

April 20, 2010

A regular board meeting was held on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. All board members were present. There were 14 public residents attending.

Motion by Takala, supported by Dalpra to approve the minutes from meetings held on March 9th, Budget workshop meeting held on March 10th, and a Budget hearing and State of the Township meeting held on March 30th. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN'S REPORT:

Monthly bacti water sample were collected from the Lind and Townline systems and sent to the State Lab in Houghton for testing. All samples met the MDNRE standard requirements.

Monthly water usage reports were sent to the MDNRE in Gwinn and Crystal Falls City Foreman.

Repaired a leaking 2" water main by the intersection of US-2 and Idlewild road.

Randy Bucek performed the annual cross connection program and checked nine accounts. The completed report was sent to MDNRE.

Dept. of Public works purchased a 1999 Ford Ranger to replace the 1996 Ford F-350.

Repaired a leak on a 4" water main break near the end of Lind Road.

Logged 56 hours at the Gibson Lake Park removing tree stumps and landscaping.

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

GIBSON LAKE PARK UPDATES:

Bal of AECOM reported to the board that the plans for Gibson Lake Park improvement are virtually 99% completed. The Township can start their in-kind work, Bal stated. Bal noted that the bids for the new changing house, pavilion, boat ramp renovations, basketball area and camping sites will be advertised now and he anticipates opening the bids on Friday, May 7th to be awarded at the regular board meeting held on May 11th.

CROSS CUT SPUR UPDATE:

Lesandrini stated that at our last board meeting it was approved to go ahead with the \$10,000.00 that we allotted in our budget to do the planning grant for the water and sewer for the industrial site. At one point, Lesandrini stated, he requested through the EDC and local RLF (Revolving Loan Fund) fund for monies that are available to them for grants, not a pay back, but to help out with planning industrial or buildings.

Lesandrini stated that he had written a letter to the EDC, which they did approve at their last public hearing, and then it was moved to the County board today, which they approved. The application now goes to the state, which they control the revolving loan funds, for final approval. Once the state approves this, stated Lesandrini, it will come back for an additional \$10,000.00 to go with our matching \$10,000.00, which we do not have to pay back. Once it does come back, noted Lesandrini, he would bring it to the board and we can accept it or deny it. Lesandrini noted EDC director, Julie Melchiori has been in contact with a Wisconsin based company looking at expanding here, plus some off-shoot industries.

PLANNING GRANT CONTRACT – TOBIN LOCATION:

Bal stated that last summer AECOM submitted a study grant application to cover 75% of the cost of the engineering. Bal stated that the Township received the grant for \$15,000.00 and \$5,000.00 is out of the Township's pocket. Bal stated that his proposal for the \$20,000.00 would begin the preliminary engineering and get cost and alternatives of the sewer and replacing some of the old water lines as well. Bal noted that the Township is not obligated to accept the grant or follow through with the sewer project in the Tobin. Bal stated that this signed document will get the numbers and the application into Gladstone. Bal noted that if the offer is not to the Township's liking they do not have to accept it. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the study preparation and submit the document on behalf of the Township. Roll call was taken. Dalpra yes, Takala no, Kut yes, Seppala yes and Lesandrini yes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve Lesandrini signing documents as presented by AECOM. All ayes. Motion carried.

USED TRUCK BIDS 1996:

Lesandrini stated that the Township received one bid on the 1999 Ford 350 truck from Jim Reinke for \$1,050.00. Motion by Seppala, supported by Dalpra to accept the bid for \$1050.00 for the 1996 Ford 350 truck. All ayes. Motion carried. Lesandrini stated that he has applications in his office to apply for some grant monies towards a new utility truck. Lesandrini stated that along with a picture of the old truck the grant monies are available up to 35% of the full bid.

ALERT ELECTRONICS INC. FIRE PROTECTION BUILDING INDUSTRIAL PARK:

Lesandrini stated that the fire protection alarm system that rang into the fire department has been switched over and is now ringing at 911. Lesandrini stated that it is an actual person that calls. Someone dials when the sensors go off at the fire protection building and automatically rings in to the call center. The call center picks up the phone and dials 6669 into the 911 dispatch. Lesandrini stated that so far it has been up and running into Connors. Lesandrini stated that he has a maintenance contract, which he will present to the Board at the May meeting. Kut questioned whether we could incorporate this system into our water and sewer system? Lesandrini stated that we do have a system set up with an alarm that rings into Terry's office first, than it will ring into the main office. Bal stated that he would get an estimate for the hatch on the tank on Fire Tower Road for additional security and report back to the Board.

FIRE AUTHORITY UPDATE:

Lesandrini stated that he presented the City Council the Township's proposal to fund the Fire Authority on a 2/3 Township – 1/3 City basis on April 12th. The City Council is holding a budget meeting on April 19th, stated Lesandrini, and the Council will then know how much money they have to operate the Fire Authority through November. The millage in August will be the real issue, stated Lesandrini. Lesandrini stated that we will leave the decision up to the public. Both Lesandrini and Takala stated the training and shift change has been going well. It's only been a week into it, Takala stated, but so far it is going well.

CRACK SEAL FOR TOWNSHIP HALL PARKING LOT:

Lesandrini stated that Alexa had brought it to his attention regarding the cracks in the parking lot. Lesandrini noted that he was going to get with Doug Tomasko and see if we could use their crack sealing machine or have one of our guys ride with them and the Township would pay for the materials.

FOREST PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM:

Motion by Dalpra, supported by Takala to approve the donation of \$2,237.00 towards the summer recreation program at the Forest Park Community School. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

IRON COUNTY HERITAGE TRAIL NON-MOTORIZED PATHWAY:

Lesandrini stated that each Board member received a copy of a Notice of Intent from Kim Stoker regarding the grant application for the next phase of the heritage trail non-motorized pathway. Lesandrini stated that the trail will extend the Iron River Apple Blossom Trail to Pentoga Park, and eventually from Pentoga Park to the Iron County Medical Care Facility.

MILLAGE PROPOSAL 2 MILLS FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND 4 MILLS FOR THE TOWNSHIP GENERAL OPERATING PURPOSES:

Lesandrini stated that in the past few years the Township had approved two mills for fire protection, but the Township had only levied 1.5 or 1.7 mills and historically 3 mills was levied for the last 4 years for the general operating. In August, the Township will be running 2 mills for the fire protection and 4 mills for the general operating. Kut asked the question, "Why do we need 2 mills for the fire protection when we only budgeted 1 mill? Lesandrini stated that "we do not know what the future of the City's finances are, therefore going with the 2 mills we have the availability to go down to 1 mill.". Motion by Takala, supported by Seppala to approve the 2 mills for the fire protection to be put on the August ballot, with the stipulation that the Township use only what is necessary. Roll call was taken. Dalpra, Yes, Takala, Yes, Kut, No, Seppala Yes, and Lesandrini, Yes. Motion carried. Motion by Dalpra, supported by Seppala to approve the 4 mills for four years for the general operating purposes to be put on the August ballot. Roll call was taken. Dalpra, Yes- Takala, Yes- Kut, Yes, Seppala- Yes, and Lesandrini, Yes. Lesandrini stated that he believes that Township residents will support both mills, because we've been responsible with our monies. Tinti suggested to add the statement that "this is a renewal of the mileage expiring".

PROPOSED RATE RESOLUTION AMENDMENTS FOR WATER AND SEWER(STEVE TINTI):

Steve Tinti Township attorney presented the board with a proposed rate resolution for the water and sewer ordinance. Tinti stated that preceding the preparation of this letter, there was a Township board discussion about a need for a slight adjustment in the security deposit aspect, along with adjuster clause for the water ordinance. Tinti stated that the connection/reconnection charges have been adjusted upward. A definition of when a utility statement is due and timely paid is also provided, stated Tinti. Tinti stated that the effective date of the inflation multiplier is May 31, 2010. After further discussion, the board decided to review the changes and put this on the agenda for the May meeting.

CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS CEMETERY CHARGES:

Lesandrini stated that we have not heard from Mansfield or Mastodon Township regarding their feelings on the cemetery. Lesandrini noted that the City had accepted the \$30,000.00 and will reimburse all Township burials that took place during that period at the rate of 85% of the difference between the Non- local rate that they were charged.

SATURDAY MAY 22ND TOWNSHIP CLEANUP HOUSEHOLD ITEMS 8-NOON:

Lesandrini stated that the Township will again have the May Spring Clean-up on Saturday, May 22nd, 8:00-Noon. After further discussion, it was noted that another weekend be added, because the residents have been verbally informed that there will be two weekends in May. The dates will be posted on the website and in the paper. A list of accepted items can be found on the township's website. Not included are household garbage and hazardous materials. Motion by Kut, supported by Dalpra to have the weekends of May 15th and May 22nd as the Spring Clean-up dates for the Township. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

MEETING DATE CHANGE JUNE 1, 2010:

Motion by Seppala, supported by Dalpra to approve the change of the board meeting date from June 8th to June 1st at 4:30.

PLANNING AND ZONING MEMBERS TERMS EXPIRING:

Motion by Kut, supported by Dalpra to approve reappointing Curt Stebic to a three year term on the Planning and Zoning Commission. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dalpra, supported by Kut to pay the Eft's in the amount of \$738.00, Prepaid in the amount of \$157,865.66 and the Monthly in the amount of \$18,628.56 for a total of \$177,232.22. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dalpra, supported by Seppala to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Joanne Seppala/Clerk