

April 19, 2009

A regular board meeting was held on April 14th at 5:00 p.m. There were 4 public attendees. Roll call was taken. All board members were present.

Kut made a motion, supported by Takala to approve the minutes with correction to the date on the March 2nd Special meeting and for the minutes for the meetings on March 17th and 25th. Motion carried.

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

MDOT 2010 HWY US 2 PROJECT AND WALKING PATH UPDATES:

Lesandrini stated that there was a public hearing held at the Township, and was well attended by most of the business people. Lesandrini noted that some changes have been made to the first couple drafts. There may be some additions that they may be looking at. For example, some sidewalks on the north side of the highway, but that will come with our final draft to the state for approval by the end of April. Lesandrini stated that he should be receiving a copy from Mike Premo from MDOT that he would share at our next meeting. Also, Lesandrini stated that he is interested in having Mike attend one of the Township's meetings and give the presentation to the board and public.

IRON COUNTY GIS PARCEL MAPPING PROPOSAL:

Lesandrini stated that he and Kut had attended the GIS Mapping Seminar put on by WUPPDR concerning a county-wide geographic information system program. The county is contracting with the Western U.P. Planning and Development Region for GIS services, which can digitally capture, store, analyze and manage data about Iron County properties. The information can be used by assessors, utilities, real estate offices and municipalities. Lesandrini stated that the Township did their own mapping in 2006, so the initial work has already been completed, which cost \$6,000.00. Lesandrini noted that WUPPDR would charge the Township for any initial work, plus \$50.00 an hour for any work beyond that, along with \$50.00 each hour for training. Kut stated that WUPPDR would only be providing the basic program. Kut stated that if the Township wanted to take our color coded maps from the zoning portion and put it on our software, that would be considered a separate contract. If the Township wanted to take Waisanen's files with permits and variances on them and put them on our software, that would be considered a separate contract. Kut noted that Waisanen is already trained and can do the GIS maintenance for the Township. Kut stated that the Township was originally thinking of doing this on their own for \$500.00 training and \$1,200 for the software. Kut stated that the Township does not want to sign on for the contract and maintenance with WUPPDR when we don't know their costs. Lesandrini stated that the county controls the information. Lesandrini stated that there were about 5 municipalities on board with the GIS program. Lesandrini stated that after speaking with Waisanen and WUPPDR, WUPPDR is willing to credit the Township with that portion which was done and take the monies from the 911 committee and the county committee, which is 1/6 of our cost and the Township will receive a credit. Kut stated that the overlays are extra, but we don't know whether we can get into this program without a contract. Kut questioned if we commit to the contract can we pull out of that portion of it and have Waisanen do the work? Kut agreed with Lesandrini that the Township should go forward with the contract, but some stipulations should be put in that if the Township does not like what we have been told by the county that we can pull out of the contract and reconsider and do the work by ourselves. Lesandrini stated that he would try to get someone from the county to explain the system to the board.

NEWSLETTER:

Lesandrini printed a newsletter from the Michigan Township website. He stated that the letter had a lot of information on keeping the Townships informed. He stated that he thought a letter from our Township should come out quarterly. Kut noted that the school had a program that they did for the Contemporary Center. She stated that the Township might be able to utilize that program. Lesandrini stated that he would get in touch with Deb Smithson from the school.

PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN'S REPORT:

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

Monthly water usage reports were sent to the MI DEQ and City water Dept.

2008 water usage reports were sent to the MI DEQ.

The 2008 Water Quality Reports were sent to the DEQ and local health dept. and posted on the Township web site.

Additional information for the "Public Works Dept." was posted on the Township web site.

Backflow prevention devices were inspected and a report was sent to the DEQ.

A 6 inch water main was repaired along the Industrial Park road by the Coopman residence.

All 630 Township water meters were read using the auto radio read system.

Kut questioned whether the fire hydrant had been ordered for the AGA. Lesandrini stated that the fire hydrant had been ordered and he will be in touch with Alexa on the installation.

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

SATURDAYS MAY 9TH AND MAY 16TH SPRING CLEAN UP AND DROP OFF:

Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the Spring Clean-up and Drop Off on Saturdays, May 9th and May 16th. All ayes. Motion carried.

PERFORMANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION:

Motion by Takala, supported by Dalpra to approve the Performance and Indemnification Resolution. Lesandrini stated that this resolution is required by the Michigan Department of Transportation for the purposes of issuing to a governmental body an individual permit for use of state trunk line right of way. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

CEMETERY CONTRACT CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS:

After further discussion with the board, all members agreed to not approve the cemetery contract for \$42,000.00. It was noted by Lesandrini that as a Township we are not obligated to the City's cemetery. Tinti stated that the funding agreement has gone from a number on a piece of paper and progresses to this point. Tinti stated that the reality is, the Township is under no obligation, and the cost has escalated into the \$40,000.00 dollar range. It was recommend by Kut to have Mr. Tinti write a letter to the City noting the Township's supporting the cemetery, but wants to look at the cost and maybe negotiate with them. Lesandrini stated that last year the cemetery had \$134,000.00 in expenses and \$24,000.00 in revenues, for a loss of \$108,000.00. Motion by Kut, supported by Dalpra to have Mr. Tinti write a letter to the City of Crystal Falls.. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

FNB ACH CONTRACT:

Dalpra stated that the agreement between the Township and First National Bank for the automated bill pay has been completed. Dalpra noted that the only cost to the Township will be \$10.00 per month for the program. Dalpra stated that the Township charges \$25.00 for returned NSF checks. The next step, Dalpra commented, is to send several automatic payments through the system for a test run. Dalpra stated that anyone interested in participating in the automatic payments can sign up at the Township hall office or on the website. Motion by Kut, supported by Dalpra to approve the ACH contract from the First National Bank. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

IDENTIFY THEFT PREVENTION PROGRAM:

Seppala noted that the Identify Theft Prevention Program , which has been mandated by the government will go into affect on May 1, 2009. Seppala noted that the policy and procedures have been reviewed by Mr. Tinti. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the program. Roll call was taken. Motion carried. Seppala also noted that the clerk's office will be purchasing a fire proof, and locked file cabinet for this information as well as other important document with the township for \$1,865.00, which has been budgeted for.

PAGERS FOR FIRE AUTHORITY:

Lesandrini stated that most of the pagers that the Firemen are using are outdated and the parts are obsolete. It was noted that the Fire Authority is willing to put money toward new pagers, and is asking municipalities to help. Takala stated that he would talk to the Fire Chief to find out the need, and will report back to the board. After further discussion, a motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve up to \$4,000.00 to purchase pagers for the Fire Authority. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

FOREST PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL REC. SUMMER PROGRAM:

The board received a letter from Duane Anderson , Director of Community Schools, requesting a contribution for their Summer Recreation Program. Motion by Takala, supported by Dalpra to approve \$2,237.00, which is a budgeted item. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

Motion by Takala, supported by Dalpra to approve moving \$600.00 from account 101-265-926-000, Township hall utilities, into account 101-751-926-000, Gibson lake park and \$4,500.00 from account 101-441-926-000 Public works utilities, into 101-441-926-003 Public works street lights. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION FOR EXECUTION OF THE EXTENSION FOR OUR OPTION TO PURCHASE FOR NORTH END INDUSTRIAL FACILITY:

Tinti stated that a signed amendment to our Option to Purchase, which allows the sellers until August 1, 2009 to remove all of their personal property from the property. Tinti stated that if everything was in order, he is requesting that the Amendment to Option to Purchase be executed , signed by the Chair and Clerk on behalf of the Township of Crystal Falls. Motion by Dalpra, supported by Takala to approve the amendment. Roll call was taken. Motion carried.

Motion by Kut, supported by Dalpra to pay the EFT's in the amount of \$738.00, the prepaid's in the amount of \$120,789.30 and the monthly's in the amount of \$24,378.86 for a total of \$145,906.16. Roll call was taken. Motion carried.

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

Joanne Seppala/Clerk