

Town of Crystal Bay

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

November 16th, 2021

- I. Attendance: Paul Hartshorn, Doug Perfetto, Karl Klinker, Danielle Hefferan, Russ Vance, Colby Abazs, Honor Schauland, Kaare Melby, Donna Lehtinen, Senja Anlbeck-Bates, Anne Haselon, Everett Haselon, David Abazs, Sandy(via phone).
- II. Paul called the regular meeting of the Crystal Bay Town Board to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of allegiance.
 - A. Motion: To approve the Agenda. Motioned by Karl, Seconded by Russ, Passed by unanimous consent.
 - B. Motion: To approve the September Minutes. Motioned by Russ, Seconded by Paul, Passed by unanimous consent.
 - C. Motion: To approve the Treasurer's Report. Motioned by Karl, Seconded by Russ, Passed by unanimous consent.
 - D. Motion: To approve paying the bills. Motioned by Karl, Seconded by Russ, Passed by unanimous consent.
- III. Road and Bridge Report: Doug
 - A. Roads took a beating during this last big rainstorm. Working over the weekend to get things fixed up before everything freezes.
- IV. Clair Nelson Center Report: Honor
 - A. Just finished a big training for staff and other community members. Farmers market season had record attendance. Youth night has mostly restarted with occasional cancelations due to covid. RV dump is put to bed for the winter.
- V. Old Business
 - A. Cartway Petition: Rothbart
 - 1. Trial starts Nov 29th with a pre-trial Nov 19th at 2:30.
 - B. Hockamin Creek Road Work: Sandy
 - 1. The Snowmobile club has no capacity in their insurance for road vehicles using the trail even in a temporary capacity.
 - C. STAR Land Use Grant: Shannon
 - 1. Work is ongoing and we plan to ask for an extension to allow continuing the work into 2022. Reminder about the community input meeting coming up Dec 4th at 10-noon in the community center.
 - D. Silver Bay Airport: Kris
 - 1. The Crystal Bay Town Board requests all parties to come to our meeting and we will discuss at length.

E. ARPA: Colby

VI. New Business

A. Finland Daycare Loan: Elli

1. A signing of a lease is anticipated promptly and as anticipated, this loan will be providing essential bridge funding to get the project up and running, while our grants get applied for and approved. We are very, very grateful that the loan fund is available to us!
2. We are still quite interested in our long-term vision of an intergenerational care center. I am glad to be starting the childcare as an independent venture, as it will allow us to solidify our self as an organization in the community. However, our board remains dedicated to our long-term vision, which would be in partnership with NSAP (and possibly Wolf Ridge). I have heard of the township conversations around land acquisition, and wanted to update the board on our long-term interest in this plan, as it could inform planning for the township. At a summit I attended recently, the IRRRB, amongst others, expressed their current high level of focus on supporting communities in getting childcare facilities in place. There were also two mentioned which combined children and seniors! One in particular I plan to research, which is in existence in Deer River. Basically, if we want to develop a solid plan with multiple partners for this vision, in the next couple of years, I am confident we could get it funded, including land acquisition and building.

B. Community Composting: David

1. Working with the Finland Food Chain to help address waste in the community, and use it to provide much needed compost for fertilizer for the local farmers. The current dump used by the area will be full within 5 year.

C. In Person Voting:

1. A question was posed as to what it would take to get in person voting back.
2. The Town switched to mail in voting a few years back partly for logistical reasons of cost and workers.
3. Only receiving absentee ballot applications rather than a ready to fill ballot for this last election was cumbersome for participation in voting.
4. Colby will gather info about why the change was initially made and what effect it has had on voting participation. Ready for the January Meeting.

VII. Closed Sessions

- A. Attorney-client privilege as stated in Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 3(b). For the purpose of meeting with the township legal representative to prepare for the Rothbart cartway trial.
- B. Regular meeting resumed at 8:35 pm.
- I. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm until December 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Motioned by Karl, Seconded by Russ, passed by unanimous consent.