

# TOWN OF PHELPS, VILAS COUNTY, WI

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## Special Town Board Meeting April 27, 2011

Chairman Snook called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm on Thursday, March 21, 2011. In attendance were Chairman Snook, Supervisors McCaslin, Waier, Kimmerling, Brand and Clerk/Treasurer Hiller. Also present: 13 citizens.

The agenda was posted at the First National Bank-Phelps Branch, Phelps Town Hall and Phelps Convenience Center and emailed to the Vilas County News-Review.

Correspondence: Received a meeting notice from the Landover ATV Club which will sponsor an ATV forum Saturday, April 30, 2011 at 9 a.m. at the Derby Track Expo Hall in Eagle River. A quorum of Board members will be attending this meeting; therefore an agenda will need to be posted.

Discussion/Action: Ambulance Fees: Carole Selin explained that she is working on the process of changing the ambulance billing company to 3 Rivers and in doing so, they suggested that our fees need to be changed to current fees. The amounts have not been changed for years. They suggested the following fees:

| <u>Description</u>                       | <u>Old Fees</u> | <u>New Fee</u> |
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| ALS2                                     | \$470           | \$575          |
| AMB Service Emergency Transport base Fee | \$400           | \$400          |
| AMB Service Non Emergency Trans          | \$380           | \$380          |
| ALS Level Emerg. Service                 | \$305           | \$525          |
| Mileage                                  | \$9             | \$12           |
| Extra Attendant                          | \$25            | \$25           |
| Ambulance Oxygen                         | \$45            | \$50           |
| ALS Routine Disposable Supplies          | \$0             | \$40           |
| ALS Spec. Srvc Disposable IV Supplies    | \$0             | \$50           |
| ALS Dis. Defib. Supplies                 | \$0             | \$40           |
| BLS Defib. Supplies                      | \$20            | \$40           |
| BLS Disposable Supplies                  | \$30            | \$40           |

She explained ALS Intercept service of calling another ambulance service to administer two kinds of pain medication or advanced medications. Ms. Selin mentioned that there are a number of outstanding bills and would like to discuss this with the board which would have to be done in closed session. She also mentioned setting up a hardship program in which they possibly be charged at half the cost, or a percentage of the cost. She was instructed to contact other communities to see what they are doing regarding the hardship program. Supervisor Waier made a motion to approve the new fee charges suggested by the new billing company. Supervisor Kimmerling seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Discussion/Action: Extended Service Plan for Ambulance: Received an extended service document thru Olathe Ford on the new ambulance covering 113 major components that include engine, transmission, front and rear drive, electrical, alternator, air conditioner and heater etc., at a cost ranging from \$2,950 to \$3,695. Supervisor Kimmerling made a motion to not accept this extended service plan on the ambulance. Supervisor McCaslin second the motion. All voting aye; motion passed.

Discussion/Action: Residence Concern Regarding Nuisance Ordinance: Gale Spurgeon sent a letter to the Board requesting a 60 day extension on the cleanup of his yard due to having knee surgery and not being able to clean up by the effective date of May 1. Discussion on who were sent letters regarding the new nuisance ordinance. It was explained that letters were sent out regarding complaints that the Town has received in the past. Chairman Snook presented pictures regarding other property owner's yards. It was suggested having several community people help clean up yards in the town and instructed the Clerk to find out if one vehicle can have more than one property owner in and have more than one landfill voucher. Supervisor Kimmerling made a motion to enact the nuisance ordinance as passed and deal with these issues as they come up. Motion died due to a lack of a second. No action was taken at this time.

Discussion/Action: DOT Invoice Credit/STH 17 Planting of Flowers: Chairman Snook has been in contact with the DOT for enhancing the planting of wildflowers along the new STH 17. Possible funding of \$5-\$6,000 dollars could be available and the DOT would credit the STH 17 project invoice for this amount. A plan must be developed and someone from the DOT will be willing to come up and meet with the Board regarding this funding. Supervisor Waier made a motion to pursue this credit with the state for planting of wildflowers along STH17. Supervisor Kimmerling seconded the motion. All voting aye. Carried. Someone from the following committees should also attend this special meeting with DOT and the Town Board: Women's Club, Park Commission, Community Development & Beautification committees.

Discussion/Action: Landfill Committee Appointment/Other Committee Appointment: The clerk mentioned that she received notice that Mr. Albrecht was appointed to the County's Landfill Committee and a new person needs to be appointed. Supervisor McCaslin volunteered for the landfill committee position.

Discussion/Action: Creating Capital Improvement Project Fund with Strong Road Logging Project Funds: At the last regular Town Board meeting the Building Committee requested that the town set up a special capital improvement account using the money received from the Strong Road logging project. So far the Town has received \$2,639.55. Supervisor McCaslin made a motion to create a capital improvement project fund with this money. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Waier. All voting aye; Motion passed.

Discussion/Action: Approve Cemetery Deed for Mike Gabbert, Blk D, Lot 38, Sites 3 & 4: Motion by Supervisor Kimmerling to approve the cemetery deed for Mike Gabbert Blk D Lot 38 Sites 3 & 4. Supervisor Brand second the motion. All voting aye; motion passed.

Discussion/Action: Auditors Report: The auditor's report was reviewed and discussed.

Discussion/Action: Cost of Polls for Road Signs/Budget: Peggy and Richard Lambert explained that they were told that it would be less expensive to order all the polls at once. This would cost approximately \$20,000. The Board would like her to check on how much we would actually save by ordering all the polls at once. This will be discussed further at the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Citizen Input: Supervisor Waier mentioned that he will not be able to attend the meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Adjournment: Supervisor Kimmerling moved to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Waier seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

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Marjorie Hiller, Clerk/Treasurer