

MINUTES
TOWN BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2020

Present: Terry Hill, Ruth Janke, Tony Compo, Bill Gerard, Jason Paulson, Rhonda Peleski, David Pritchett

Chairperson Hill called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Board Room at the Town Hall.

Nominations were requested for the position of Board Chairperson. Janke nominated Hill for the position. Second by Gerard. There being no further nominations, Hill was elected unanimously as Chairperson.

Paulson nominated Gerard as Board Vice-chairperson. Second by Compo. There being no further nominations, Gerard was elected unanimously as Vice-chairperson.

The list of Board appointments was reviewed and discussed.

A motion was made by Paulson with a second by Compo to approve the following list of office and committee appointments:

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| Clerk/Treasurer | Rhonda Peleski |
| Deputy Clerk/Treasurer | Leah Pykkonen |
| Assistant Weed Inspector | Logan Saline |
| Legal Counsel | Rudy, Gassert, Yetka, Pritchett, and Helwig, A Fryberger Law Practice Group |
| Engineer | MSA Professional Services |
| Official Newspaper | Cloquet Pine Knot News |
| Insurance Agent | Arrowhead Insurance Agency – Don Waller |
| Depositories | National Bank of Commerce |
| | Wells Fargo |
| | North Shore Bank of Commerce |
| Health Officer | Carlton County Health Officer |
| Road and Utility Supervisor | Logan Saline |
| Zoning Official / Ordinance Enforcement | Daniel Stangle |

Liaison Positions:

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| School Board | Ruth Janke |
| Community Education | Ruth Janke |
| Joint Sports & Recreation | Tony Compo |
| Parks and Trees | Bill Gerard |
| Town Hall | Jason Paulson |
| Public Safety | |
| Carlton County Sheriff's Dept. | Terry Hill |
| Fire | Tony Compo |
| Fire Chief | Kyle Gustafson |
| Sewer and Water | Jason Paulson |
| Planning and Zoning | Ruth Janke |
| Economic Development | Terry Hill / Ruth Janke |
| Environmental and Recycling | Bill Gerard |
| Personnel Committee | Rhonda Peleski |
| | Terry Hill |
| | Ruth Janke |
| | Department Head as needed |
| | Legal Counsel as needed |
| Bank Statement Reviewer | Tony Compo |
| Administrative | Terry Hill |
| County Board | Bill Gerard |
| Duluth Urban Watershed Advisory Council | Bill Gerard |

Motion carried.

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Compo made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Second by Gerard. Motion carried.

Paulson made a motion to approve the current vouchers in the amount of \$ 80,686.96 (Check #'s 44845-44887) to pay payroll and due bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$ 35,623.42. Second by Compo. Motion carried.

Hill received a letter from Ridge Road resident, Jerry Moran, thanking the road crew for the work they've done.

Stangle gave his monthly report. A new public hearing is being scheduled for Finn Ridge subdivision for their revised plan. He also continues to work on the Comp Plan revisions and scheduling the next meetings.

Fire Chief Kyle Gustafson was present with his report. There were a record number of emergency responses in 2019. New Year's Day started with four runs in one day.

Deputy Rob Lucas was present with his report.

Saline reported that the road crew has been steaming culverts along with snow removal. One of the graders needed major repair.

Town Engineer Joe Jurewicz is working on the Hillside Road plans. He met with the robotics group that is working on the Gaga Ball court for the park.

Paulson reported that Cloquet Area Fire District also had a record number of runs in 2019. They also continue to work on building plans while keeping the costs down.

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:59 p.m. by Paulson with a second by Compo. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Peleski, Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Thomson

Terry Hill, Chairperson