

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Town of Silver Cliff

Marinette County

The Town Board of the Town of Silver Cliff, Marinette County, Wisconsin, meeting of the Town Board on December 10th, 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: The meeting was called to order by Chair, Bruce Weber at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call and verification of proper public notice: Present; Chair, Bruce Weber; Supervisor, Dee Farley, Supervisor, Jay Van Frachen; Treasurer, Carol Kitchmaster, Constable; Sabin Rosenbaum; Clerk, Amy Vannieuwenhoven. The agenda was posted 12/4/24 at 12:00 pm to: Chairman, Supervisors, Treasurer, Red Pine BP, Town Hall, Town Shop, SC Website, Rustic, Rapids.

2. Motion to Approve the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda made by Supervisor, Dee Farley; seconded by Supervisor Jay Van Frachen, motion carried.

**Consider for approval or other action:**

3. Approval of the meeting minutes for the November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Town Board meeting, the November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Budget Workshop #3: Motion to approve the November 12<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting minutes, the November 12<sup>th</sup> Budget Workshop #3 made by Supervisor, Dee Farley; seconded by Supervisor, Jay VanFrachen, motion carried.
4. SCRS first quarter of 2025 contract: Discussion on equitable contributions by both Silver Cliff and Athelstane. Silver Cliff pays \$25k per year and Athelstane pays \$30k per year. With the increased cost of the new EMS building, Chairman, Bruce Weber would like to see more of a contribution from Athelstane for living quarters, propane, electric. Chairman Bruce Weber would like to have further discussion as costs increase as it is prudent to deconstruct costs and due diligence to ensure cost sharing is equitable. Joanne Cisler indicated there are over 20K volunteer hours per year and other areas are double in costs, Joanne questions the amount of money put into the 2025 town budget for the park and a sign for the community center. Ann Wender reminded the town board, that SCRS has paid for furnishing for the new EMS building via grant funds. Motion to approve payment of the first quarter SCRS contract in the amount of \$6250.00 made by Supervisor, Jay VanFrachen, seconded by Supervisor, Dee Farley, motion carried.
5. Discussion and possible action of future (as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025) payment arrangements for the Silver Cliff rescue squad fuel (new truck): Discussion of payment for gasoline for the SCRS after 12/31/24. The old squad required diesel fuel and was provided to SCRS via the town diesel tank, the new squad requires gasoline. It is estimated the cost for gasoline will be approximately 7k per year, this is in addition to the 25k annual contract amount. Joanne Cisler indicated the SCRS board agrees they will pay for fuel for the squad after 12/31/24. Supervisor, Jay VanFrachen believes the new squad will get five miles to the gallon and agrees the town should not pay for the cost, Supervisor, Dee Farley agrees. Language for the town to pay for fuel for the SCRS was removed from the first quarter SCRS contract with the town.

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**7. Reports / Updates presented:**

- a. Treasurer's report: checking \$24,458.46, money market \$192,442.15, second money market \$33,376.19, interest \$4,094.73.
- b. Chairman report: Rural Mutual lawsuit for the EMS building; a motion hearing was held December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, where two motions for summary judgements were denied. A status hearing is scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and a pretrial conference July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, with a jury trial (if needed) scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup> – September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The town has submitted a form to the state on the \$500k ask for completion of the EMS building. The state inspector will be here December 12<sup>th</sup> to do the final inspection of the EMS building. The broadband meeting with Insight was held December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024. A presentation was given by Insight and discussion of having a tower built, at a cost to the town, to alleviate "dead zones"

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for cell service. It is expected that Insight will report back to the town with current information. Lisa Weinrich gave an update on the successful children's Christmas party held at the Community Center.

- c. Planning Commission: Sabin Rosenbaum reported the commission will have a draft of the subdivision ordinance for the January 2025 meeting.
- d. Supervisor Reports: Supervisor, Dee Farley reports donations of cash are needed for a family who lost their home to a fire in Silver Cliff. Dee will be scheduling a recycling committee meeting soon, and she has been receiving garbage pickup complaint calls. Supervisor Jay Van Frachen reports also receiving garbage pickup complaint calls. He has received a request from the public to have a land line installed at the EMS building that only makes calls to 911 for anyone who does not have good cell service. Research will need to be done on this topic.
- e. Clerk: Nomination paperwork for the April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, election for Chair, Supervisors, Clerk, Treasurer and Constable are due to the Clerk by 5:00 pm on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Non candidacy forms are due by 5:00 pm, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- f. Fire Department: beginning balance \$95,618.04, receipts \$23,343.75, expenses \$3,280.07, net \$115,681.72. Assistant Fire Chief, Jeff DeBauche reports a structure fire, which was a total loss and being called after the initial fire for hot spots that ignited.
- g. Marinette County Supervisor, Chris Norton; Chris not present for this meeting.

Vouchers & Payment of Bills Check# 9999 to Check# 10063: Motion to approve payment of bills for check numbers 9999 to 10063 (revised from original motion of check numbers 9999 to 10062) made by Supervisor, Dee Farley, seconded by Supervisor, Jay Van Frachen, motion carried.

Items intended for future meetings: None.

Public Comment: None

Closed Session: None

Motion to adjourn: Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Supervisor, Dee Farley, seconded by Supervisor, Jay VanFrachen, motion carried 7:35 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.