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**March 10, 2021  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting**

**The regular monthly meeting was called to order a 7:00 p.m.** Agenda read. Present: Ferris, Bukovic, Tauer and clerk/treasurer Micolichak. Motion by Bukovic to approve agenda as read. Second Ferris. Vote all aye. Motion carried. Minutes from February read and motion to approve Ferris. Second Bukovic. Vote all aye. Motion carried. Financial report presented. Motion by Bukovic to accept financial report as presented. Second Ferris. Vote all aye. Motion Carried.

**PINE LAKE DAM DISCUSSION:** Tauer discussed information from Ayers who spoke with the DOT. They advised that if the dam is redesigned at this point the dam has to be separate of the bridge. Ferris also discussed the issues going forward with the already designed dam. Multiple citizens voiced concern about the lake level being impacted by having a fixed crest dam at 90.5 and that lake is already kept too low. Tauer advised that the DNR sets the level that is approved which is 90.0 – 91.0. Discussion continued about concerns on the water level. Tauer and Ferris advised that the lake district's lawyer is working with the DNR to request a water level raise because right now it is based on a 1959 water level order. Ferris also discussed an option of the Lake District taking over the dam after the dam is replaced; Tauer is concerned the town has already spent a lot of money on the planning for this dam. There is also the issue of losing funding for the bridge project if this is pushed back too far. Multiple citizens continued to express concerns of the proposed fix crest dam. Motion by Ferris to have the Town of Hiles stop pursuing the existing proposal until we get further information. Tauer explained the proposal has already stopped and are on hold. Ferris rescinded his previous motion. Motion by Ferris to accept amount of \$6745.00 for the gated spillway feasibility study to be paid for by the Town and reimbursed by the Pine Lake District. Second Bukovic. Vote all aye. Motion carried. Motion by Ferris to have the Town of Hiles to stop pursuing the existing proposed fix crest dam. Motion discussed again. Second Bukovic. Vote all aye. Motion carried. Citizen advised the lake district was not invited to any previous meeting with the board to discuss the fix crest dam before it was approved, Bukovic explained all Regular Town Board Meetings are open to the public because of the open meetings law and they are posted. Ferris advised for people to continue to attend the town board meetings.

**OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**CLERK advised of the following:** Dates for district meetings set and clerk will send in the registrations for these and they will be recorded and that will include the Board of Review Training. Northwoods connect was installed and is set up as an open connection in the hall, and secure connection in Fire Station 1 and the town office. Also advised the bid ad will be in the papers the next two weeks and bids are set for opening on April 14<sup>th</sup> 2021.

**TAUER discussed the following:** Letter from the Potawatomi about the \$10,000 grant that can be applied for by the town again for the year 2021, a resolution needs to be made by the first week of May and requested project ideas. Dave Houle suggested another handicap pier for out by the dam on Pine Lake like the one that was added by the Mill Pond. Tauer also addressed a letter that was received by WPS about moving some electric poles because of some work that the DOT will be doing on Hwy 32. The salt shed needs to be checked so someone will be down on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Town Plow truck was also repaired again and it is back now. Technician came out and checked the generator and there is an issue with a stabilizer or board in there that needs to be fixed. Lastly the weight limits have been put on the roads starting March 10.

**BUKOVIC:** No officer reports.

**FERRIS** advised the Plan Commission will have Comprehensive plan will be ready for the April meeting. Also spoke about Northwoods connect internet is now live and citizens are able to call and look into other options.

**CITIZENS INPUT:** Sue advised Circle drive and Hansen Plat roads are in very bad shape, requests that road work be considered for those roads. Concerns were also expressed about the ATV route around the lake when the bridge is being replaced, board discussed and that would need to be worked out with the DOT if possible. Vic asked if the road crew can be given radios by the county so the road crew can be in contact with dispatch especially for issues in the winter when the FD or Ambulance need to get down snow covered town roads, also brought up the street light issues,

some are going in and out all night. Clerk asked anyone on the zoom meeting if they had anything to ask or say. Someone asked when they will find if the DNR will agree to raise the water level order on Pine Lake, Ferris advised that date is unknown. Request that town meetings going forward have a Zoom meeting option as well, Clerk will set up reoccurring zoom calls for the Regular Town Board meetings and suggested everyone stay up to date with the town website as the zoom information will be attached to the Agenda which is posted the Friday before the meeting. Kim asked if there was any assessment of the request she made previously for Coes Landing and Chrisbaum Ln, Tauer advised that they will be doing the road survey in April/May.

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS:** Motion by Ferris to approve payment of monthly bills and payroll presented by Clerk. Second Bukovic. Vote all aye. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn Ferris. Second Bukovic. Vote all aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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