out and advertised as TRIP project.

Sanitary District Report: John Barron mentioned that everything is going well. He said that We Energies has moved the transformer by Aspirus. Everything is winding down regarding the Highway 17 project – just minor landscaping projects that need to be done. He mentioned that he still is going over the final bill from Blackhawk. The PSC hearing went as expected with \$5 a month increase in the water bills.

**Fire Chief's Report:** Steve Waier mentioned that the picnic was a good success. Big Sand Lake Club had their Golf tournament and got a little over \$6,000.00 from that and plan to make this an annual affair.

**Ambulance Supervisor's Report:** Carole Selin mentioned that they had 14 runs last month. She reported that Iron County has paid and picked up the old ambulance and received the new ambulance on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Jason Baumgartner put a new radio and phone in the new ambulance for a cost of only \$200.00. She also mentioned that she received a donation of two packer tickets for \$360.00 raffle which will be used for EMS equipment. Shotwells donated a GPS system to be put in the ambulance. Also received a donation of \$1,000 for helmets w/lights for EMS protection. They had 14 runs last month.

**County Supervisor's Report:** Chair Albrecht mentioned Sig Hjemvick talked to him regarding the new Code Red emergency phone service. Due to more than usual emergency callouts this year, they are almost exceeding their limit of minutes. They are looking at additional CodeRed service for an additional \$5,000.

**Phelps Chamber of Commerce-Mary Ann Bickler** mentioned that the grant was not funded this time around and will try again in January. On August 21<sup>st</sup> the governor will be here from 10 a.m to 11 a.m. down by the lakefront on North Twin for the State Highway 17 Dedication. Holperin will also be speaking and a ribbon cutting ceremony across the highway will take place. A beer license will have to be obtained for this event. They are also looking at doing live music for the day at the park. There was discussion on rededication money put aside in their budget for this event. She also reported that there were seven vendors at the Farm market this past week.

**Phelps Town Lakes Committee:** Rollie Alger mentioned that he received 4 official AIS signs for different lakes for Lake Species and is working with Vilas County's Invasive Species Coordinator Ted Ritter. Discussion on the Musky classic with a 50 inch size limit - Big Sand and Long Lake might have to be excluded. It was also mentioned that the bacteria level on North Twin and Lac Vieux Dessert (by the campground), are very high and it will be monitored daily.

**Phelps Town Building Committee:** John Huza reported that the census results on the community center is to put it by the current community center by tearing down the current highway shop and make it a multi-function building. He also mentioned that he applied for a grant for the Town Garage but has not heard any news on this yet.

**Phelps Signage Committee:** Richard & Peggy Lambert – Not present.

**Phelps Planning Commission:** Eugene McCaslin reported that the North Central Regional Planning Commission has sent out the comprehensive plan to the various areas in the County. With the new census taken will get new figures and start review process first of the year.

**Food Pantry Report:** Debbie Vold – Not present.

**Museum:** Pauleyn Nystrom reported that they are open Friday and Saturdays. They are looking for a black screen television as well as a camera for videos and filming. They also will be having wine and cheese grand opening on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> during the road dedication.

**Discussion/Action: Approve Cemetery Deed Block B, Lot 60, Site 5, Joan Hendrickson:** Motion to approve Cemetery Deed for Joan Hendrickson made by Supervisor Waier. Motion seconded by Supervisor McCaslin. Motion passed.

**Discussion/Action: Driveway Permit and Fire Number Ordinance** – Discussion on the minimum driveway requirements. As of now there are none. Jerry Niemisto should discuss with the Fire Department and EMT'S as to the new width for 20 ft. culverts are now not big enough. The County might have specific widths. Chairman Albrecht will check with Zoning Administrator on this. The new ordinance should also require a finished driveway before they start to build.

**Discussion/Action: Alley Way Between Marina and Dru Claars** – Chairman Albrecht met with Eric Christiansen and offered \$1,200 for the alleyway. Mr. Christiansen would not accept that. \$1,200 was the amount the Assessor recommended. This should be further discussed at the next special meeting. The Bicycle trail coming right up to Hwy E on K was also briefly discussed.

**Discussion/Action: Nicolet Shores Home Owners – Road** – Reschedule for next month.

**Discussion/Action: Fall Community Cleanup/Set Date** Saturday, October 9, 2010 - 8 – 11 at the Phelps Highway Department.

**Discussion/Action: Frankenthal Lane, off from Grosser Lane Request to chip seal town portion** Chairman Albrecht mentioned that Powahgon is going to chip seal the whole road. Discussion. Jerry Niemisto will get an estimate for chip sealing that ¼ mile. The Town will still have to pay our portion.

**Discussion/Action: Retirement Party** – Discussion. Donna Brand will call Nancy Steenport.

**Set Date & Time for Budget Workshop:** Marjorie Hiller recommended the following dates: October 4, 6, and 7 beginning at 6 p.m.

**Citizen Input/Communications** – Carole Selin mentioned that their computer was struck by lightning and are looking in purchasing a new computer. The Town has received a check from the insurance company minus the deductible for the replacement of this computer. She also reminded everyone that the Picnic in the Park is scheduled for Tuesday October 10th. Pauleyn Nystrom Road mentioned about water running down to the sidewalk on Hwy 17 and that something needs to be done. Supervisor Waier will call DOT. Dan Switchowski mentioned about the \$250.00 from Vilas County Tavern League. He also suggested that the Town should write a resolution and send it to the Conservation Congress regarding the 50 inch musky size limit and to be sure to involve the lake association. Pauleyn Nystrom also mentioned that Donna Lepisto brought in a lot of interesting things to the museum, including things about the old Co-op. She questioned why Phelps couldn't have a Co-op once again. Chairman Albrecht said that this was discussed at the Building Committee meeting and he will be checking into it. Aluminum cans receptacle in town was discussed. Supervisor Waier will discuss a location and fencing with Jerry Niemisto. County Sheriff Candidate Frank Tomlanovich introduced himself to the public and gave brief speech of his goals in running for this position.

A special Town Board meeting was set for Thursday, August 12, 2010 at the Community Center.

Monthly vouchers were signed and approved by Town Supervisors.

Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Waier. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Kimmerling. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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Marjorie Hiller, Clerk/Treasurer