

February 17, 2011

A regular board meeting was held on Tuesday, February 8, 2011. There were 12 public attendance. All board members were present.

Motion by Dalpra, supported by Aho to approve the minutes from the meeting on January 11, 2011. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the agenda with additions. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 2011:

Monthly water samples were collected from the Lind and Townline systems and brought to the Whitewater Lab in Amasa for bacterial testing. All samples met the MDNRE standard requirements.

Monthly water usage reports were tabulated and sent to the MDNRE in Gwinn.

Snow was cleared around Fire Hydrants making them accessible to the Fire Department.

New rear brake shoes and wheel cylinders were installed on the 1999 Ford Ranger at 121,870 miles. This is the first repairs since purchasing the truck last year.

The Boss plow on the 2004 Chevrolet utility truck was repaired at Lindwall's Chevrolet in Iron River. The air bag system needed to be disarmed for removal and installation of the plow framework attached to the vehicle. New cutting edges and shoes and a pivot pin were also installed. This work was performed at 72,000 miles.

Jim Rice from the MDNRE performed a thorough annual inspection of the water system's facilities and a report will be sent to the Supervisor.

The sanitation truck received a grease job and an all points check over at 75,000 miles.

There were no water or sewer related incidents for the month of January.

Motion by Dalpra, supported by Seppala to approve the Public Works Foreman's report. All ayes. Motion carried. Lesandrini commented that he had heard from some residents commending the township on keeping the walking path plowed.

TOWNSHIP TRUCK BIDS:

Lesandrini stated that at the last months meeting he had stated that both he and Terry would look into used trucks. Unfortunately, stated Lesandrini the prices coming back for a used truck, from what this brand new one is, it doesn't pay to buy a used truck when you are looking at a truck with that magnitude for those costs. After further discussion, Lesandrini recommended that the finance committee consisting of Kut and Dalpra review the bids and report back to the board next month. A motion by Dalpra, supported by Kut to review the bids for the Chevrolet in the amount of \$34,380.00 and the Ford in the amount of \$35,216.00 with a plow and utility box. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

SET MEETING DATES FOR BUDGET WORKSHOP 2011-2012:

Lesandrini stated that the Budget Workshop meeting will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting on March 8, 2011. At that time, stated Lesandrini the board can make any recommendations or changes during the meeting.

ACCEPT BEV CAMP RESIGNATION FROM THE PLANNING AND ZONING

BOARD:

A motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to accept Bev Camp's resignation from the Planning and Zoning Board with regret and wish her well in her new position. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD:

Lesandrini stated that there were 3 openings on that board. We have one letter, stated Lesandrini, from Dan Lato. It is my recommendation that we appoint Dan to the Planning and Zoning Commission position. Motion by Seppala, supported by Aho to appoint Dan Lato to the Planning and Zoning Commission board to fill the remaining term of Bev Camp, which will end March of 2011. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT BOARD OF REVIEW:

Lesandrini stated that there were 2 applicants applying. Fletch Monningh and Dennis Divoky. Dennis Divoky is presently on the Compensation committee, therefore cannot serve on another committee stated Lesandrini. Bernie Kut, stated Lesandrini who is being replaced, was a great asset to this board and would like to take this opportunity to thank Diane and her family in his memory for all the work he did for the Township. A motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to appoint Fletch Monningh to the Board of Review. All ayes. Motion carried. This will be a two year appointment stated Lesandrini.

MILLAGE ELECTION SET DATE:

Lesandrini stated that there are elections in May, August and November. May would be too soon, stated Lesandrini because we are not through the budget yet. After further discussion by the board it was decided to wait until August or November to run the millage election. It is ultimately this board's decision to make, stated Kut, adding looking at Fire Chief John Ahola's report gives us a good feeling for which way to go. Lesandrini stated the board has done a lot of work and savings in the fire department. Mansfield and Mastodon Township's participation, stated Lesandrini will also dictate a part of that also.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING IRON COUNTY HERITAGE TRAIL MANAGEMENT PLAN:

Motion by Dalpra, supported by Aho to adopt a resolution supporting the Friends of the Heritage Trail approving the updated plan. All ayes. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE:

Attorney Tinti explained many townships have an advisory compensation committee to give feedback to the township board. Tinti stated if you form a commission and ordinance you will displace the township board from any decision making and the voters will have no right to a referendum. But, stated Tinti, if you bring them in as informal advisors they would make recommendations and the Board will have the final decision. A motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to appoint Al Trewnick, Scott Kenney, Dennis Divoky, Deb Weiss and Patrick Olson to the Advisory Compensation Committee. Seppala withdrew her motion and Kut withdrew her support because of language issues. Another motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to appoint the following 5 individuals: Dennis Divoky, Scott Kenney, Al Trewnick, Deb Weiss and Pat Olson as an informal compensation committee

to report to the township board recommendations for elected township official, township employees and appointed officials. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

CRYSTAL FALLS TOWNSHIP WELLHEAD ORDINANCE AND FEE SCHEDULE:

Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to adopt the Wellhead Ordinance effective April 1, 2011. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kut supported by Dalpra to adopt the resolution to set the fee schedule effective April 1, 2011. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

CRYSTAL FALLS TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN:

Motion by Kut, supported by Dalpra to adopt the updated Master Plan. Roll call was taken. Motion carried. All ayes.

CRYSTAL FALLS TOWNSHIP DEPUTY SUPERVISOR:

Lesandrini recommended hiring Cary Gustafson as his deputy supervisor, noting that Gustafson, the new zoning administrator, is already working in the office so he could help out in his absence. Lesandrini noted that his budget was \$500.00 for the year. The rate of pay would be the same as the deputy treasurer and deputy clerk. Kut asked about the job description. Lesandrini stated that the job duties would be identified with the MTA. I am not looking at having him 20 hours a week, stated Lesandrini. Although, stated Lesandrini we could use him at meetings that I am not available to attend, hopping on the chloride truck, recreation property on the river that I would like to have him look at, and possibly the ski hill. Lesandrini stated that in his absence it would be in the best interest of the township and the board to appoint a deputy supervisor. Tinti stated that the law does provide the township to have a deputy supervisor appointed. The Board budgeted a small amount for this position and in the past the township did have a deputy supervisor appointed, stated Tinti. We all need to plan on the possibility of things being done without the person being present. And that is why, stated Tinti the legislator specifically allowed a supervisor, clerk and treasurer to have a deputy because they have duties that have to be done. After further discussion, Kut stated that she would like to turn it over to the advisory compensation committee for review. I don't think that we should close the books on it, stated Kut, but we are all very nervous because we are trying to cut down on the budget.

STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP/BUDGET HEARING SET DATE:

Motion by Seppala, supported by Aho to have the Budget Hearing at 4:30 on Thursday, March 24th with the State of the Township to follow. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Kut

We are still waiting on the updated status of agreements with Mastodon, Mansfield and Hematite Township.

Personnel Issues: Steve Tinti will begin to assist the volunteer firemen with their accounts.

Job Responsibilities: A copy of the rules and regulation handbook for the Crystal Falls Volunteer Fire Department was provided by Ahola. Kut stated that she provided several

comment/suggestions that will need to be revised; therefore the booklet will need revisions and printing as we move forward to complete the project.

Staffing: 2 full-time employees.

Liability of funds: No update on this amount since we have not finalized staffing and unemployment

Township attorney still need to complete the form letter to be sent with the 3rd billing invoice statement.

The siren alarm centralized at central dispatch is still not working. Alcom has been out twice to review the situation.

Ahola is working with the FCC licensing bureau to correct the application name from City of Crystal Falls to Crystal Falls Fire Department

The City of Crystal Falls is in the process of completing a new water tower. The old tower housed the Verizon equipment for the fire department. Dan Graff is monitoring the completion and will arrange to have the equipment transferred to the new tower.

As to establishing an additional contract with Alpha for services other than mutual aid, Ahola has indicated that they had a problem with their pumper and it now has been repaired and he will track whether we are being called unnecessarily. So for now this issue has been put on hold.

John has received 12 new pagers, but the frequency needs to be adjusted. He will disperse to volunteers as their old ones are no longer serviceable. He's hoping to obtain 5 more through a grant program.

Our township attorney suggested that we review and update our fire ordinance 102 to incorporate the volunteer firemen funds.

CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP:

After further discussion by the board and comments from the residents a motion by Kut, supported by Dalpra to approve the payment of \$539.00 for the membership in the Chamber of Commerce. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kut, supported by Dalpra to approve the Monthly invoices in the amount of \$5,731.47, the EFT's in the amount of \$1249.08 and the Prepaid's in the amount of \$20,543.80 with a total of \$27,524.35. 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 6:25 p.m.

Joanne Seppala/Clerk