

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Town of Silver Cliff

Marinette County

Town of Silver Cliff, Marinette County, Wisconsin, meeting of the Town Board on November 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Silver Cliff Town Hall N11929 County Road I Silver Cliff, Wisconsin.

Minutes

1. Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Bruce Weber called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Roll call and verification of proper public notice: Present; Chairman Bruce Weber, Supervisor Dee Farley, Supervisor Jay Van Frachen, Treasurer Carol Kitchmaster, Clerk Amy Vannieuwenhoven, Constable, Sabin Rosenbaum. Notice and agenda for the town board was posted November 6, 2024, at 10:30 am at town hall, town shop, town website, Red Pine, Jungle Jim's, Rustic, Rapids.
3. Motion to Approve the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda made by Supervisor Dee Farley, motion seconded by Jay Van Frachen, motion carried.

**Consider for approval or other action:**

4. Approval of the meeting minutes for the October 1, 2024, Special Town Board meeting, the October 8<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting, and the October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Budget Workshop #2. Motion to approve the October 1, 2024, Special Town Board Meeting minutes, the October 8<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting minutes and the October 14, 2024, Budget Workshop #2 minutes, made by Supervisor Dee Farley, motion seconded by Supervisor Jay Van Frachen, motion carried.
5. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of a laptop for the Planning Commission Chair: The current laptop is outdated and does not work well. Motion to approve the purchase of a laptop for the Planning Commission, up to \$1000.00 made by Supervisor Dee Farley, motion seconded by Supervisor Jay Van Frachen, motion carried.
6. Discussion and possible action to approve and hire the three recycling attendant applications: three applications were submitted by the due date of October 18<sup>th</sup>. All three are recommended to be hired for back up purposes for vacations/absences. Motion to hire Roberta Knier, Curtis Allen, and Daniel Norman by Jay, seconded by Supervisor Dee Farley, motion carried.
7. Discussion and possible action to approve the town will pay the Silver Cliff rescue squad fuel (new truck) for the remainder of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2024, discussion of future payment arrangements will be held at the December 2024 town board meeting: SCRS secured a new rescue squad, which is a gas vehicle. The old squad took diesel and fill ups were done at the town shop. Will need to review the contract for future fuel fill ups. No action at this time.
8. Discussion and possible action to issue a MFL non - compliance fine for the Dill Family Trust: The Dill Family Trust has land in MFL and is not adhering to the MFL agreement with the state. The state reached out to the town to issue a fine to the trust, in the amount of \$750.00 for three violations for noncompliance of mandatory practice. Motion to approve issuing the fine, via letter, to the Dill Family Trust made by Supervisor Dee Farley, motion seconded by Supervisor Jay Van Frachen, motion carried.
9. Discussion and possible action to approve the FCC concurrent letter for the Fire Department: Email from Nielson Communications asking for the town to approve Iron River Michigan to use the same frequency as the SCFD (as they have been for the last 10 years). Consultation with JS Electronics indicated if there has not been interference for the past 10 years, the two departments are far enough away and should be fine. Motion to approve the FCC concurrent letter for the Iron River Fire Department to use the same radio frequency as the SCFD, made by Supervisor Dee Farley, motion seconded by Supervisor Jay Van Frachen, motion carried.
10. **Reports / Updates presented:**
  - a. Treasurer's report: Checking \$22161.96, Money Market \$150707.97, State money market \$0.00, \$3984.99 interest. Penalty \$1338.61 cashing in cd's early, tax account \$91797.23
  - b. Chairman report: Received first notice of noncompliance for re-evaluation from the state. Bruce called the state for guidance as all avenues for hiring a new assessor have failed. By 2026 the re-evaluation needs to be done, otherwise the Department of Revenue (DOR) will assign an assessor to complete the work. Our current Assessor has declined to do a re-

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evaluation. EMS building, seventh payment \$2116711.00 has been paid, remaining funds including borrowing \$400k will be used for the remainder of the cost. If the town receives additional funding from the State and/or lawsuit funds, we will pay off the loan. Inside work is progressing. Lawsuit; motion hearing scheduled November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The Judge disclosed in the late 1980's represented Silver Cliff as an attorney. Rural Mutual needs time to discuss. Another motion hearing is scheduled for November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Rural Mutual is all right with having the current Judge continue. Broadband meeting scheduled in early November was cancelled, rescheduled to December 6, 2024, at 10:00 am at the town hall. The BCPL loan has been approved, waiting for forms to be mailed to us. No payment is due until 2026, if state and/or Rural Mutual funds will be used to pay off the loan but \$25k in interest will need to be paid in this scenario. The wheelchair ramp is fixed as best it can for the time being. Budget hearing scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the town hall. Assessor is doing site visits to properties for exterior inspections.

- c. Planning Commission: Joint meeting with Athelstane and Amburg held November 11, 2024. Short term rental ordinance still being worked on.
- d. Supervisor Reports: Supervisor Dee Farley; garbage complaints, WPS installing underground wiring from Limburg to Bauer. Jay Van Frachen; water leaking in cooler at park, nothing was noticed during a site visit. Al Walesh states there is a certain area that is buckled in three spots.
- e. Fire Department: \$76,098.20 beginning balance, \$20285.51 in receipts, expenses \$765.67, net balance \$95618.04. Fairly quiet month, one lift assist and a car fire.
- f. Marinette County Supervisor, Chris Norton: Not present

Vouchers & Payment of Bills Check#\_9941 to Check#\_9998. Motion to approve check numbers 9941-9998 made by Supervisor Dee Farley, motion seconded by Supervisor Jay Van Frachen, motion carried.

Items intended for future meetings: SCRS fuel; SCRS 4<sup>th</sup> quarter contract.

Public Comment: Conversation around surrounding counties that have/do not have ordinances for short term rentals. Marilyn Kowis; smooth election on 11/5/24 and thank you. Jeff DeBauche asked if the Community Center could be used for future elections? It can, but a new plan would need to be submitted to the state for approval and secure rooms for election machine/materials. Sabin, for sale signs are being stolen and mayhem with guns, shooting signs. The Silver Cliff Fire and Rescue presented checks to the fire department and rescue squad in the amount of \$22,000.00. Mike Smith, question on fiber optics, would the town collect for use? TBD during the presentation in December. Update on new rescue squad, people being trained and learning the new truck.

Closed Session: None

Motion to adjourn: Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Supervisor Dee Farley, motion seconded by Supervisor Jay Van Frachen, motion carried at 8:03 pm.

Amy Vannieuwenhoven, Clerk-Town of Silver Cliff

Request from individuals with disabilities who will need special accommodations to participate in this meeting or hearing should be made to the Town Clerk at 715-757-3163 advance notice is recommended.