

# **Presque Isle Ordinance Committee**

## **Minutes of Jan. 13, 2021 meeting (unapproved)**

Attendees: Carl Watras (chair), Dennis Roan, Eric Benn, Larry Gorrilla, Tom Preston, Carl Wolter (liaison)

Guests:

Meeting called to order by Carl Watras at 09:07 am.

Dennis Roan read the meeting minutes of Dec. 09, 2020. A motion was made by Larry Gorrilla to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Eric Benn. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Old Business**

A motion was made by Eric Benn to amend Hazardous Wakes SC 507.5 (Penalties) to include *shall forfeit not more than \$500 for first offense and not more than \$1000 for subsequent offense within one year*, motion second by Larry Gorrilla. The motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

A motion was made by Dennis Roan to remove 401.3 and remove from 401.4 sections; 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, & 17 and to rewrite sections 7, 16, 18, & 19 and to combine section 9 with section 7. Motion second by Tom Preston. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Comments from the committee:**

### **Adjournment:**

Motion made by Dennis Roan to adjourn at 10:46 am, and reconvene on February 10, @ 9:00am in the community center, 2nd by Larry Gorrilla, motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting scheduled for February 10, 2021, @ 9am, Community Center

Respectfully submitted;

Dennis Roan



# **Presque Isle Ordinance Committee**

## **Minutes of Feb.10, 2021 meeting (unapproved)**

Attendees: Carl Watras (chair), Dennis Roan, Eric Benn, Larry Gorrilla, Tom Preston, Carl Wolter (liaison) Cathy Logan Weber

Guests:

Meeting called to order by Carl Watras at 09:04 am.

Dennis Roan read the meeting minutes of Jan. 31, 2020. A motion was made by Larry Gorrilla to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Eric Benn. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Old Business**

Reviewed next steps for Hazardous Waste Ordinance.

Continued discussion of SC 401 Public Peace, Order and Other interests

### **New Business**

#### **Comments from the committee:**

#### **Adjournment:**

Motion made by Dennis Roan to adjourn at 10:45 am, and reconvene on March 03, @ 9:00am in the community center, 2nd by Eric Benn, motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting scheduled for March 03, 2021, @ 9am, Community Center

Respectfully submitted;

Dennis Roan



# **Presque Isle Ordinance Committee**

## **Minutes of Mar.03, 2021 meeting (unapproved)**

Attendees: Carl Watras (chair), Dennis Roan, Eric Benn, Tom Preston, Carl Wolter (liaison) Cathy Logan Weber

Guests:

Meeting called to order by Carl Watras at 09:04 am.

Dennis Roan read the meeting minutes of Feb. 10, 2021. A motion was made by Tom Preston to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Eric Benn. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Old Business**

Reviewed next steps for Hazardous Waste Ordinance.

Continued discussion of SC 401 Public Peace, Order and Other interests

### **New Business**

#### **Comments from the committee:**

#### **Adjournment:**

Motion made by Tom Preston to adjourn at 10:45 am, and reconvene on April 14, @ 9:00am in the community center, 2nd by Eric Benn, motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting scheduled for April 14, 2021, @ 9am, at the Community Center

Respectfully submitted;

Dennis Roan



# **Presque Isle Ordinance Committee**

## **Minutes of Apr. 14, 2021 meeting (unapproved)**

Attendees: Carl Watras (chair), Dennis Roan, Eric Benn, Tom Preston,

Guests: Cathy Logan Weber, Rob Szekeress, and John Wagman

Meeting called to order by Carl Watras at 09:03 am.

Dennis Roan read the meeting minutes of Mar. 03, 2021. A motion was made by Eric Benn to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Tom Preston. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Old Business**

Wake Hazard Update: In the course of discussion of the Wake Hazard proposed Ordinance 2020-4, a call was made to town supervisor Carl Wolter, committee liason, to grant authorization to contact the town's attorney to discuss his letter of 17 February and set up a future meeting with the committee and town board. Authorization was granted by Mr. Wolter.

### **New Business:**

#### **Comments from the public:**

Rob Szekeress, along with attorney John Wagman from Weld Riley sc representing a group of property owners from Presque Isle voiced concerns with the proposed Hazardous Wake ordinance.

#### **Comments from the committee:**

A motion was made by Tom Preston to invite the town's attorney to the next committee meeting second by Eric Benn. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Adjournment:**

Motion made by Eric Benn to adjourn at 11:43 am, and reconvene on May 12, @ 9:00am in the community center, 2nd by Tom Preston, motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting scheduled for April 14, 2021, @ 9am, at the Community Center

Respectfully submitted;

Dennis Roan

# **Presque Isle Ordinance Committee**

## **Minutes of May 12, 2021 meeting (unapproved)**

Attendees: Carl Watras (chair), Dennis Roan, Eric Benn, Tom Preston,

Guests: John MacLean, Carl Wolter, Cathy Logan Weber, Paul Lewandowski

Meeting called to order by Carl Watras at 09:05 am.

Dennis Roan read the meeting minutes of April 14, 2021. A motion was made by Tom Preston to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Eric Benn, motion carried unanimously.

### **Old Business**

SC 105 Town Constable — awaiting edits by town board.

SC 507 Hazardous Wakes — tabled.

SC 202 Traffic — awaiting edits by town board.

### **New Business:**

#### **Comments from the public:**

#### **Comments from the committee:**

#### **Adjournment:**

Motion made by Tom Preston to adjourn at 10:35 am, and reconvene on June 09, @ 9:00am in the community center, 2nd by Eric Benn, motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting scheduled for June 09, 2021, @ 9am, at the Community Center

Respectfully submitted;

Dennis Roan



**Presque Isle Municipal Ordinance Committee  
Draft Minutes  
August 13, 2021**

Attendees: Carl Watras(chair), Tom Preston, Eric Benn, Bob Berdan, Kelly Dyre, Mike Brandt, Phil Harris, Carl Wolter (liaison)

Also: Cathy Logan-Weber, John MacLean

Also: Diana Lesenjack, Stuart Whipple, Mark Weston, Ann Milne, Mark Gebhardt, Sandy Goggin, Paul Specht, Dave & Sue Engeseth, Dave Vogt, Kay & John Suffron, Paul Lewandoski, Lynn Martin, Rob Szekeress, Dave and Julie Brach, Destiny Harris, Cary Masinich, Richard Mikoleit, Eric Mikoleit, Kerny Mikoleit, Graysen Seyferth, Al Eschenbauch, Susie Gawriluk, Jeff & Jorja Burke, Alan Hatfield, Tim Offutt, Al Drum, Jim Olson, Tom Olson, Richard & Carol Phillips, John Wagman, Stephanie Calendar, Paul Lundsten, Jack Sprackling, and others

Chairman Carl Watras called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM,

Tom read the minutes of our May 12 meeting. A motion (made by Eric 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil) to accept these minutes as written passed unanimously.

Chairman Carl Watras invited attendees to opine on the pros and cons of a hazardous wake ordinance. Opinions were voiced by:

Jeff Meessmann (Natural Lakes) pro

Jack Sprackling (Crab) ? con for large lakes

Richard Phillips (Wildcat) pro

Dave Brach (Oxbow) con

Jim Olson (Crab) pro

Stuart Whipple (Oxbow) pro

Alan Hatfield (Presque Isle L) con

Tom Olson (Van Vliet) pro

Diana Lessenjack (Oxbow) pro

Ann Milne (Presque Isle L) pro

Carol Phillips (Wildcat) pro

Cary Massenich ? con

Stephanie Calendar ? con

John Wagman (Manitowish Waters) con

Sandy Goggin (Papoose L) pro

A discussion followed regarding the future direction of a hazardous wake ordinance. Bob Berdan asked Town Chairman, John MacLean, for guidance. Chairman, John MacLean, offered little in the form of concrete guidance.

A motion to adjourn (made by Eric, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob) passed unanimously at 12:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Preston

**Presque Isle Municipal Ordinance Committee**  
**Draft Minutes unapproved**  
**October 13, 2021**

Attendees: Carl Watras(chair), Tom Preston, Eric Benn, Bob Berdan, Mike Brandt

Also: Paul Lewandoski, Tom Olson, Jorja Burke, Jeff Meessmann, Jim Olson, Carol Phillips

Chairman Carl Watras called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM,

Tom read the minutes of our August 13 meeting. A motion (made by Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric) to accept these minutes as written passed unanimously.

Carl provided a history of the hazardous wake ordinance from May of 2020 to the present. Jeff Meesmann reported that 150 registered PI voters have petitioned the town to adopt the ordinance as originally drafted. Jim Olson reported that a writ of mandamus was filed in circuit court regarding the draft ordinance.

Bob made a motion (Tom seconded) to table any further reconsideration of the Hazardous Wake Ordinance until such time as the mandamus action is resolved. The motion passed with 4 aye votes from Carl, Eric, Bob, and Tom – Mike abstained.

A motion to adjourn (made by Tom 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric) passed unanimously at 10:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Preston

**Presque Isle Municipal Ordinance Committee**  
**Draft Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 9:30am**  
**Presque Isle Community Center**

**Attendees:** Carl Watras (chair), Tom Preston, Eric Benn, Bob Berdan (via telephone) Mike Brandt, Phil Harris, Carl Wolter (Town liaison). Kelly Dyre, absent. Also present: John MacLean Town Chair)

**Call to order:** Chairman Carl Watras called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.

**Reading/approval of minutes:** Tom Preston read the draft minutes of the committee's October 13, 2021 meeting. Mike Brandt objected to the minutes as drafted, suggesting that committee member comments should be reflected in the minutes. Tom Preston responded that minutes are a record of actions taken, and not a transcript of proceeding, but he offered to modify the draft minutes to reflect the essence of Mike Brandt's comments. Following further discussion, Mike Brandt moved, and Eric Benn seconded a motion to add Mike Brandt's comments to the minutes. The motion carried. Mike is to provide his notes to Tom for inclusion, and Carl Watras observed that the amended minutes will be reconsidered for approval at the next meeting.

**Old Business Citation Ordinance:** Chairman Watras indicated the prior Town Board (Reckard, Wolter and Weber) requested the Ordinance Committee consider creating a Citation Ordinance for the Town Board to consider to assist the Constable and others to issue enforceable citations. He noted both the Wisconsin Statutes (Sec. 66.0013) and the Wisconsin Town's Association model ordinance, contain 12 key items to help assure citation enforceability. Carl Watras and Eric Benn both suggested using the Town Association model ordinance as a template, and Phil Harris volunteered to compare the existing "citation book blanks" to the 12 recommended statutory inclusions in the model ordinance. Carl Watras asked that Phil Harris bring the comparison to the next meeting for further discussion.

It was further briefly discussed whether the ordinance should specify who has authority to issue citations for the Town. Discussion followed concerning the need for citations, the need for other Town officials to issue citations and the history of citations and enforcement proceedings in the Town. Eric Benn is to bring historical records of the Town's citation history to a future meeting. Carl Watras closed the discussion by asking the current Town Board to indicate their desires about whether and how to proceed on a Citation Ordinance. He also suggested that the Town Constable attend the next meeting to secure his perspective as well.

**Comments from the Public:** 1. Phil Harris noted that Kelly Dyre cannot make Wednesday meetings. Is there a way to accommodate his schedule? The Chair will explore options. Phil also inquired whether this Committee has received direction from the current Board relating to the regulation of Hazardous Wakes? Discussion followed and Phil Harris agreed to furnish the Committee with the relevant State Statutes governing the authority of Committees relative to Town Boards, although all who spoke agreed the Committee's role is advisory.

2. Next, John MacLean questioned the accuracy of the minutes of the August 13, Ordinance Committee meeting, insofar as the minutes suggest "he had little to offer" to modify the Committee's recommended Hazardous Waste Ordinance. Discussion followed. John MacLean asked that the conclusion, as mentioned, be removed from the 8/13 minutes, and Carl Watras agreed those minutes were inaccurate as printed and asked the secretary to make note of same in these meeting minutes.

3. Carl Watras thanked Tom Preston for his service as Committee Secretary and all present applauded Tom's many efforts.

4. Phil Harris and Carl Wolter both expressed concerns about a perceived conflict of interest, referring specifically to Bob Berdan's Ordinance committee membership and membership in the Last Wilderness Alliance.

5. John MacLean noted he didn't want lawyers to control the process at the August 13, committee meeting, and yet lawyers have been now been engaged and "here we are at loggerheads right now." He felt that to be a personal failure, and leaves it to the Committee to see if there is a way to keep going forward.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Mike Brandt and second by Eric Benn to adjourn. Unanimously passed at 10:35 am.

**Presque Isle Municipal Ordinance Committee**  
**Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 9:30am**  
**Presque Isle Community Center**

**Attendees:** Carl Watras (chair), Tom Preston, Eric Benn, Bob Berdan, Mike Brandt, Phil Harris (via telephone) , Carl Wolter (Town liaison). Kelly Dyre, absent. Also present, Constable Pat Eesley.

**Call to order:** Chairman Carl Watras called the meeting to order at 9:46 am.

**Reading/approval of minutes:** Bob Berdan announced the draft minutes of the November meeting were circulated in advance, and suggested waiving the reading of the same. Mike Brandt questioned having committee member or liaison comments appear under the Agenda heading "Comments from the Public." Bob Berdan agreed that any comments by members or the liaison will be so noted in the minutes. Upon the motion of Tom Preston, with a second by Eric Benn, the Minutes, as annotated by Bob Berdan's agreement to identify committee member or liaison comments, were unanimously approved. As to the October 13, 2021 Committee Meeting minutes, Tom Preston stated he modified the draft minutes by stapling Mike Brandt's notes of his comments to the minutes. The motion to approve the October meeting minutes, as modified with the Mike Brandt notes, were unanimously approved, upon the motion and second of Bob Berdan and Eric Benn .

**Old Business Citation Ordinance:** Town Supervisor and Constable Eesley are both of the view that a Citation Ordinance would assist the Constable and others to issue enforceable citations. Chairman Watras observed this Ordinance, if enacted, would be Subchapter 117. Chair Watras led a discussion on his draft of Subchapter 117, created from the Town's Association model Ordinance. Discussion followed concerning the adequacy of the Citation Book currently available for use in issuing citations, and whether the same tracks accurately with the requirements of current Wisconsin Statutes and/or the Wisconsin Towns Association model Citation Ordinance. [Following the meeting, Town Clerk Lorine Walters agreed to verify whether there is a newer version of the Wisconsin Uniform Citation Book, and to secure an inventory of the same.] Phil Harris agreed to compare the newest version of the Uniform Citation Book against the draft Citation Ordinance drafted by Chairman Watras. Chairman Watras also asked all committee members to do the same to make the next committee meeting productive, and to also compare his draft against the Model Ordinance. Upon the motion of Eric Benn, with a second by Tom Preston, the Committee unanimously agreed to continue work on Subchapter 117, the Presque Isle Citation Ordinance. Primary responsibility for the comparison is to be undertaken by committee member Phil Harris, but all committee members were encouraged to also do the same review and comparison. Further discussion followed whether any additional changes might be required to other existing Presque Isle Ordinance forfeiture provisions or to the current County forfeiture schedule. Chair Watras indicated that work is done by the Town Clerk in conjunction with the County Clerk of Courts..

**Comments from the Public:** 1. Phil Harris, committee member, inquired whether the park rules being considered by the Parks and Recreation Committee will come through the Ordinance Committee before approval by the Town. Discussion followed where it was mentioned that Eric Benn drafted the rewrite of the Park rules, and Chairman Watras has reviewed the same, but the Parks and Recreation Committee does have the responsibility for its rules. Eric Benn agreed to share the final draft of the Park rules with this committee's members.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Watras upon a motion by Tom Preston with a second by Eric Benn. The motion was unanimously passed at 10:38 am.

