

April 4, 2012

A regular board meeting was held on Wednesday, March 21, at 4:30 p.m. All board members were present. There were 6 public attendees present at the meeting.

Motion by Kut, supported by Dalpra to approve the minutes from the February 8th meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dalpra, supported by Seppala to approve the agenda with additions. 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.

Repaired another water break on Hope Mine road 10 feet away from prior break the month before. Frost along the roadside close to the pipe is thought to be the culprit.

Jerry and Randy made 2 decorative trash receptacles for Gibson Lake Park. They are made of pressure treated wood and stained to match the picnic tables. Plans are to make more for each of the 4 campsites. A plastic trash container sets inside and is easily removed to be emptied.

Fire hydrants were cleared of snow for access.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT ISSUES AND FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Niemi reported to the board that there were three fire calls for the month of February. There were approximately forty man hours spent in fighting fires, stated Niemi. The department held one practice and or training session during the month. Lesandrini noted that the Mastodon contract will expire on March 31, 2012. Lesandrini stated the fire department needs to coordinate with 911 dispatch and the Alpha-Mastodon Township Fire Department for arrangements. "At no time, said Lesandrini, "would Crystal Falls ever not respond if needed; but agreements for reimbursement needed to be drawn up. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the Fire Chief's report. All ayes. Motion carried.

Curt Stebic, Chairperson from the Planning/Zoning Commission, stated that of the issues the Commission was directed to consider from the Township Board:

GARBAGE PICKUP:

The township could save money by scheduling pickup every other week during the winter months. "Money could also be saved", said Stebic, "by scheduling only one Spring clean-up date, and possibly combining recycling with the city of Crystal Falls. Lesandrini stated that he had also been in contact with Great American Disposal about picking up in some areas of the township that are close to the city, and thought the city would work with them on that proposal.

A Spring clean-up date was scheduled for Saturday May, 19th from 8:00 to noon. Seppala stated that a list of acceptable items would be posted on the website and in the newspaper.

TOBIN LOCATION SEWER:

Stebic said "the Planning/Zoning Commission recommended to the Crystal Falls Township board to not pursue a Rural Development grant opportunity for sewer improvements in the Tobin Location. The monthly rate increase for the residents would be excessive, in comparison to the scope of the project." Lesandrini stated that the problems aren't big enough to warrant the increase. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to dissolve continuing on with the process of submitting a complete application with Rural Development. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PROPOSED INVASIVE SPECIES ORDINANCE:

A recommendation by the Planning/Zoning Commission, stated Stebic to not participate in an invasive species ordinance for Chicaugon Lake. Lesandrini stated that the ordinance requires a sticker for anything that floats and he did not feel the Township should get involved with enforcing ordinances on the lake.

ELECTION:

Joanne Seppala, Clerk, stated that elections petitions, which are available in the office, needed to be filed with the County by May 15th for the August primary elections. She informed the board that she would not be running for another term.

DEPOSITORY RESOLUTION AND INVESTMENT POLICY:

Motion by Dalpra, supported by Aho to approve the Investment and Depository resolution for 2012 – 2013. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

ELECTED TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL COMPENSATION RESOLUTION:

Lesandrini stated that these will not take effect for 30 days subject to appeal by the public. Supervisor, Treasurer and Trustees will remain at the current salary; the clerk Joanne Seppala will receive a 2.7 percent increase. Motion by Dalpra, supported by Kut to approve the clerk's increase. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

SUMMER TAX COLLECTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

Tinti stated that we as a Township have a contractual arrangement where we participate and provide services for 2 other governmental entities. As a result of that, there are additional duties that are performed for 3 of our employees. That contractual agreement could stop at some point. Tinti recommended to the board to consider such a thing that we make very specific that any contractual adjustments for those positions will only last as long as the contract remains in effect. So in affect the contract ceases, the compensations for doing those duties will also cease. Tinti stated that he had drafted a resolution for the clerk, treasurer and deputy treasurer in format. After further discussion, the board decided not to draft a resolution for the deputy treasurer, but to increase the budget an additional \$500.00 to assist with the summer tax collection. Motion by Kut, supported by Aho to approve the clerks position of \$500.00 during any year. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Aho to approve the treasurer's position of \$3,000.00 during any year. Roll was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

MEETING RESOLUTION:

Motion by Aho, supported by Dalpra to approve the board meeting to be held on the second Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. Roll call was taken. All ayes.

CITY RESOLUTION FOR SUPPORT OF THE SKI HILL GRANT AND RUNKLE LAKE:

Motion by Seppala, supported by Dalpra to support the improvements being made to Runkle Lake Park. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kut, supported by Dalpra to support the improvements being made to the Crystella Ski Hill Complex. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kenney reviewed the tentative budget with the board. The township will receive 3 .5 mills from the residents and 1.2 mills from the county. Total general fund revenue was calculated at \$637,850.00. Kenney stated that the expenses were \$543,060.00 for the year. Changes and revisions were made. Kenney stated that he would send a revised copy to the board for approval. Motion by Dalpra, supported by Seppala to recess the budget workshop and regular meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Budget workshop and regular board meeting was recessed at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Dalpra, supported by Kut to approve the agenda for the Budget Hearing. All ayes. Motion carried. After further discussion, a motion by Dalpra, supported by Kut to approve the 2012-2013 budget for Crystal Falls Township. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the budget hearing was made by Kut, supported by Seppala. Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Motion by Seppala, supported by Dalpra to reconvene into the regular board meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kut, supported by Dalpra to approve the EFT's in the amount of \$1,029.00, the Prepaid's in the amount of \$29,493.89, and the Monthly's in the amount of \$5,983.15 with a total of \$ 36,508.04. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dalpra, supported by Seppala to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Joanne Seppala/Clerk