

Town of Phelps, Vilas County, Wisconsin  
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MINUTES OF PHELPS TOWN BOARD  
OCTOBER 11, 2010  
PHELPS FIRE STATION

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Albrecht at 7.00 PM. Present were Supervisors Waier, McCaslin, Brand and Clerk/Treasurer Hiller. Excused absence: Kimmerling. Also in attendance were 15 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 September 13 and October 4, 6 & 7, 2010 minutes. Supervisor McCaslin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Correspondence: Dave Roberts presented a letter to the Board indicating that he has been in touch with many of the people living on NW Tuttle Road and they would like to pass along their sincere thanks for the Boards' consideration of their safety by resurfacing the road.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report: Clerk Treasurer/Hiller presented the September monthly financial report as of September 30, 2010. Supervisor Waier moved to accept the monthly financial report. Supervisor McCaslin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Library Report: None available.

Constable's Report: None available.

Park Commission's Report: Todd Bierman mentioned that the new dugouts have been started. They will be shutting down the concession stand in the near future as well as cleaning up the boat landings. They will be putting out some 4x4's at the shooting range due to some vehicles driving down to the range.

Town Crew Foreman's Report: Jerry Niemisto mentioned that they finished NW Tuttle last week and weather permitting, no more washouts. Soon they will be starting snow fencing and would like to work on the back road to the salt shed. He also mentioned that a culvert will be needed where the power box is.

Sanitary District Report: none available.

Fire Chief's Report: Chief Waier mentioned that they had a very successful prime rib dinner at Hillside. It has been quiet but did get called out for an accident earlier this evening.

Ambulance Supervisor's Report: Carole Selin said that they had 13 runs in September and so far had 3 runs in October. She is working on bills from the billing company and found that nine out of the ten calls that she had, needed insurance information to take care of it.

County Supervisors' Report: Sig Hjemvick reported about the Nicolet National Forest Title II Resource Advisory Committee authorized under the Title II Secure Rural Schools Act. There will be an upcoming meeting in regard to projects that will benefit resources on federal lands using these Title II funds. He also mentioned that the County upgraded the Code red phone system so the residents should be sure to sign up for this service for their phones and cell phones. County Budget meetings will be next Monday and Tuesday and are looking for cuts in the budget. Vilas County is getting 16% less in state and federal aid compared to other counties. He also mentioned that the bike trail grant has been applied for but not sure if Oldenburg is coming thru with the cash or not.

**Phelps Chamber of Commerce:** Mary Ann Bickler mentioned that the 5K run was a success and they had 75 community members at the brunch. At the annual musky classic they had 90 fishermen participate, but only had caught six fish. She mentioned that she ordered the winter street banners and will need town crew to help put them up.

**Phelps Town Lakes Committee:** Dave Roberts mentioned that there will be educational seminars on Invasive species and hopefully this will be put on the website as well as their Town Lakes Committee minutes. The Town Lakes Committee has presented to the Board a proposed "Slow-no-Wake, Electric Trolling Motor Only" ordinance for Imogene Lake which is on this meetings agenda.

**Phelps Town Building Committee:** John Huza reported that they had good success on the joint meeting held at the school last week. They did not hear anything on the grant application for the town shop and this is still at the federal level.

**Phelps Signage Committee:** Richard & Peggy Lambert had an approximate price for the signs from Highway 17 to Cozy Corner. A sample sign from Rent-a-Flash was presented. These signs are for residents and town roads as the Town has ten years to accomplish this project. This project is to be completed in 2018. Signs will be marked on both sides. The Road names must be in capital letters and the rest lower case. You are charged by every letter and number. The Board will have to contract out or have the town crew put up the signs for it must be placed a certain distance away from the road.

**Phelps Planning Commission:** Eugene McCaslin reported that he is resigning as chair of the Planning Commission as of October 31, 2010 and Lorin Johnson has agreed to take the chairmanship as of 11/1/10. He thanked the members on the commission for putting in their time and effort for getting the plan completed.

**Food Pantry Report:** Debbie Vold submitted a written Food Pantry report. The distribution is the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month. They served 45 families from August thru September. 40% came from Land O'Lakes, 40% Phelps and 20% Conover. Free bus rides are available from Phelps and Conover. Notices are posted around Town for bus ride and pantry hours.

**Museum Report:** Pauleyn Nystrom reported that the Museum Committee met last Thursday. Due to Secretary Mary Ann Holcomb being out due to a medical condition and Donna Barron is standing in for her. They are looking at purchasing binders for the maps that they have. The cost for the copies of the original surveys maps and plastic preservation was \$146.00. They have received a donation of a TV. She mentioned that people have been coming in looking for maps of the original railroad and maps from Military Trail. She also mentioned that Phil Christianson had a lot of information and has given that to the museum.

**Discussion/Action: Road Signs:** Received a cost estimate from Rent a Flash for the road signs, but would like to wait for the estimate from Lange. They would also like to order signs for the newly named and missing road signs. The Sign Committee would like to do all the way to the end of Hwy 17 in the near future. This will be tabled until we get further information.

**Discussion/Action: Imogene Lake – "Slow-no-Wake, Electric Trolling Motor Only" Proposed Ordinance 2010-03:** The Town Lakes committee has presented this proposed ordinance for Imogene Lake. Property owners approved the ordinance and presented copies of their letters to the Board. There are six property owners and national forest around Imogene Lake. Motion by Supervisor Waier to approve Ordinance 2010-03. Supervisor McCaslin seconded the motion. A roll call vote found the following voting yes: McCaslin, Waier, Brand, and Albrecht. Motion passed.

**Discussion/Action: Approve Cemetery Deed Block D, Lot 42, Site 8 – Charles Berg:** A motion was made by Supervisor McCaslin to approve the Cemetery Deed for Charles Berg. Supervisor Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Citizen Input:** Pauleyn Nystrom mentioned that the Women's Club would like the mural that was done several years ago be framed, preserved and put up down town. It was mentioned that Nancy Steenport has pictures on this and the Board said this would be OK. Also it was requested that instead of removing the scarecrows down town by October 14<sup>th</sup>, if they could be left up thru October 31<sup>st</sup> for Halloween. The board says that it could be left up and then removed immediately following Halloween.

Chamber membership drive was brought up. The starting cost is \$25.00 which includes a monthly newsletter and a listing on the website. Anyone can join.

The budget hearing date has not yet been determined. The Town is waiting to see what happens at the special meeting regarding Aspirus and Rennes.

Monthly vouchers were signed and approved by Town Supervisors.

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

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Marjorie Hiller, Clerk/Treasurer