

**REGULAR MEETING  
MINOCQUA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Minocqua Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Mark Hartzheim at 6:00 p.m. on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in the Board Room of the Minocqua Center.

Present were: Chairman Mark Hartzheim, Supervisors Brian Fricke, Bill Stengl, Sue Heil and John Thompson, Roben Haggart, Town Clerk, Mark Pertile, Director of Public Works and Lieutenant Jason Benbenek, Minocqua Police Department.

**Motion by Thompson, seconded by Stengl to approve the agenda.** Voice vote: Motion carried.

**Motion by Fricke, seconded by Heil to approve the minutes from the Regular Town Board Meeting held on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.** Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AGREEMENT WITH LAKELAND UNION HIGH SCHOOL – **TABLED**

AMENDED ORDINANCE – DESIGNATING ATV ROUTES

Chairman Hartzheim read amended ordinance Sec. 56-351- Designating ATV Routes – adding Doolittle Road, Kawaga Road (between Baker Lake Road and Doolittle Road), Baker Lake Road, Pirog Road, Streater Road (between Agawak Road and Baker Lake Road) and Koolish Road, Hower Road, Camp Pinemere Road (from Falcon Ridge Road to the intersection of Hower Road).

**Motion by Fricke, seconded by Thompson to accept the second reading and adopt amended Ordinance Sec. 56-351 Designating ATV Routes.** Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

LAKE SHISHEBOGAMA- SLOW NO WAKE BUOY

Rod Anderson, Shishebogama Lake resident was present. He is asking the board to consider designating Rockwood Bay on Lake Shishebogama as a slow-no-wake buoy bay. He cited concerns about speed and safety specifically with wave runners (personal watercraft) racing at high speeds. Tim Ebert, DNR Warden confirmed that the area being requested is not a slow-no-wake zone and the permitting process would need to be done. Input from audience members was requested. There were 10 people present representing the Shishebogama/Gunlock Lake Association, The Rockwood Country Club Owners Association and several owners. They are against making the bay slow-no-wake and believe with the required setbacks to the shoreline and boaters there is sufficient room for boaters to operate safely. Petitions against the buoys were provided as well as a lengthy discussion on the history and knowledge from residents on the lake who have been there for 25+ years. Michelle Olson, 20-year resident in the bay advised that she paddleboards, kayaks, swims and skis from her pier and has never had an issue or felt unsafe with boats with wakes from high speed.

**Motion by Stengl, seconded by Thompson to deny the request to make Rockwood Bay on Lake Shishebogama a slow-no-wake bay.** Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

BROADBAND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – TOWER GRANTS

Broadband Business Development Committee members Phil Albert & Pete Otis were present. They introduced Paul Ostermann, owner of Northwoods Connect/Northwoods Communication Technologies. Paul is requesting to partner with the Oneida County Economic Development Committee and the Town of Minocqua to place four more towers in Minocqua to offer approximately 450 additional households with high-speed internet. The proposed tower locations would serve the Squaw Lake, Kawaguesaga Lake, Swamsauger Lake and Bear Lake areas. Paul reviewed the cost figures. The grant would provide \$192,500; Northwoods Connect \$60,000; Lake Association contributions \$17,500; and the Town's portion would be \$30,000. The board agreed that providing additional towers and service for outlying areas is a priority as a lot of schools/employers are going to online options due to Covid-19. The board committed to the project subject to final review during the budget process.

**Motion by Stengl, seconded by Thompson to commit to the four additional towers at \$30,000 subject to 2021 budget approval.** Voice Vote: Motion Carried.

FIRST READING AMENDED ORDINANCE – NO PARKING AT ANY TIME

Chairman Hartzheim read amended ordinance Sec. 56-143- No Parking at Any Time – AMENDING: Lakeview Drive – Starting 800 feet south of Old Hwy 70 for a distance of 1800 feet south to road terminus; ADDING: Huber Lane – Lakeview Drive to Highway 51. This will be on the next agenda for a second reading and adoption.

**Motion by Heil, seconded by Fricke to convene into Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c)- Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility over. For the purpose of discussing an employee's leave status & compensation.** Roll Call: Thompson, aye; Stengl, aye; Hartzheim, aye; Heil, aye; Fricke, aye.

**Motion by Fricke, seconded by Stengl to reconvene into Open Session.** Roll Call: Thompson, aye; Stengl, aye; Hartzheim, aye; Heil, aye; Fricke, aye.

NO ACTION TAKEN

**Motion by Heil, seconded by Stengl to adjourn meeting.** Voice Vote: Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Roben Haggart  
Town Clerk