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Issue #123

CALENDAR OF EVENTS...

Town Board Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. All meetings are held in the Silver Cliff Town Hall at 7:00 PM.

Garbage Pickup is every Wednesday until December 1st. It will then be picked up on the first, third and fifth Wednesday until April when it goes back to every week.

Recycling is the first and third Sunday of each month from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

For questions on the above items or any other town business, contact your town supervisor Dee Farley at 715-757 3922 or Jay Frachen at 920-609 2723, They both can address any issues for the town of Silver Cliff.

TOWN CHAIRMAN

Bruce Weber
Town of Silver
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920-461-9938
chair@silvercliffwi.com

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER...

The American Legion and Legion Auxiliary meet at the Town Hall on the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM

THE FIRE AND RESCUE AUXILIARY meet on the second Monday of each month at the Town Hall at 9:00 AM starting in April. All women in the area are encouraged to attend.

February 2025

The Comprehensive Planning Commission meets at the Town Hall on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 PM.

The Fire Department meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Fire and Rescue Building.

Town Clerk

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715-757-3163
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Jane Meissner

715-245-1708
nebuildinginspector@gmail.com

Questions or concerns for the Constable, call Sabin Rosenbaum at 715-927-3132.

GET WELL WISHES...

Get well wishes are extended to

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy extended to the family of Cletus Deprey Jr

Again, we apologize if we missed anyone. Sometimes people let us know of those who are not feeling well or who passed away. If you know of someone that we should be thinking about, please let us know and we will add them to the list. Thank you.

AMERICAN LEGION POST/UNIT 66 FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Post Cmdr. Chuck Cable 715-757-9400
Post Vice Cmdr. Peter Schlaikowski 414-587-1325
Unit 66 Pres. Dee Farley 715-757-3922 or 920-810-2664

The American Legion Post 66 and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 66 continue to be busy even though it is "Winter in the Northwoods". The two organizations continue to meet together on the first Saturday of each month at the Silver Cliff Town Hall in the winter months. This is working well as the many of our activities are shared events. Contact any member or officer of the Post/ Unit 66 for information on joining our great organization.

The proceeds from the Chili Fest are used for local student scholarships. Each student is required to attend a minimum of one semester of secondary schooling to maintain their eligibility for the scholarships. The Auxiliary Unit 66 awarded \$1000.00 to Melody Schaal in January. Congratulations go out to Melody. The American Legion Post 66 will be awarding their scholarship when their scholarship recipient is on mid-winter break later in January.

On the 2024 Veterans Day Celebration, area American Legion Posts attended the program at Wausaukee Schools. Post 66 Member Bill Woger called cadence for the Wausaukee School Color Guard. It added a very nice touch to the conclusion of the service as many of the school children lined up to individually thank the local Veterans for their service.

On Sunday, December 1st, the Post & Unit 66 held their Annual Christmas Dinner at Rene's Dining Room. The Marinette County Sheriff Randy Miller was our guest speaker. As we have done in the past, those in attendance brought a food donation for the Christian food Pantry in Lakewood.

On December 9th, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 66 Members Dee Farley, Ann Wender and Barb Van Boxtel went to the Oscar G. Johnson Veterans Facility in Iron Mountain to meet with the American Legion State Delegation. Those in attendance from the Wisconsin Delegation were State Commander Jim Johnson, Department President Becky Mueller, Department Adjutant Julie Muhle and the Department of Michigan Service Officer

Deputy Representative Ann Wender received an award for her many hours of service at the Iron Mountain VA.

At the January 4th Post/Unit 66 meeting, we had the great honor to have our Department President Becky Mueller at our meeting. She told us about the progress that has been made on one of her projects, bringing POW/MIAs back home to Wisconsin. It is an incredible process to uncover and identify remains that are fifty plus years old.

Reminder to all! Each year in September Post 66 has a Flag Disposal Ceremony. This is the proper way to dispose of flags that are no longer serviceable and need to be replaced with a new flag. The American Legion Post 66 has a light blue "Mail Box" used for collecting old flags any time of the year. It is located outside close to the front door of the Silver Cliff Town Hall. Please feel free to put your unusable flags that need to be disposed of in the "Mail Box".

FIELD TRIP is still in the works for November of 2025!! The date has not yet been set. The Ninth District of Wisconsin is arranging the trip to the War Memorial Center in Milwaukee. The plan is to have tour buses have pick-up area here in Marinette County and join with others in Outagamie County. If you are interested in participating in this bus ride, contact Dee Farley. More information will be coming in the next few months.

Post Member Bill Woger leads the 2024 Wausaukee School Color Guard. Legion Post/Unit 66 donate money and food items to Lakewood Christian Food Pantry.

Department of Wisconsin Delegation visits Iron Mountain VA Facility. Unit 66 Member / IM Deputy Rep Ann Wender receives award from WI Dept. Pres Becky Mueller

Unit 66 presents \$1000.00 Scholarship to Melody Schaal

**SILVER CLIFF FIRE AND RESCUE AUXILIARY
JANUARY 2025**

November the SCFR Auxiliary held our yearly Deer Hunter's Bake Sale at Jungle Jim's Pub and Grub which was a whirlwind of baked/ canned/ and crafted goods we sold to residents and deer hunters that look forward to this Amazing Plethora of Donations!!! Needless to say, we sold out, which brought in over \$1700 which helps to support our Scholarships, our Annual Picnic and Parade, and our Annual Children's Christmas Party. The SCFR Auxiliary truly feels grateful to all who participated in the Deer Hunter's Bake Sale, and we can't wait to see you in November 2025!!



In December was our Annual Children's Christmas Party which was held for the first time at the Silver Cliff Community Center and what a party it was!! This year we invited the children from Athelstane to join us in the fun and loved having them all come together to have fun, food, and of course to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus handed out an early gift to each child. Special thanks goes out to Annita and Bruce Weber and Roberta Knier for those Beautiful Christmas Trees! In all we had almost 30 children in attendance with parents in tow, a great time had by all!





SCFR Auxiliary 2025 Calendar of Meetings and Events:

- Apr 14th 9:00 a.m. SCFR Meeting
- May 12th 9:00 a.m. SCFR Meeting (Spring Luncheon)
- Jun 9th 9:00 a.m. SCFR Meeting
- Jul 14th 9:00 a.m. SCFR Meeting
- Aug 4th 9:00 a.m. SCFR Meeting at the park for group picture/ Final preparations for the Picnic
- Aug 5th 9:00 a.m. Cut up vegetables for the picnic
- Aug 8th 9:00 a.m. Set-up and last-minute Clean-up of the Park
- **Aug 9th 10:00 a.m. Parade**
- **Aug 9th 11:00 a.m. Picnic – Man Your Stations and Let's have some FUN TOO!!**
- Aug 11th 9:00 a.m. Clean up the Park
- Sep 8th 9:00 a.m. SCFR Meeting – Community Center
- Oct 13th 9:00 a.m. SCFR Meeting - Community Center
- Nov 10th 9:00 a.m. SCFR Meeting and Fall Luncheon - Community Center
- Nov 21st Deer Hunter's Bake Sale
- Dec 5th 9:00 a.m. Set up for Children's Christmas Party
- Dec 6th 11:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Party
- Jan 2026 Take down Christmas decorations



Normally we do not hold meetings during January, February, and March resuming meetings on the first Monday of the Month with the next official meeting being held on April 14th at 9:00 a.m. at the SC Community Center. New Members are Welcomed at this meeting, member's dues are \$10 per year. If you are new to the community and would like to meet people and learn about this beautiful community, consider joining us to see if this is something you might be interested. The time invested is rewarded on so many levels, supporting our community, making friends/acquaintances and embracing your new home.

January, February, and March we may be gathering to keep up to date with the events in Silver Cliff so members keep your eyes open for the email. If anyone from the public would like to attend, please let one of our members or officers know.

Our next official meeting will be on April 14th at the Silver Cliff Community Center at 9:00 a.m. Silver Cliff Fire & Rescue are always welcoming new members and dues are only \$10 per year. If you are new to the community and would like to participate in supporting the events our community hosts, please contact any of our members or officers. If you would like to learn more, please contact any of our officers (please leave a message) or talk to any of our members if you see us out and about

Firelane 11th Annual Outhouse Race

Firelane hosted the 11 th Annual Outhouse Race Fundraiser for the Athelstane Fire Department and Silver Cliff Rescue Squad on Saturday February 1st . Although the snow did not want to cooperate, we were able to make the event happen, thanks to a donation of snow from Paul Bunyan Ski Hill. We had a fantastic show of community support, 100+ donations creating 50+ raffles and volunteers that helped make the event a success! We look forward to this event every year and can't wait to see everyone on February 7 th , 2026 for the 12 th Annual Outhouse Race!



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Barb Van Boxtel by November 16th. My phone number is 920-676-9810.

Pick up one of the newsletters at one of the businesses and would like a copy in the mail, please call or send us your address. We will be glad to add you to our mailing list. There is no cost, but donations are always **would like to get a copy of the newsletter by mail please contact Ann or Barb.**

**WE ARE NOW OFFERING OUR NEWSLETTER
AT WWW.SILVERCLIFFWI.COM**

You can pick up a copy of the newsletter at one of our businesses: Jungle Jim's, Rustic Inn, Todd and Barbs Rapid Resort, Red Pine BP

**THE NEXT THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL GO
Out May 2025**

**DUES FOR THE ADS ARE DUE IN JANUARY.
THEY WILL STAY AT \$30.00 FOR THE YEAR,**

MAKE YOUR CHECKS OUT TO:

BARBARA VAN BOXTEL

**THE BANK WILL NOT CASH ANY CHECKS IF
THEY ARE MADE OUT TO THE SILVER CLIFF
NEWSLETTER THANK YOU! IF YOU ARE
GETTING TWO COPIES OF THE NEWSLETTER
IN THE MAIL, PLEASE LET US KNOW.**

Items for Silver Cliff News from Silver Cliff Rescue Squad

The winners of the monthly drawings are listed below. Each #1 name won \$50 and each #2 or #3 name won \$25. Congratulations to all the winners. We would like to thank those people who support this drawing.

- November 1 – Ken Kitchmaster of Colorado Springs, CO
 2 – Bill and Pat Jose of Athelstane
 3 – Mark Watson of Suamico
- December 1 – Diane Oberley of Rhinelander
 2 – Logan VanArk
 3 – Barb Oudeans of Crivitz
- January 1 – Shauna Welsh
 2 – Shirley Scheuerman of Silver Cliff
 3 – Sharla Kitchmaster of Laona

*Silver Cliff Rescue just retired it's 2003 rescue squad and replaced it with a **new 2024 rescue squad**. SCRS is happy to say that this rig was completely paid for without going into debt. Our crews are still adjusting to the new configuration and operation of the squad, but the Drivers are thrilled with the larger driver compartment, better lighting, and better handling. Stop in and visit with us when you see us out at events. Our crews will be happy to give you a tour.*

Each year, we are asked to provide readers with a **breakdown of the calls** for the previous year. SCRS was dispatched to 103 calls this year. The call received the most was for a fall. There were 17 this year, followed by 14 illness, 13 cardiac, and 11 pain calls, 8 accidents (4 autos, 3 bikes, and 1 ATV/UTV), 6 stroke calls, 5 who had an altered level of consciousness, 4 respiratory calls and 4 fracture/dislocation. We're sad to say there were 4 deaths. There were 3 standbys (2 for Marinette County Sheriff's Dept. and 1 for Silver Cliff Fire Dept.), 2 calls each for Medic Alerts, anxiety, seizures, and trauma (including 1 Flight for Life). There was 1 call each for animal bite, unresponsive patient, uncontrolled bleed, burns, choking, and diabetic emergency.

SCRS wants to remind people that **if the rescue squad is dispatched, there is a charge** for the response. While a person can choose not to be transported to a hospital, insurance companies seldom pay a rescue squad bill if the patient wasn't transported. At that point, if the bill is not paid by insurance, it becomes the individual's responsibility.

SCRS crews want to **thank everyone who supports the rescue squad and the volunteer staff** both emotionally and financially. We wouldn't be able to do what we do for our towns without your generosity.

Thank you to the businesses in Athelstane and Silver Cliff who have fundraisers for us, and to those who have a SCRS HELP can on their counter. We are grateful to know that you're doing what you can by encouraging others to help on a regular basis. Please thank your patrons for us.

For those who are unaware, Silver Cliff Rescue Squad, Inc. is NOT a division of the Town of Silver Cliff. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Since our inception, we have been a volunteer organization which was fully staffed by the people of our towns. The crews were ordinary people from all backgrounds who had a need to help their neighbors. Silver Cliff Rescue still needs EMTs, EMRs and Drivers. If you work or play during the day, help us out on nights or weekends! Please call 715-757-2575 soon, even if it's just for more information.

Meet Your 2025 Candidates

My name is Dee Farley. I am running for the position of Chairman for the Town of Silver Cliff for the 2025-2027 term. This spring I will be completing my second term as Supervisor #1 for the town. I have gained a lot of first-hand knowledge about the daily operations of Silver Cliff in my two terms as supervisor. I am confident I can use that knowledge to benefit our town and steer us in the right direction to meet our immediate and any future needs.

I have experience in several other areas as well. I owned a dairy/beef farm in Seymour for 37 years until I sold the farm to my oldest son in 2005. In addition to farming I worked for ten years at Tecumseh in New Holstein as a machine operator. After we re-located I worked 26 years at Kimberly Clark in Neenah. I was a Machine Operations Trainer for 20 years. The last six years I worked as a Team Administrator/Coordinator doing all of the payroll and scheduling for 300 employees. I took several leadership training courses to prepare for my position.

I feel I have a lot to offer in leadership abilities and a lot of experience in proper protocol when conducting meetings. I am a 34 year member of the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA). I have held many positions in the ALA including four years as the Ninth District President, the current Athelstane/Silver Cliff Unit 66 President and current Marinette County ALA President. I was an officer in Seymour Unit 106 prior to moving to Silver Cliff. I am an eighteen year member of the Silver Cliff Fire & Rescue Auxiliary and held the office of President for several years and am currently the secretary.

My husband, Paul Farley, and I retired in 2007 when we permanently moved to Silver Cliff. Their family built their cabin in 1971 so they have been up here for several years prior to our retirement.

With my background in leadership positions, a former rural land owner and a four year Town of Silver Cliff Supervisor, I feel I have a lot to offer as the chairman of this great town! I would appreciate your vote in April of 2025!

Thank you. Dee Farley

My name is Christopher Norton. I am asking for your vote for the Town of Silver Cliff, Town Chairperson position on April 1st. I have been a resident of Silver Cliff for 23 years. I have been a member of the Fire Department since 2002. I was on the Rescue Squad for several years. I serve on the Silver Cliff Planning Commission. I serve as your Marinette County Board Supervisor for District #5 and have been in this role for 2 terms. I am also on the Public Service Committee for Marinette County. I currently work for the Department of Transportation as the Ride Quality Program Coordinator. I ensure the ride quality of all new pavements for the State of Wisconsin. I run 2 small businesses with my wife Margaret based right here in Silver Cliff. Compound Taxidermy that I run from my home. BRE LLC encompasses 2 vacation rentals that cater to guests looking to explore, dine and enjoy Silver Cliff and this great area we call home.

My goals as town chairman are:

Road maintenance, Waste disposal and Recycling, Emergency services and a reforestation plan for town properties that were affected by the tornado. I want to promote healthy growth in our community that is sustainable and fiscally responsible. I want to provide improvements while also minimizing or decreasing the tax burden on all property owners. Feel free to call me with questions or concerns.

Warm regards,

Christopher Norton

715-757-2547

Hi my name is Jim Fencl. I am running for Supervisor 1 for the Town of Silver Cliff.

A bit about me. I have been coming to the area since 1970. I have always loved this area and had planned on moving here at a young age. In 2014 I had that opportunity. I was hired to work for the town road crew. I started working on the east side of town for the first couple of years. I moved to the west side when I became the lead road crew member, therefore I am familiar with the roads on both sides of town. As a road crew member I worked on grading roads, fixing culverts, filling cracks and pot holes, and working on the equipment to help keep the town costs down.

Other experience. I drove semi for 10 years. I have a degree in auto mechanics and worked as a mechanic for many years at a major construction company based out of Green Bay. This position also included handling large equipment for construction, supervising the shop, and going out into the field when needed. When I decided to retire from construction, I worked as the shop superintendent for Kewaunee County. This position included checking the roads for plowing and repairs, ordering supplies and buying equipment, also supervising the shop crew.

When the position opened here in Silver Cliff I applied. I worked for the town until I decided to retire at which time I worked part time for an additional year.

In conclusion I care about this town and would like to work on restoring our roads to make them safe for all those who drive on them. I would like to work on improving our recycling center to make it better for all. I am looking forward to hearing from you during our open town meeting and taking on some of the challenges you have.

Sincerely,
Jim Fencl

Town Clerk Letter of Introduction for the Newsletter:

My name is Lisa Weinrich, and I am running for the office of Silver Cliff Town Clerk. We retired to Silver Cliff officially in 2022, but Curt Allen and I fell in love with the area a few years before that when we helped Curt's son build up here. We left our Egg Harbor home of over 20 years and built our retirement home here in Silver Cliff. We both come from small towns so this was an easy fit but the true attraction for us was the natural beauty we have throughout Silver Cliff.

I have a very diversified working background some of which includes working for Random Lake School District (office), Allen Edmonds Shoe Company in Port Washington working in the factory, taught Fire Fighting for Lakeshore Technical College in Cleveland, worked at Homestead Suites in Fish Creek as a housekeeper, was the Aquatics Coordinator and American Red Cross Certified Life Guard for Sturgeon Bay YMCA, Department Manager for Sturgeon Bay Walmart, ran Assembly Robotics for Cadence in Sturgeon Bay after receiving my two Associate Degrees one in Manufacturing Operations Management, the other in Leadership Development. Most recently over the past year I have worked as a Silver Cliff Deputy Clerk.

I have also worked volunteering as a Fire Fighter for the towns of Cedar Grove, Silver Creek, and Cascade Fire Departments. I have several Certifications in the fire service including my HazMat Technician through UCLA that I obtained at the Los Alamos National Laboratories in New Mexico which was one of my favorite experiences. Since coming to Silver Cliff I have joined the American Legion Auxiliary and I am President of the Silver Cliff Fire & Rescue Auxiliary, both are amazing organizations and give so much back to our community in so many ways. I look forward to working with our Town Board, Committees and Commissions along with established organization in our community as a whole for the betterment of strategic growth for Our Community. I hope you will find me a worthy candidate for the position of Silver Cliff Town Clerk. Thank you.

Scott Volkmann, Supervisor 2. Retired after a career in executive level sales and marketing and as a small business owner. Experience as a board member of the Homeowners Association, in budget development and management. Currently a member of Town's Broadband Committee.

I am a twelve-year permanent resident of Silver Cliff after vacationing here throughout childhood as a guest of maternal grandparents who were active in town activities, causes and founding parishioners of Saint Mary's.

My intention as a Town Supervisor is to promote progress for the betterment of the community in a fiscally responsible manner. I appreciate your consideration and vote.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Town of Silver Cliff
Marinette County

Special Town Board meeting on October 1, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Silver Cliff Town Hall N11929 County Road I Silver Cliff, Wisconsin.

Minutes

1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Bruce Weber called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. 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. The Notice and agenda were posted at the Town Hall, Town Shop, Town Website and Red Pine BP, September 26th, 2024, at 3:00 pm.
3. Motion to approve agenda: Motion to approve the agenda made by Supervisor Dee Farley, seconded by Supervisor Jay Van Frachen, motion carried.

Discussion and possible action: Discuss loan options for the balance of the EMS building project.

Here to discuss lending options to complete the construction of the EMS building project to ensure the town has enough funds to meet the obligation. Potentially we would need \$300k - \$360k but the board may borrow \$400k. Have authority to borrow up to \$500k. Options are the State Trust Fund or Laona State Bank. State: 5-year loan or 10-year loan, the first payment would be due in 2026 so nothing on the tax levy until 2026, but front end loaded interest in the amount of \$25,972.60 (for either a 5- or 10-year term loan) would be due in 2026. Request for \$500k is in the process with the State budget process, if we borrow and get the \$500k, we will pay off the loan. The town also has a lawsuit with Rural Mutual, if those funds are awarded in the town's favor, the loan would be paid in full. The interest rate for the state would be 5% for a 2-10-year loan. Loana State bank is 5.5% but rates could come down as they are having a bank meeting today. The State has a zero-pre-payment penalty, same with Laona. Supervisor Van Frachen is in favor of a 10-year loan to keep payments lower, Supervisor Farley agrees. Question how long it would take Laona to approve the loan and execute payment to the town. When would the first payment be due? Most likely a year from the date of the loan (payment and interest) and the payment would need to go on the levy for 2025 vs 2026 for the State Trust Fund option.

Supervisor Farley is in favor of a 10-year loan with the State Trust Fund. Questions around the debt ratio for the town, the town would be in the same financial situation as we were when the Town Shop loan (\$600k). Supervisor Jay Van Frachen is in favor of the 10-year State Trust Fund. 2 of the 3 board members are in favor of the State Trust Fund program.

Motion Dee \$400k State Trust Fund, seconded by Supervisor Jay Frachen

Motion to adjourn: Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Supervisor Dee Farley, seconded by Supervisor Jay Van Frachen, motion carried, 9:30 am

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 8th Town Board meeting, and the October 14th, 2024, Budget Workshop #2. Motion to approve the October 1, 2024, Special Town Board Meeting minutes, the October 8th 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 18th. 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 4th 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 5th, 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 26th, 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 19th, 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 Welsh 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 4th 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.

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 12th, 2024, Town Board meeting, the November 12th, 2024, Budget Workshop #3: Motion to approve the November 12th Town Board meeting minutes, the November 12th 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 1st, 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.

6.

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 5th, 2024, where two motions for summary judgements were denied. A status hearing is scheduled for February 5th, 2025, and a pretrial conference July 21st, 2025, with a jury trial (if needed) scheduled for September 15th – September 19th, 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 12th to do the final inspection of the EMS building. The broadband meeting with Insight was held December 5th, 2024. A presentation was given by Insight and discussion of having a tower built, at a cost to the town, to alleviate "dead zones"

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.

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 1st, 2025, election for Chair, Supervisors, Clerk, Treasurer and Constable are due to the Clerk by 5:00 pm on January 7th, 2025. Non candidacy forms are due by 5:00 pm, December 27th, 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

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