

MINUTES – October 7, 2013 – 5:30pm
Town of Hull Board Meeting
4550 Wojcik Memorial Dr.
Stevens Point, WI 54482

1. Call to order: The Town of Hull Board Meeting of October 7, 2013 was called to order by Chairperson, John Holdridge. Others present: Supervisors – Dave Wilz, Dave Pederson, LaVerne Syens & Melvin Bembenek. Pete Kaminski, Road Foreman, Jim Kruziki, Treasurer & Mark Fritsche, EMS Administrator & Barb Brilowski, Hull Secretary. Excused: Mark Kluck, Hull Fire Chief.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
 - Chairperson Holdridge: I would like to discuss #9 on the agenda next.
 - **Dave Pederson**: Motion to amend the agenda. **M. Bembenek**-second. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Update on water issues – Testing Program: new well installation(s), southeast Hull Sector analysis.

Holdridge: One of the things that have come up (significantly) in the recent past is the water situation, particularly as it surrounds well #11. On January 28, 2010 we had a meeting in this building on well #11. The Mayor, Kim Halverson (public works director at that time), George Kraft and a DNR person from Wausau attended the meeting. We had all of the so called experts in attendance. We have a summary of that meeting available. They are not minutes, just a summary (almost verbatim) of about 40 pages. This is a great source if you are interested in this topic. If interested in receiving this information, let us know. The second thing I would call your attention to is what is called the “Water Study Task Force Report on Water Quality and Quantity.” There was a task force in the Town of Hull that met for 1½ to 2 years. Citizens from the Town of Hull served on this task force. They adopted a final report on October 18, 2012. One of the paragraphs said (Letter J under recommendations): Develop communications with individual householders surrounding Stevens Point Municipal Well #11 to share information and invite feedback on the status of their private household wells. We have not done anything on this yet but it was one of the plans. As that well went in there were some real concerns long term as to what would happen. When the City of Stevens Point formed wellhead #11, they had a 1400 foot radius around that well. They contacted those households in that radius which amounted to 67 households. There were 44 citizens in those households that responded. That is a group we need to talk to.

One of the things I have been trying to do is to determine how many wells have actually been replaced. Now that sounds easy but it is not because there are five different well drillers that have been involved. We at the Town of Hull will try to find out this information. The well drillers have to report to the DNR with all necessary details. Then, Ray Schmidt who is with Portage County Planning & Zoning who is our Water Quality Specialist in Portage County receives the data from the DNR but it is always late.

At this point it is not a quality issue but a quantity issue.

We do have some quality issues in the Town of Hull. We have four sectors in the Town of Hull. In the southeast sector of Hull which is north and south of Hwy. 10 there has been a lot of testing which has gone on for 20-30 years but no one has analyzed it. We have a person who is going to look at that to determine what is going on. That area has some high nitrates.

The City of Stevens Point has put test wells in the Town of Hull right-of-way. The right-of-way is pretty sacred. It is public property that belongs to the Town, the State or the County. You cannot put "stuff" in the right-of-way without the permission of local governments that controls the right-of way. We have about six (6) wells in our right-of-way. We received a legal opinion from Bob Konkol, Hull's attorney. Stevens Point has given us that data so we can go back to about 2003 to 2013. This information is basically quantity information.

What I would like to do as a group is talk about the problem. The reality is we need to get more information. I am looking for a Hydrologist, someone with some expertise. Stevens Point's Hydrologist is Patrick Plankton. He designed wellhead #11. We need to fight an expert with an expert. The other aspect is a legal one. I do not know a lot about water law in Wisconsin but typically what has been challenged when a high capacity well goes in, they draw down a stream or lake. This is the big issue. I spoke with Ray Schmidt today and asked him if he knew of a municipality who has put in a high capacity well where it has had an impact on the drinking water of residents who have private wells. He mentioned Wisconsin Rapids ten to fifteen years ago. Saratoga put in a well which affected the quantity of drinking water. I am suggesting that when we finish here tonight, we have a meeting in about two weeks in which we obtain more details, invite the city if they wish to attend and go from there. How many have put in new wells? (Show of hands-15-16 new wells). Were the wells mainly sand points? (Majority nodding yes).

Open it up to the floor: What happened to your drinking water and when did it happen?
I assume that anyone that replaced a sand point replaced it with a drilled well.

FROM APPROXIMATELY THE END OF JUNE, 2012:

A summary of comments from citizens:

- Spitting and sputtering
- Not enough water to wash clothes
- Problem with pressure right after Well #11 was started.
- Good water until Well #11 started.
- Irrigation system had been good until June or July. Now it won't push up one sprinkler head.
- Neighborhood is having numerous issues.
- Air in the pipes, spitting and sputtering.
- One day had no water.
- Low pressure, air in the pipes.
- Separate point for sprinkler system. Replaced first. House being replaced now.
- Pump would not shut off. Replaced it. Then spitting and sputtering from main well which resulted in well replacement.

Holdridge: Do you have a sense that your problems began after Well #11 went on line?
Audience: YES!

Bembenek: Those of you that are having problems, are you going to just go ahead and replace the well or are you going to wait until it goes out?

Citizen: The concern is if we replace the well ahead of time, I don't want to be accused of replacing the well and it may not need to be replaced.

Citizen: \$7,000 is nothing to shake a stick at. That is a lot of money.

Bembenek: If you are having a problem with a shallow well pump and you want to go down farther, at 25 feet they call it a deep well pump. If you are going farther down you will need to get a bigger pump. Are you better off doing that or putting in a new drilled well?

Citizen: Is Well #11 running at full capacity?

Holdridge: We have heard it is not.

Citizen: Are the prices being charged by well drillers, between \$6,000-\$10,000, a normal charge?

Holdridge: I have heard that a new pump and well is about \$7,000.

Bembenek: It's in the ballpark. It depends on the depth of the 6" casing.

Robin Lipski: I live at 1522 Sky Line Dr. There are two houses north of me that are having problems. It is already extending past my house.

Kelly Jones: I requested a well site investigation and five pages were missing. The most important parts were missing. I received this from the DNR. DNR received it from the engineers from the project.

Holdridge: Through open records, we can request the complete document.

Kelly Jones: Joel Lemke, Director of Water and Wastewater for the City of Stevens Point and in charge of Well #11 stopped by my house on Friday. I did not invite him; he just stopped by to chat about numbers. He wrote down information/numbers from the monitoring well from Somerset Drive. He said in the area I live, that is the monitoring well they go by. I asked him who gets the numbers for that monitoring well, how do they get it? Let's say those numbers are correct. He told me that the numbers he is seeing at my well, at the monitoring well and around the area are not fluctuating much. I asked him what he felt is happening around Somerset and Plover Heights? He said and I quote "It is just a coincidence." You were asking about finding a Hydrologist. Well, there is one. George Kraft is a Hydrologist from Stevens Point. I have been in constant contact with him this last week. When he was at the meeting in 2010, he had heard from the engineer that they had done a thirty (30) day simulation study to determine the impact of what would happen around here. He said that is not good enough. You can put in a little more data because you have it and do a ten (10) year simulation study. According to the Well Site Investigation Report they did do a thirty (30) day study and the Town of Hull approved it. What I want to know is why did you approve Well #11 to go in on a thirty (30) day simulation when the Hydrologist, the expert, you said yourself, wanted a ten (10) year simulation study? That is one question. George Kraft says, "You could do that now with the data you have. It would not take much except changing the length of the simulation; instead of thirty (30) days to ten (10) years." The engineer on the project said "Wait until we do the actual pumping test when the laterals are in place. We will have a much better idea of draw downs," giving the impression I believe that they were going to do that and they never did. George Kraft said those numbers could have made a huge difference.

Holdridge: Did he tell you that recently?

Kelly Jones: Absolutely!

I asked Joel Lemke when he was at my home on Friday why they did not chose to do that. He said they did not feel it was necessary.

The monitoring well on the corner of Somerset and State Hwy. 66---I asked Joel why he is putting so much emphasis on this particular monitoring well? He said it is the closest one to our neighborhood. I asked if he felt those numbers were completely accurate. He said yes. Looking back to page ten (10) of the Town of Hull minutes - The engineer on the project says, "I have been doing water supply testing for some twenty (20) years on test wells. If you move your well over ten (10) or twenty (20) feet it can be completely different." If the city is putting all their emphasis on the monitoring well, you could move it over twenty (20) feet and it could

be completely different. I thought this was a very important part of these minutes. Also, you had mentioned the city offered to test wells within a 1,400 foot radius. It only touches the entrance of Somerset Subdivision, just a few houses. The rest of us were left out. I asked Joel Lemke on Friday how they came up with the 1,400 foot number. Joel said it was arbitrary. I looked up arbitrary in the dictionary. It said---*determined by influence or whim*. I asked Joel Lemke who came up with this arbitrary number and he said I think it was the engineer on the project.

So, two things

- Town of Hull, I hold you responsible as well. There should have been a ten (10) year simulation study. The expert pushed it and wanted you to do it. He said so three (3) times in the minutes.

Holdridge: George Kraft replaced Brian Shaw as the water person which was good. But George Kraft's primary interest is in lakes and streams. I have had this discussion with him. I have also had a discussion with George Rogers. My point is when is the university going to start looking at these private wells of which there is about one-third in Portage County? I certainly support..don't draw down stream. I am a trout fisherman and duck hunter. George told me it is too late for nitrates. I do not believe it is too late. Why didn't we do something then? Frankly, we did not know what to do. He may have said he suggested it. George did not work for us. We requested he attend the meeting along with Glen Falkowski from the DNR in Wausau and Ray Schmidt, Portage County Water Quality Specialist. While George may have said it, I do not recall him saying we should have a ten (10) year test.

Kelly Jones: It is in the minutes.

Holdridge: That is fine but those are a summary of proceedings. Frankly, I would not have known what it all meant. We were babes in the woods at that time. Now remember we had some testing done in the 1980's. There was a collection of test data, but it was never analyzed or taken any further. One of the reasons why we formed the "Water Study Task Force" was realizing we have some real potential water problems. The Wellhead #11 is mentioned in those minutes. But at that time there was not a noticeable quantity question. You are challenging me and my response to you is "I don't think any of us knew the difference between a thirty (30) day tests or ten (10) year tests, etc. at that point. George can sit there and say that but I don't know that anyone took that up.

Kelly Jones: Why was a Hydrologists even invited to the meeting? You wanted an expert there.

Holdridge: I am not so sure George is a Hydrologist. If we had George or a university person advising us and we get into a law suit I am not so sure how long they would stay because of their position. We need to get some Hydrologist who we pay who will give advise to us. The city has Patrick Plankton from the engineering group out of Appleton. He advises the city. George has done a great job but George's emphasis is not at the private wells. I cannot think of a bigger tragedy then find out half of Hull, we have about 2,020 households, and half did not have drinkable water or did not have any water. Can you imagine a greater tragedy for a community to go through? It is bigger than streams and lakes.

Citizen: Are there any laws pertaining to the person installing a well. Are they legally obligated to guarantee your well?

Holdridge: A high capacity well? That is the great question.

Citizen: Yes! My idea is go to the state and if you are going to install a high capacity well, determine the area and issue an insurance policy on it; each person affected would have their well paid for. Take that to the state as a suggestion. Maybe it would slow down some of these high capacity wells.

Holdridge: This is something we will be exploring legally.

Whose liability is that? Stevens Point put in Well #11. It may have had impact on a number of private wells in Hull so now who is responsible?

Citizen: I moved to my home in 1979. I was told at the time that in ten years I would be annexed into the city because that was back in the day when Stevens Point wanted to own everything. I did not think it would happen. Town of Plover, northwest of Wal-Mart area, north of HH was annexed from the Town of Plover and out of the goodness of the City of Stevens Point's heart they will keep your taxes low and give you garbage/recycling collection, plow your roads and then we will raise your taxes. They put that well in knowing that is where the water comes from and heads that way. Out of the goodness of the cities' heart, they will help us out with the water in our area. The next thing to happen is our septic will start to go. Then out of the goodness of the cities' heart they would help us out. We will then be paying taxes to the City of Stevens Point, not the Town of Hull.

Holdridge: Your taxes will probably double.

Citizen: It would be a water utility and/or sewage fee.

Holdridge: Let me open this up to the Board to get their thought and comments.

Pederson: I concur with the need for more information but we also need to be looking at taking action as well, pursuing our legal position or the legal position of people with private wells that are affected. I know it is a battle that is being waged throughout the state.

Wilz: I think setting up a meeting in a few weeks, gather the information, alert the city immediately and let them know what is going on is the next step. I believe that at the meeting from 2010, the city said they would be contacting people within that 1400 foot radius. There would be some sort of agreement, if I recall between the city and those individuals. That information was not shared with us to the best of my knowledge. I would like to see that report.

Holdridge: Did anyone call the city?

Kelly Jones: The mayor never called me back.

Holdridge: Did anyone that participated actually sign an agreement with the city?

Robert Butt: All they did was pulled the pump and checked the depth. They wanted baseline information.

Kelly Jones: What they were stating in these minutes is in the 1400 feet, arbitrary numbered area; they would get a baseline from those people. That way if they started to have a problem the city would take responsibility in paying for those wells. I would like to know if anyone in that 1400 foot radius had their well paid for by the city.

Holdridge: That was a defensive posture by the city.

Robert Butt: At the meeting I asked the Mayor what is going to happen when all of these people's wells go dry. He basically blew it off and called me an alarmist. My brother owns a company in Florida, Carson Environmental Services. They have wellhead protection. I sent him copies of the reports. He said we would have problems. Here we are three years later.

Kelly Jones: In the minutes because of what the Mayor had said, the engineer on the project said when they were looking for positions on Well #11, we looked at the possibility of going through this wooded area and up to the airport property but the airport would have nothing to do with that. Halverson replied, "Let's be clear about that. The State Bureau of Aeronautics and the FAA wouldn't have anything to do with that? I'd love to do it." That was before any numbers were put on the table. He already had his mind made up.

Bembenek: To the people who have not had any problems yet and if I was living in your area, I would run as much water out of my house as I can. If there is a problem, you will see it, and then get it taken care of. It would be different if it was June.

Myron Koziczkowski: I live at 5334 Greenview Lane. I have a shallow well. When I put it in it was 20 feet to the water. I had it tested yesterday. It is 27 feet to water. My point is within

one (1) foot getting full air. I have one foot to go. My dilemma is what should I do? Is the water level to continue to go down? Do I have to go to a new drilled well and spend the \$7,000? I am right at the 24 foot mark. If I want to add to my point, it would be beyond a shallow well. Do I wait now.....

Bembenek: I understand, it is a big decision. But it will be worse 2 -3 months from now when it is 10 below and you have no water.

Holdridge: Did you say you measured it at twenty (20) feet?

M. Koziczkowski: It was twenty (20) feet when we put it in twenty years ago.

Syens: The thing that strikes me with the number of wells that are being replaced and having problems with, it seems ironic that someone would call it a coincidence. I would urge all of you that if you know the dates that you experienced problems, record them. Record the dates you replaces your well pumps. Record the dates you drilled. Anytime you have anything done to your well by anyone, record the dates and keep them. Dates could be very important as we proceed with this. Courts do not deal very well with approximates, they deal with exacts.

Bembenek: To those that have had their wells drilled. Do you receive any results from your driller as far as a GPM report (your recovery-gallons per minute)? The higher the number the better off you are.

Russ Prusak: When the well driller tests it that is what they are looking for.

Pederson: That is why they go to the depth they do because if they stop short.....

Citizen: Last year when we had our well put in, ours was at 50 feet. We had DJ's Water Service. He was able to tell when he dipped it out how many GPM's we were getting at that level. Mine happened to be only 5 GPM. He back flushed it with 250 gallons of water. Now I am at about 15 GPM. He also made the comment that if we went deeper ten years down the road, with the problems in the area and you need to go deeper you are getting into iron.

Bembenek: Going deeper may increase your GPM's but you may not have good water.

Holdridge: Those of you that have lived here for forty (40) years, have you ever experienced anything like this?

Audience: NO!

Citizen: Are you aware of any problems in the new (Plaski) subdivision? I heard someone had put a new well in.

Audience/Board: NO!

Holdridge: Has anyone who has put in a new well had their water tested for quality?

Audience: Well driller.

Citizen: Does anyone know if there is a limitation in terms of a time frame for submitting a claim? In some instances when making a claim against a municipality, you have a certain time frame in which to make this claim.

Holdridge: That is one of the things we need to check out. That is a good point.

Kathy Martinsen: I have an article from the Stevens Point City Times from this past weekend and it says and perhaps he is not being quoted accurately. But it says that Joel Lemke says he and his department are still investigating claims from Hull residents. If the city well is the cause he will pay to correct any problems. We are not only willing to fix the problem but obligated by law he said. I like what I am hearing tonight....gathering information from well drillers, etc. That, as well as a meeting in a couple of weeks to give us more information. Every day we are hearing another person is putting in a well. This is something that needs to be addressed.

Pederson: Once we have the data collected or as much as we can, then we need to talk to the Hydrologist and have him analyze the information.

Citizen: Are you planning to have the lawyer for the Town of Hull attend a meeting so we can ask questions?

Holdridge: He could be here. We have had lawyers here before. If we are contemplating legal action potentially in an area where there has not been much legal action, if you look up water law, there has not been much. I would like to keep that on the back burner and not get that out there right away.

If we do bring in a lawyer, we could invite all of you in and go into Executive Session. Then you can ask the lawyer questions.

Wilz: There are a lot of people in this room that have been affected. What I am hearing is there is a lot more out there we do not know about. You have to be our ears and our voices. If you bump into a neighbor, tell them to call into the Town of Hull with that information.

Holdridge: We would identify the areas, and then communicate with each household.

Kelly Jones: Another thing I would like to make the Board aware of is when Joel Lemke was at my house, he mentioned these are old wells and probably need to be replaced anyway. I was already starting to hear this excuse that this will be pushed under the rug because the wells are old and they will need to be replaced anyway.

Holdridge: What would you like us to do?

Citizen: I think the attorney can guide us.

Holdridge: We have suggested we get together again in about two weeks and have a number of things accomplished that we can report. We can get together on October 21st with information, figure out an approach to this, get the feedback from you the citizens and feedback the Town has received, and then we will go from there.

Citizen: We have talked about mediation with an attorney for compensation for those people affected and identifying people that will be affected in the future. The problem still is not going to go away. One of the things uncovered is we do not know what the problem is going to be five or ten years down the road. A study needs to be done that is going to identify this. Well #11 is not running at full capacity now. The problem is going to get worse.

Citizen: I have heard that the quality of the water from this well is the best quality they have. Guess where they are going to get most of the water from. Didn't they use a different technology on how they did this well?

Holdridge: It is eight (8) spokes. It is a collector. It is eight spokes that go out instead of down.

Citizen: I talked to Ray Schmidt tonight. The radials are 155 feet out so it is actually 310 feet total. The depth is 26 feet to water. So basically it has 80 feet of water in it.

Holdridge: Municipal wells are highly regulated. So all that data has to be provided. Your private wells are not regulated. So that information has to be provided to the DNR.

Pederson: I would move that we involve a Hydrologist when we have the information we need to interpret it so we know where to go from there. Pursue potential legal action if necessary. We need to have the facts in order to move ahead legally. **Bembenek**: Second.

Discussion: Wilz: I would like to add we need to contact the city, get together in two weeks and share what we have discovered. Citizens: We need to start somewhere.

MOTION CARRIED.

10. Update on Town Building project-new project approach, time line for construction/renovation – Bill Yudchitz, Architect.

> Met with Bob Konkol. Breaking bids down into separate packages, (Foundation, Shell, Interior, Mechanical, Remodel packages, etc.) will not help with the wage determination.

> Possibly rebid it differently.

- > If a job is under \$25,000, can take informal bids.
- > Separate the addition job from the remodeling job.
- > Perhaps have road crew assist with more of the remodeling portion of the job.
- > Not enough time for contractors to bid. Too many alternates.
- > At a minimum, this will be a four week bidding process.

Holdridge: You will need to get together with Melvin, Dave P., Janet W., Jim K. and Barb B. shortly if bids are to be received by December 12, 2012.

B. Yudchitz: We will bid a general package for the New Construction. We would like to do the remodeling as a construction management project involving the road crew. Totally separate-two projects with the option of bidding electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning as three additional contracts which will be discussed with the committee. Need to make it as simple and clean on this next go round.

Bembenek: Let's set a meeting time. Get together on the 11th at 9:00am with the committee.

Syens: Motion to set meeting for this Friday. **Bembenek**- Second. MOTION CARRIED.

08. Open "Wood for Sale" bids and award:

1. Casimir Yenter	\$606.00
2. Chris Peters	\$411.00
3. Jim White	\$355.00
4. Roger Worzalla	\$803.00
5. John Danczyk	\$652.00
6. Rick Hetzel	\$450.00

Bembenek: Motion to accept Roger Worzalla's bid. **Syens**: Second. MOTION CARRIED.

05. Citizens wishing to address the board non-agenda items. Agenda items are for discussion with possible action. NONE!

06. Reports:

- a. Clerk: None.
- b. Road Foreman: You have a copy of the road ratings for the Town of Hull which have been submitted to the state. Most of our roads are rated 5 – 6, which is fair. I have some trucks that are in pretty rough shape and need to be looked at. General discussion on the areas of concern.
- c. Fire Dept. – Mark Fritsche- On October 1st, we were notified by the DNR we received \$3,000 from the DNR grant which is a 50/50 grant. We are looking at purchasing the light weight "wild land jackets" for brush fires and get the pants to go with them. There were four (4) calls in September. Reviewed specific calls.
- d. EMS – There were eight (8) calls in September.

03. Minutes: **Syens**: Move to approve the minutes. **Wilz**: Second. Discussion: Pederson: Typo on page 6. ¾ of the way down-N. Proulx---correct "**put**" should be "**but**." Correction noted. MOTION CARRIED!

04. Vouchers:

Wilz: A-1 Services on page 1. Damage on Granite Ridge Rd.

Holdridge: This is being pursued.

Wilz: The EMS & Fire Dept. was not represented at the August meeting. I have one

question from the August vouchers. There was a thermal imaging camera - two charges, one for \$3500.00 and one for \$2500.00. Was this a replacement?

Fritsche: It was a replacement for one that had failed.

Wilz: We had joined Metro at that time. Are pieces of equipment like that shared?

Holdridge: Metro officially started on October 1, 2013.

Wilz: That answers my question.

Pederson: Was there a trade in at the time?

Fritsche: I don't know, I was not involved in this.

Pederson: Pg. 1-Rd. Dept.---roller refills? Is that for painting the roads?

Kaminski: Correct.

Pederson: FD – I was wondering what hydrant bags are under “Card Services.”

Fritsche: The tools that we use at a hydrant. The hydrant wrench, etc. We carry on the back of the truck. We were losing the tools so we purchased two new bags.

Pederson: Pg. 2 – Mailing of the raffle tickets. Was that issue resolved concerning the statement that had to be included on the ticket?

Holdridge: I don't believe it has and I am going to put that on the agenda for the Budget/Finance Committee to look at.

Pederson: Raffle prizes. Why is it guns/fire arms? We have too many fire arms in the hands of people now and we are considering bullet proof glass for this building! We are giving away guns.

Fritsche: We are giving away gift cards from Gander Mountain for the dollar amount of the gun. If you chose not to take the gun, you do not have to. You can purchase anything else at the store. We have held raffles with televisions, microwaves, etc. but do not take in the type of money we do with the guns.

Pederson: I understand that but do not think we should be promoting guns.

Pederson: On the Kenworth Chassis-changing oil, greasing, changing a radiator hose, etc. on page 5. Is there any way to do that service work in-house?

Fritsche: Ken S. does take care of a lot of that but this service was the one along with the hours put on the equipment, they only get one or two oil changes per year. This also incorporated the DOT inspection of the vehicle. We take it to Scaffidi.

Bembenek: Motion to approve the vouchers. **Syens**: Second. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Metro Fire District contract with Hull-review and update:

Holdridge: I am increasing wondering about when we go to Rosholt, Stockton, Dewey, etc. do we have any contractual arrangement? When the Village of Plover goes to Plover they have some kind of contact and get reimbursed for that. Do we have any way of getting reimbursed when we send out a truck with fifteen people?

Fritsche: We don't send fifteen (15) people out. Even though the number on the report says fifteen (15), if two tenders went out, Chief probably went in his vehicle and each of the two tenders. The remainder is on standby at the Fire Station.

Holdridge: My concern is the Town of Hull. We have the Mabis agreement and the Metro agreement. With the Metro agreement, we probably would not be going to Dewey, Stockton, etc. With the Mabis, we go to other places and service outlying communities. I am wondering if they want our service why can't there be some contractual arrangement to have them incur some of the cost?

Fritsche: Right now the Mabis agreement is a reciprocating service agreement signed by all of the departments in the county.

Holdridge: You could go out of state under this agreement?

Fritsche: Unlikely but theoretically, yes.

Holdridge: Do you see my point? I see us going out but no one comes into Hull. We have a great fire department and are well staffed but we are going out and paying those expenses but we receive nothing back.

Fritsche: The Mabis is incorporated into the Metro. The Metro is the first alarm response. If it is a large working structure fire and we pull a box alarm, we are bringing other municipalities in under the Mabis. Each Fire Department has its own set of cards even though we are in Metro.

The Country Club fire was the first Metro fire since we have been a member.

Chief Kluck was on scene first. Next was the Stevens Point ladder truck from station 2. Second one in was our Engine 44, then our Engine 42, one of our Tenders, then Plover's Engines, then the rest of our equipment.

Bembenek: Motion to approve report. **Pederson**: Second. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Items Hull Fire Department has that could be donated or loaned to the Town of Gordon Fire Department that was destroyed by fire: TABLED.

13. Charter Cable for office internet and possible phone:

Kruziki: We have a cost estimate of \$65.00/month for the internet. With the building addition, plans are to have the Fibernet tower removed. Our recommendation is to just go with the internet at this time.

Wilz: Motion to move forward on securing internet service from Charter as soon as possible. **Syens**: Second. MOTION CARRIED.

14. Amendment to Employee Handbook – Vacations during Snow Season

Holdridge: What I added to bullet point #3 - Whatever the cost to the Town of Hull for a replacement driver using actual hours. One-half of that cost not to exceed \$300.00 would be paid by the Town. The remaining cost for the replacement driver would be the responsibility of the Road Crew Member taking vacation and unavailable for plowing. This is for a maximum of forty (40) hours.

Holdridge: I move to approve this. **Wilz**: I will second it for discussion purposes.

Holdridge: My thoughts are if we have to employ a replacement driver, potentially \$600/week. I feel, we as Hull should not have to pay that cost but we should match it up to \$300.

Wilz: The suggested language here is we will allow one week of vacation to one person, once per year during the snow plow season, first come first serve---we look at previous requests. If you do take vacation and we have to pull someone in, you will share in the cost.

Pederson: My concern is having someone in a truck that is not familiar with the equipment.

Kruziki: I think we need to look beyond vacations. If something would happen to one of the road members (i.e. ill, emergency).

Wilz: We did agree that we do need substitute help if others issues came up.

Bembenek: I am in favor of hiring for "other issues" but not for going on vacation out of state. Regardless if it is \$600 or \$300, it is still the taxpayer's money.

Holdridge: Motion on the floor to accept his revised language to the policy. How many in favor of the motion? Aye – 1, Opposed – 4 MOTION DENIED!

Bembenek: Motion to not allow vacation from November 15th to April 15th (road crew members) unless they are available to be called in to work. **Wilz:** Second. MOTION CARRIED.

15. TRIP for 2014-2015 meeting on October 17, 2013:

Holdridge: I can attend this meeting.

Bembenek: I can also attend.

Wilz: Motion to approve Holdridge & Bembenek attends. **Syens:** Second. MOTION CARRIED!

16. Halloween date/time – Sunday October 27th from 4 to 7pm.

Syens: Motion to approve time/date. **Pederson:** Second MOTION CARRIED!

17. Adjournment: **Wilz:** Motion to adjourn. **Pederson:** Second. MOTION CARRIED!
Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Barbara Brilowski
Deputy Clerk