

March 11, 20206

Regular Board Meeting

Chairman Bukovic called the March 11th meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Roll Call:

Present: Bukovic, Bruno, Deputy C/T McCarthy

Absent: C/T Kutchie

Citizen Input-limited to 5 minutes

North fire department brought up changing internet from Hughes to Starlink. Issues with Hughes net when snow is on the ground-very little reception and warning alerts go off. Would need a debit card possibly, hopefully can get away with being a residence versus a small town of Hiles. Brian believes that EJ is working on it. Town does have a stand-alone debit card, not tied to town accounts. Will be about \$40/month. Might have additional option of Spectrum when it's to that area. Bug Tussel you to be sight of the tower. EJ will be back after the next meeting and can look more into this issue.

Building at north transfer station is in bad shape. If have one of the area schools build it, would still need to supply materials. Will check with LMS in Crandon as they have smaller buildings that would probably do the job too.

North is still trying to get a hold of the one surveyor to get the additional land for the fire department as the gentleman who owns the original land is getting older.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made by Bruno to approve the agenda as read; motion seconded by Bukovic. Motion carried.

Reading and approval of January's minutes:

The minutes from the February Regular Board Meeting were read by McCarthy. Motion to approve the minutes as read was made by Bruno, motion seconded by Bukovic. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

The February Financial report was presented. Motion to approve the Financial Report as read for February was made by Bukovic, motion seconded by Bruno. Motion carried.

Pickup Truck Purchase

2026 Ford 1 ton from Eagle River Ford. It is here; guys are going to wait until after the upcoming storms to get it outfitted because it needs a plow mount yet. Safety lights/headache rack with 4-way lighting so that lights will flash multiple ways. The 1-ton red will be traded in. New vehicle will just be a regular pickup as dump box is not needed.

Defer appointing board member until April Meeting

Delaying it will allow the board to speak with more interested people. Appointed member then would be on the board until the board's next voting period and then could run for election or step down at that point. There are a few people that have shown interest but not a lot are interested.

Purchase of Lawn Mower

One regular riding mower that's about 15 years old along with a zero-turn. It's easier with a regular lawn mower to do the cemetery. Will price it out at LMS when it's closer to spring.

Officer and committee reports:

Bukovic: Call from Zane Roberts in Crandon 2 days ago regarding liquor licenses. Hiles should have two extra liquor license and could sell one if chose too. State won't make new ones but Town of Crandon could buy one of ours so that they have an extra one. Beaches, Rendezvous and Brush Run have them currently in the Town of Crandon. We will need to dig in with the state on how to do this. Definitely want to keep at least one. Questions about the north end budget will be looked at more when EJ gets back. Would like to thank families of Mike Patterson Sr and Mark Ferris for their donations to the Hiles Fire Department in lieu of flowers. It's greatly appreciated. Bill, Brian and Lane went up to the annual Forest Service meeting and spoke about the land sales up north-all but 1 are sold. Ones that will be done are close to the road. Thanks to Jim Ambrosius and Lane Bruno for joining the fire department. One guy finished his training up north. Lastly would like to thank Mark Ferris for all of his years of service to our community and out town board. He will be greatly missed.

Bruno: starting to look at redoing black top-will put that on next month's (pickleball court). Will need to be redone and possibly releveled.

McCarthy: Crandon School Board will be here next Wednesday at 6pm to talk about the upcoming referendum-he's coming with soup for the meeting. Spread the word, it will be on the Hiles Facebook page.

Approval to Pay Monthly Bills:

Motion made by Bukovic to approve the payment of checks. Motion seconded by Bruno. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Bruno to adjourn; motion seconded by Bukovic. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:29pm