

**Deer Management Committee Meeting**  
**January 11, 2017**  
**3:00 pm City**  
**Conference Room**

**Voting Members**

Chair: John Okonek, 2916 Dixon St., Stevens Point, WI 54481 715-630-0230, Email: j ohno64@att.net.  
Member Elbert J. Rackow, 1824 Gilkay St., Stevens Point, WI 54481, 715-341-1393.  
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Member Dr. Scott Hygnstrom, Email: [shygnstrom@uwsp.edu](mailto:shygnstrom@uwsp.edu).  
Member Kevin Leahy, Email: [kevinleahy@att.net](mailto:kevinleahy@att.net).  
Member Mike Bialas, 1825 Gilkay St., Stevens Point, WI 54481, 715-340-8054, [mwbialas@hotmail.com](mailto:mwbialas@hotmail.com).  
Member Barb Jacob, 1616 Depot St., Apt. A, Stevens Point, WI 54481, H: 715-342-1390, B: 715-343-1730, Email: barbjacob22@gmail.com, extended leave of absence.

**Advisory Members**

Operations Chief Tom Zenner, 1515 Strongs Ave., Stevens Point, WI 54481, 715-346-1500, [tzenner@sevenspoint.com](mailto:tzenner@sevenspoint.com).  
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Present: Chairperson John Okonek, Members Elbert Rackow, Dr. Scott Hygnstrom, Kevin Leahy, Alder Mary Kneebone. Excused: Barb Jacobs, Roger Trzebiatowski.

Also present: Comptroller/Treasurer Corey Ladick, Operations Chief Tom Zenner SPPD, culler Greg Klug, Dr. Robert Brush, Mara Braun, Mekayla Gronholm, Amber Zorn, Dmitri Cagman, and Colin Ferris.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Chairperson Okonek. The Chair indicted a quorum was present.

Member Rackow **moved** to approve the November minutes, second by Member Leahy.

Ayes all, nays none, motion carries.

Greg Klug, the culler for this season, asked if the culling contract could be for two years. The committee would need an escape clause for the second year if funding was not approved by the City Council. He also asked if the bid process could begin in May and be awarded in June. Both of these options will make it easier for the culler to obtain the insurance required by the City. He also stated there were no issues with any residents and in fact, the cullers made some new friends removing nuisance deer from their yards. Greg also asked about obtaining keys to gates on public or Boy Scout land in order to facilitate access. Chief Zenner indicated even the Police Department doesn't have keys. Probably needs to be researched a little more.

Chair Okonek gave a brief explanation about the role of the Committee and what Nuisance Animal Removal really means to the UWSP students who attended the meeting today. He also reported a total of 35 deer culled, processed and donated to the Interfaith Food Pantry of Portage County. The Chair stated that Lesa Kardash from the DNR indicated grants for processing might become available.

In order to leverage grant funding from the DNR, Plover, Whiting and Point should apply as a unit. Plover will draft an ordinance all 3 entities will need to approve any plan that comes out of this collaboration. It would involve changing some language to a Deer Management Joint Plan. Kyle Kearns from Community Development will create the culling location maps required for the grant. The City Attorney will also have to sign off on the language of the ordinance.

Chief Zenner stated the Police Department had not received any complaints from citizens regarding culling activities.

The next meeting will be May 10th at 3 pm. The location will be determined later.

Kneebone **moved** to adjourn, second by Hygnstrom.

Ayes all, nays none, adjourned at 3:28 pm.