

Special Town Board Meeting – January 4, 2010

Posted Saturday, January 2, 2010 at 4 p.m. at the Town Garage, Buffalo Bay Store, Peterson’s Foods and Red Cliff Tribal Administration Center and Town web site.

A Special Town Board meeting at the Town Garage Meeting Room was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Supervisor Meierotto. Roll call was taken as follows: Present – Supervisors Don Sullivan and Leon Basina and Clerk/Treasurer David L. Good. Chairman Paul “Rocky” Tribovich and Supervisor Brian Goodwin were excused.

No members of the public were present.

Public Input – None.

Union Contract – Employee Health Insurance Change in Carrier – Good presented the proposed change of health insurance provider for the Town Crew. A Side Letter defining the changes was proposed as follows:

SIDE LETTER OF AGREEMENT 01-2010
Town of Russell
and
International Union of Operating Engineers
Local No. 139, AFL-CIO

This letter of agreement represents the change of employee health insurance carrier from Midwest Security to WPS effective January 1, 2010.

The following are a summary of the significant changes between policies:

1. Office co-pay reduced from \$20.00 per visit to \$15.00 per visit for primary physician.
2. Office co-pay increased from \$20.00 to \$40.00 for a specialist physician.
3. Use of non-preferred provider deductible is increased from \$250.00 to \$500.00 unless referred by preferred provider doctor.
4. Emergency room visit co-pay increased from \$100.00 to \$150.00; waived if admitted.
5. Mail order prescriptions added - 90 day supply \$25/\$50/\$87.50.

The Town of Russell will reimburse an employee or covered family member non-preferred provider deductible payments in excess of \$250 to a maximum of \$250 upon submitting copies of supporting documentation to the Town Clerk.

This side letter of agreement is in effect from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.

TOWN OF RUSSELL
35900 State Highway 13
Bayfield, WI 54814

INTERNATION UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS
Local 139

Date: _____

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A motion was made by Basina and seconded by Sullivan to approve the Union Contract and Side Letter as presented. The motion carried.

Employee Recognition for 2009 – A motion was made by Sullivan and seconded by Basina to approve \$75.00 checks for Kim Halvorson and Jim Barningham with the following letter:

Town of Russell
35900 State Highway 13
Bayfield, Wisconsin 54814
(715) 779-5338 or Fax (715)779-0249

E-mail townofrussell@centurytel.net Website www.townofrussell.org

Paul "Rocky" Tribovich
Chair

Dave Good
Clerk/Treasurer

January 4, 2010

Derald Barningham
90815 Old County K
Bayfield, WI 54814

Kim Halvorson
92360 Big Sand Bay Road
Bayfield, WI 54814

Dear Jim:

The Town of Russell Board of Supervisors wants to express its gratitude for the fine effort you put forth this past year in serving the residents of the Town.

Enclosed, please find a small token provided by the Town in recognition of your service this past year.

You, as an employee of the Town, represent all of us on a daily basis and you are the "Town of Russell" to many of our residents.

Happy holiday and keep up the good work!

Sincerely:

Town of Russell Board of Supervisors

Rocky Tribovich
Leon Basina
Brian Goodwin
Larry Meierotto

Don Sullivan

The motion carried.

Agenda Items for the January 12, 2010 Regular Town Board Meeting – None.

Public Input – None.

A motion was made by Basina and seconded by Sullivan to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. The motion carried.

Minutes Respectfully Prepared by:

David L. Good – Clerk/Treasurer

Caucus – January 12, 2010

Notice of Spring Election and offices to be elected was posted on Wednesday, November 9, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Notice of Town Caucus was posted on Wednesday, January 5, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. at the Town Garage, Buffalo Bay Store, Petersons Foods and the Red Cliff Tribal Administration Center and the Town website. Notice of the caucus was published in the January 9, 2010 and January 11, 2010 editions of The Daily Press.

Town Chairman Paul “Rocky” Tribovich called the caucus to order at 6:47 p.m. at the Community Center. A total of 20 electors were present and one member of the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance

Procedure to Break a Tie Vote – A motion was made by Sam Atkins and seconded by David Martinson that another vote be taken. The motion carried by a vote of 17-0-1.

Tribovich called for nominations of two tellers. A motion was made by Leon Basina and seconded by Sam Atkins to nominate Ann Bowker as a Teller. The motion carried 17-0-2. A motion was made by Linda Brown and seconded by Myron Lohman to nominate Chris Bardon. The motion carried 18-0-1.

Tribovich called for nominations for the position of Town Supervisors for the current positions held by Brian Goodwin and Leon Basina. A motion was made by Linda Brown and seconded by Myron Lohman to nominate Judy Meierotto. A motion was made by Ray DePerry and a second by Ken Defoe to nominate Steven Boyd. A motion was made by Ken Defoe and second by Dave Martinson to nominate Brian Goodwin. A motion was made by Steve Boyd and seconded by Brian Goodwin to nominate Ray DePerry. A motion was made by Dick Bowker and seconded by Linda Brown to nominate Leon Basina. Tribovich called for additional nominations three times. None were offered. A motion was made by Linda Brown and seconded by Myron Lohman to close nominations. The motion carried 19-0-0.

A ballot was distributed and votes taken as follows:

Judy Meierotto – 9, Steven Boyd – 3, Brian Goodwin – 13, Ray DePerry – 3, and Leon Basina – 10. Tribovich announced that Meierotto, Goodwin, and Basina will appear on the ballot for Town Supervisor and another vote will be taken to break the tie for Boyd and DePerry.

A ballot was distributed and votes taken as follows: Steven Boyd – 11 and Ray DePerry – 7.

The fourth person on the ballot will be Steven Boyd.

Ballot order drawing was held as follows: 1 – Boyd, 2 - Basina, 3 – Meierotto, and 4 - Goodwin

A motion to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. was made by Leon Basina and seconded by Larry Meierotto. The motion carried by a vote of 20-0-0.

Minutes Respectfully Prepared by:

David L. Good

Regular Town Board Meeting – January 12, 2010

Posted Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. at the Town Garage, Buffalo Bay Store, Peterson’s Foods and Red Cliff Tribal Administration Center and the Town Web Site.

A Regular Town Board meeting at the Town of Russell Community Center was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Paul “Rocky” Tribovich. Roll call was taken as follows: Present – Supervisors Leon Basina, Larry Meierotto, Brian Goodwin and Don Sullivan and Clerk/Treasurer David L. Good.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present.

PUBLIC INPUT – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Goodwin and seconded by Basina to approve the minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting of November 17, 2009. The motion carried. A motion was made by Sullivan and seconded by Meierotto to approve the minutes of the Budget Hearing and Regular Town Board Meeting of December 8, 2009. The motion carried. A motion was made by Basina and seconded by Goodwin to approve the minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting of December 17, 2009. The motion carried. A motion was made by Basina and seconded by Sullivan to approve the minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting of January 4, 2010. The motion carried.

ROAD MAINTENANCE REPORT

A motion was made by Basina and seconded by Sullivan to move agenda items 13 and 14 to Road Maintenance. The motion carried.

Discussion regarding “no parking on roadway zone” on Old County K in area of Raspberry River crossing – Tribovich explained the hazard parking on the roadway. No parking signs will be installed in the spring.

Old County K mail box issues – Johnson/Winter residence – Tribovich stated the Town is looking at all roads, not just Old County K. This is being done for safety and snow plowing issues. Francis Johnson and Steph Winter agreed to move the mail box back.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE

Tribovich stated the Plan Commission will be working on design standards. Samples are being obtained from S.E.H. The County meeting on the next steps for the Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for January 14, 2010 at the Ag Station. The Plan Commission agreed to meet at 6 p.m. on January 21, 2010 at the Town Garage.

Elderly Housing Committee Update – Linda Brown distributed copies of the Hosing Survey for approval by the Town Board. A motion was made by Goodwin and seconded by Basina with minor additions and larger type. Discussion followed. The motion carried. Brown stated a press conference will be held at the Bremer Bank regarding the Grant from Bremer Foundation at 10:30 a.m. and an Elderly Housing Committee meeting will follow. A status report was filed with WEHDA on the status of the project.

Recreation Committee Update – Meierotto reported a meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at the Community Center.

OLD BUSINESS

Petition to Amend Overlay District – Tribovich stated this was adopted by Bayfield County Board with a minor change eliminating the use of “meets and bounds” to describe the set aside lands.

NEW BUSINESS

Robert Salvas request to discuss driveway snow plowing services for 2010-2011 – Tribovich explained his interest and asked him to develop a proposal for 2010-2011. Salvas talked about the service he would provide.

Security system issues at the Community Center and activation of security system at Town Garage – Discussion followed regarding issues with alarm systems. The Clerk was instructed to call for service and arrange to activate the Town Garage as soon as possible.

Tribal Roads Snow & Ice Removal Policy – Roads serviced by the Town under contract with the Tribe and Emergency Services provided by the Town for Tribal Roads maintained by the Tribe – The Draft of the plan was distributed. Discussion followed. The Clerk was asked to send a letter to the Tribe asking if they want input and comments on the plan.

Plow routes as plowed today and possible revision – Tribovich explained changes to the plow routes and why they were made.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received

1. Barbara Lunde notice of land given to Red Cliff Tribe.
2. WI DOT GTA payment of \$13,234.20.
3. Christmas cards from Inclusion Solutions, Monroe Truck, PK Forest Farms, ES&S, Bremer Bank, and RA Smith.
4. Ace Rewards certificate for \$5.00.
5. Charter Communications bankruptcy filing notices.
6. Sales info on beet juice for snow and ice removal.
7. WI DOT notice of change in CDL licenses for 2010.
8. Notice of Assessor Dan Soine's father passing.
9. U S Census notice of hiring.
10. WI Attorney General ruling on web based private data is subject to open records law.
11. CWR notice of applicant pool members for drug and alcohol testing.
12. Bayfield County notice of change in County tax assessment.
13. Alliance for Sustainability to join 2010 Energy Independent Communities.
14. Notice of WI DNR Webex session on December 22, 2009.
15. Bayfield County H1N1 updates.
16. WI DOT notice of GTA payments in 2010 of \$52,936.80.
17. WI DOR Payroll withholding tax update.
18. Recreation Committee meeting minutes of October 21, 2009.
19. Request to insert AIS notices in property tax bills.
20. Experience Works 2010 calendar.
21. R.A. Smith Grant Newsletter.
22. W-2 Newsletter December 2009.
23. BRB Recycle request to recognize Tony Kovachevich service to BRB.
24. BRB Recycle notice of vacancy.
25. Bayfield County Land Records – Pictometry procedures.
26. WI DNR MFL Orders for David Galazen – 158.96 acres.
27. BRB Recycle meeting agenda for December 15, 2009.
28. Notice of Wisconsin Coastal Management Grant availability.
29. Bayfield County Board Meeting agenda December 15, 2009.
30. Bayfield Recreation Center Winter Newsletter.
31. WI DOC December 2009 Newsletter.
32. Rural Insurance notice of tax collector bond due.
33. Bayfield County Court schedules.

34. Various WI Department of Revenue mailings.
35. Various WMCA mailings.
36. Various meeting notices for the School District of Bayfield.
37. Various Bayfield Chamber of Commerce mailings.
38. Various State Elections Board mailings.
39. Various National Park Service mailings.
40. Wisconsin Towns Association January Report.

Outgoing

1. IRS request to re-file December 2008 941 Report.
2. Town of Russell Newsletter.
3. Clarify billings to Tribe for Jeff Benton.
4. Final corrections to Comp Plan following adoption to Mike Darrow at S.E.H.
5. WI DOR request for information on the where a bouts of Derryl Deragon.
6. Mark Bugher request for copy of Comprehensive Plan.
7. Reply to request for winter camping at LSB.
8. Correspondence regarding Michael Mirkes tax bill, they are in Europe for the winter.
9. Information to Bayfield Chamber regarding LSB Campground on Chamber website.
10. E-mail tax bill to David Mills, incorrect mailing address.
11. Place ads for 2010 Caucus.
12. Final approved contract for Operation Engineers 2010.
13. Annual maintenance contract for MYOB and billing 50% to Town of Bayfield.
14. File LRIP application with Bayfield County Highway Commissioner.
15. Apply for tax collector bond.
16. Send Shelia Allen tax bill to new owner Gerald Fletcher.
17. Schedule Bremer loan for land to be auto pay.
18. Sign up and enroll Town employees in WPS, new health insurance provider.
19. Schedule closing at Northern Edge for land purchase from Sullivans.
20. Reply to County Treasurer Training Survey.
21. Xerox meter readings submitted.
22. Experience Works host agency report filed.
23. Road ratings submitted to WI DOT.
24. Section 154 presentation information to Bayfield County.
25. WI Title opinion regarding Joe Crane property sale to David Galazen.
26. Closing information to WI Title for land purchase from Sullivans.
27. Response to NPS Salazar regarding Management Plan for AINLS.
28. Community Center rental contracts to Judy Larsen.
29. November Federal Tax Payments.
30. November State Tax Payments.

A motion was made by Goodwin and seconded by Basina to receive and place on file the correspondence. The motion carried.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORTS

A motion was made by Sullivan and seconded by Basina to approve the bills consisting of checks 14195 to 14255 totaling \$47,183.93. The motion carried.

CLERK/TREASURER REPORT

December 8, 2009 to December 31, 2009

BANK BALANCES

		Previous	Current	Change
Bremer General Checking	12/31/09	\$10,588.24	\$14,571.27	\$3,983.03
Cash	12/31/09	\$8,338.13	\$16,482.67	\$8,144.54
Bremer Investors	12/31/09	\$365,397.70	\$280,653.93	(\$84,743.77)
	Totals	\$384,324.07	\$311,707.87	(\$72,616.20)

DISBURSEMENTS

	12/31/09
Cleared checks	\$81,516.97

BUDGETS vs. ACTUAL

	Dec 2009	Y-T-D	Budget	
Income	\$101,869	\$526,986	\$ 423,613	124%
Expense	\$49,254	\$513,866	\$ 423,613	121%
Balance	\$53,615	\$13,120	\$ -	
	Previous Mo.	Current		
Accts Recv	\$33,162.98	\$36,778.13		
Accts Pay	\$3,940.12	\$742.59		

1. Tax collections settled and posted.
2. Budget adjustment for website development \$2,125.
3. Budget adjustment for Comprehensive Plan \$5,490.
4. Budget adjustment for gravel purchase \$53,900.
5. Budget adjustment for Electors approved expenses for mezzanine \$5,878.
6. Land purchase approved by electors is included \$40,000.
7. Bremer Elderly Housing Grant is \$150,000 of restricted funds.

8. Cash includes \$35,000 of WHEDA restricted funds.
9. Tribal Road Maintenance contract payments reduced.

A motion was made by Goodwin and seconded by Sullivan to approve the Clerk/Treasurer Report. The motion carried.

Chairman, Supervisor and Clerk/Treasurer Reports – Clerk Good reported that there will not be Primary election in February. Tribovich reported that the Town received Section 154 funds for the Raspberry River culvert. Work will be done in midsummer.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting – Nothing additional. The next Regular Town Board Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., February 9, 2010 at the Community Center.

Public Input – A request for a speaker system was made. We will use the system in the future. Dick Bowker thanked the Town Crew for the good job of snow plowing.

A motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. was made by Sullivan and seconded by Basina. The motion carried.

The minutes respectfully submitted by:

David L. Good, Clerk/Treasurer