

**Town of Phelps, Vilas County, Wisconsin
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**MINUTES OF PHELPS TOWN BOARD
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2010
PHELPS FIRE STATION**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Waier at 7.00 PM. Present were Supervisors Waier, McCaslin, Brand, Kimmerling and Clerk/Treasurer Hiller. Also in attendance were 7 citizens. The meeting was posted at the Phelps Community Center, First National Bank-Phelps Branch, Phelps Trustworthy Hardware Store and emailed to the Vilas County News Review.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Supervisor Brand moved to accept the November 8, 17, 22 and December 6, 2010 minutes. Supervisor McCaslin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Correspondence: None.

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

Library Report: A report from Librarian June Franzen was read. The last movie of the year, entitled "Despicable Me", will be on Saturday morning, December 18th at 10 AM. The Christmas Story Hour was a great success with Mrs. Santa reading and presenting gifts to 30 kids. Circulation remains stronger than last year at this time. Ms. Franzen has attended county meetings and an NWLS directors meeting this past month. Many area libraries are looking into expansion due to the increase in usage. The doorknobs and locks on the bathroom doors were replaced by Todd Bierman. The loose siding on the building hasn't been fixed yet.

Constable's Report: Patrick Brown reported one cat call and was able to return to its owner.

Park Commission's Report: Todd Bierman reported that he is set for the winter months. Three of the four dugouts are completed and will possibly wait until spring to finish the last. He mentioned that he had to unplug the outside lights on the town hall due. Due to too much of an overload, it is not able to handle both the tree and the lights. The Town should probably install another outlet out there. He will adjust the thermostat at the town hall with the Clerk's new hours and has replaced the air filter on the furnace as well as at the fire hall.

Town Crew Foreman's Report: Not present.

Sanitary District Report: Not present.

Fire Chief's Report: Steve Waier reported that the firemen's Christmas party was on December 10th. 50/50 drawings rose over \$800 for needy kids at the party. On Tuesday, December 21st flu shots will be done at the fire hall for a donation of \$10.

Ambulance Supervisor's Report: Carole Selin is currently looking at a new billing company. She also has gotten a set of tires for the ambulance. A new flag needs to be purchased for the town hall and ambulance.

County Supervisors' Report: Sig Hjemvick reported that the County Board passed their county budget. A new economic development director was hired and the office is located in the old Cellular phone office on Main Street. He also mentioned that Phelps did not get their portion on the bicycle grant but Conover did get theirs. This will put Phelps in pretty good shape for getting their grant when we apply again in the future. Also Frank Tomlanovich will be the new Sheriff starting January 1, 2011.

Phelps Chamber of Commerce: The Chamber report mentioned that the winter banners are up and thanked the Highway crew for putting them up. The 2011 Chamber Board will remain the same as in 2010. New chamber members for 2011 include: Nicolet College, Gateway Lodge in Land O'Lakes, Beaman Enterprises, Dr. Nancy Mansavage, The Border Bulletin and Assured Publishing. Associate members are the Phelps Lions Club and the Phelps Historical Museum. The 2011 visitor guide will be available soon. The next event will be the 2011 Radar Run on February 5th on North Twin. They will be looking for volunteers to help out with this event.

Phelps Town Lakes Committee: Rollie Alger mentioned that in the meeting on June 18th, this will be an educational town lakes meeting.

Phelps Town Building Committee: There was no meeting due to lack of a quorum.

Phelps Signage Committee: No report.

Phelps Planning Commission: No report.

Food Pantry Report: In regard to the food pantry, 67 families used the food pantry on Thanksgiving. The next meeting will be on January 18, 2011.

Museum Report: Pauleyn Nystrom reported that they are working on the memories book - adding and making corrections to it. Open House will be held on December 29th, 30th & 31st. Volunteers will be needed for this time as well as over Christmas. The museum will be closing for the winter after the 31st. They will have a work meeting once a month. It was mentioned that the Museum will have to have an annual meeting in January, 2011. Ms. Nystrom also mentioned that they are working with the school in having a student getting credit for working on a report for those people in the area that was in World War 1 as well as World War 2.

Discussion/Action: Final Payment of STH 17 Project: Tabled.

Discussion/Action: Capital Outlay Boat Landing – Set Aside 2010 Budgeted \$2500 in Reserve Account for dredging Smoky Lake Next Spring: Due to the process of obtaining the permit taking too long, budgeted 2010 money needs to be set aside for the dredging of Smoky Lake in 2011. Supervisor Kimmerling moved to set aside \$2500 in a separate account for the dredging of Smoky Lake in 2011. Supervisor McCaslin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Citizen Input: Sig Hjemvick mentioned that the power load at the boat landings is a big problem. Dan Roberts questioned the power loading at the Kentuck Lake boat landing. Options would be a possible ordinance against it and who would enforce it. It was mentioned that the DNR would enforce the county and the town. Will have to look at this in the future. It was also mentioned that the drain area by Smoky Lake needs to be fixed.

Downtown was discussed. There were flaws in the ordinances which were corrected in November and will now be enforced. The Town is now waiting for the new citation tickets. As soon as they are in, citations will be issued. The Constable will issue the citations and will need to take dated pictures when issuing these citations.

The bulletin board on the town hall needs to be expanded. Todd Bierman will pull the siding back and see what can be done. He will report back at the January meeting.

Monthly vouchers were signed and approved by Town Supervisors.

Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor McCaslin. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Brand. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm

Marjorie Hiller, Clerk/Treasurer