

February 17, 2012

Regular board meeting was held on February 8, 2012, at 4:30 p.m. All board members were present. There were 5 public attendees present at the meeting.

Motion by Aho, supported by Kut to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 18, 2012. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Seppala, supported by Dalpra, to approve the agenda as submitted. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN'S REPORT:

Monthly bacterial water samples were collected from the Lind and Townline systems and delivered to the White Water Lab in Amasa for testing. All samples met the DEQ's standard requirements.

Hematite Township received bad samples again forcing us to chlorinate at the Townline well by order of the DEQ.

Repaired a water main break on Hope Mine Road.

Sanitation truck was greased and fluids checked.

Repaired a water main break on the eastern Lind Road.

Public works Emergency Response Plan was reviewed.

Fire hydrants were cleared of snow for access.

Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the Public Works Foreman's report. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ISSUES AND FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Fire Chief Ray Niemi reported to the board that there was no man hours spent on fighting fires this past month. Niemi stated that there were 2 practice and or training sessions during the month, which included a practice of a small gas powered equipment and Upset held a Meth (drug) training. Motion by Seppala supported by Kut to approve the Fire Chief's report as submitted. All ayes. Motion carried.

SUMMER TAX COLLECTIONS (Mary)

Dalpra reported to the board that the Township approved last month the collection of the summer school taxes.

GARBAGE PICKUP:

Curt Stebic, (Chairperson of the Planning & Zoning Commission Board) reported to the township board that the Planning & Zoning Commission Board would be doing some research on this issue and reporting back at their February 29th meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT:

Rob Anderson (GEI) said " that one of the major items of the meeting was the Tobin location sewer study. The preliminary engineering and environmental report was submitted and a copy was given to the board. At the time these were submitted, we put a hold on things to see if the township wanted to pursue a full application for this project. It would be a \$2.3 million dollar project, complete with all sewer in the Tobin location along with some replacements of the water mains in the same area." After further discussion, a motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to have the Planning & Zoning Commission review the study and report back to the township board. All ayes. Motion carried.

PROPOSED INVASIVE SPECIES ORDINANCE (STEBIC)

Stebic reported to the board that on January 24th the Planning & Zoning Commission board had their meeting and at that time they were looking into the Crystal Falls Township board's request to review an invasive species ordinance at Chicaugon Lake. At the meeting a presentation was given by Joe Shubat, VP of the Chicaugon Lake Association. Stebic said, " Chicaugon Lake presently has the beginning stages of milfoil. They proposed an ordinance that the required users of all water craft, whether motorized or not, purchase a lake permit in order to operate a water craft on the waters of Chicaugon Lake. The proceeds from this permit will be used exclusively to control the species on Chicaugon Lake. After further discussion, Stebic stated that

more information was needed before the Planning & Zoning Commission could make a well informed recommendation to the township board. This issue was tabled until the meeting in February, giving the Planning & Zoning Commission more time to conduct more research.” Stebic also stated that the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended to the Crystal Falls Township board to correct the zoning district designation of the parcel of land described as the E1/4 of SE ¼ of the SE1/4 (AKA Easterly 330 feet of the SW1/4 of the SE1/4), SEC 5 T45N R32W to Waterfront Residential (WR) subject to the provision that the parcel be allowed only one (1) split. Motion by Kut, supported by Dalpra to approved the recommendation to rezone the Stygles property as stated. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

GIS RECOMMENDATION:

Stebic said “at this time, it is the recommendation of the Crystal Falls Township Planning & Zoning Commission Board that the Crystal Falls Township Board only place the free GIS link on the Crystal Falls Township website. Currently, there is a free map link available allowing viewing of GIS mapping and partial searching of all township properties. A second version is available for a fee, which would provide more search capabilities than the free version supports. Board agreed. Lesandrini stated that website address could be put on the tax bills.

ISSUE REGARDING FORTUNE CHAIN OF LAKES:

Lesandrini stated that he had received a call from Senator Casperson’s office regarding the Chain of Lakes issue. Lesandrini stated that he will be working with the Senator’s office as well as the Iron County Road Commission and will update this board when he receives more information.

Motion by Dalpra supported by Kut to approve the EFT’s in the amount of \$686.00, the Monthly’s in the amount of \$6,234.87, the Prepaid’s in the amount of \$8,298,34, with a total of \$15, 219.21. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dalpra, supported by Seppala to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Joanne Seppala/Clerk