

A regular board meeting was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. All board members were present. There were 10 public attendees.

Motion by Kut, supported by Aho to approve the minutes from meetings held on April 12 & 26th. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

PUBLIC WORK FOREMAN'S REPORT:

There back! The MDNRE separated its water division and that division is once again operating as the MDEQ.

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 MDEQ's standard requirements.

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

Jerry Fredericks, Randy Bucek and I attended a pipeline safety meeting in Iron Mountain at the Pine Mountain Lodge. We also attended a Miss Dig safety seminar the following evening at the George Young Complex.

The sanitation truck radiator developed a leak and had to be replaced.

L&H Contractors bored and pulled a new service line under Hwy 141 by the Burke Road intersection due to a leak in the north bound lane of the highway.

Motion by Dalpra, supported by Seppala to approve the Public Works Foreman's Report for April. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE CHIEF DEPARTMENT:

Ray Niemi, Fire Chief was present to report on the April activities for the Fire Department.

Iron Mountain Daily News Check – Monday – Friday

Tested and charged Thermal Imager

Washed and wiped down all trucks

Performed maintenance on Scott SCBA'S

Tested and charged portable radio's

Checked and started all 4 portable pumps

Checked and started a 5 Honda generators, 2 chainsaws, Partner k-12 ventilation saw

Checked and started Hurst jaw's of life unit

Checked all vital fluids on all trucks (water, oil, foam, fuel)

Cleaned upper and lower level of fire hall

Responded to two fire calls

Personnel attended association meeting (Alpha Fire Hall)

Received 4 burn permits calls-advised central dispatch

Received 2 call of power outages-advised City electrical department

Motion by Seppala, supported by Aho to approve the Fire Chief's April report. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

CRYSTAL FALLS TOWNSHIP'S FIRE CHIEF'S JOB DESCRIPTION:

Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the Crystal Falls Township's Fire Chief 's Job Description as submitted. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF TOWNSHIP MILLAGE:

Discussion was made at our last few meeting to run the millage election in November stated Lesandrini.

Lesandrini stated that we need to meet with the Planning Commission and possibly some public people that

would be interested discussing what direction the Township should be going in. Lesandrini stated that Scott Kenney said that he would be interested in sitting in and discussing the finances of the Township. Lesandrini stated that he would like to have some work session with the Planning Commission, along with our Board, Mr. Tinti and Mr. Kenney and any public residents that would like to join in on the discussion as to what direction the Township needs to go. I would like to start this month, if possible, stated Lesandrini. Kut mentioned that the Planning Commission will be meeting on Tuesday, May 17th at 4:00 p.m.. Kut suggested to Lesandrini to send out an e-mail to the rest of the Planning Board members to see if they would be available around 6:30 to have an extended meeting. Board agreed.

CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS AND TOWNSHIP SEWER CONNECTIONS:

Lesandrini stated that he and Mr. Tinti had met with the City last week discussing some of the sewer connections at the trailer park. Mr. Tinti said “For the last 2 years the Township had been billed for the locations at the trailer park where there is no structure or availability. A number of years ago the Township received a correspondence from the then City Manager , which the Township responded to and we had a follow up meeting on it, so basically the City of Crystal has taken the position that where there is a sewer connection available there should be a charge for the debt retirement purposes, which is contrary to what the Township’s ordinance says, because our current sewer ordinance defines residential and non-residential users all of which require a building and a flow. A slab is not a building and that was where the issue was left. Historically, we have had some collections issues in that part of the Township, which have been rectified by large. So what it boils down to is that the City has some concern with this issue. We have identical sewer ordinances, with the exception of section 704, which is not in the Cities ordinance, but in the Township’s ordinance it states that we should pay a certain charge to them. We have had discussions on this issue and other than changing the mains of the units involved, the Township Supervisor decided to bring this back to his board for review. It would require an amendment of our sewer ordinance if we wish to go that way. It is a licensed trailer park, with slab and with connections not in use and our ordinance does not require them to be charged.”

COUNTY SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Lesandrini stated that Kut and I attended the allocation meeting last month and a discussion came up as to what the County is doing for the Township. Lesandrini stated that the County is looking for 14 members to serve on a solid waste board. If any board members or public residents would like to apply for these board to contact Wayne Wales.

MERIT NETWORK BUILDING FIBER-OPTIC INFRASTRUCTURE IN TOWNSHIP:

Lesandrini, with board approval decided to have Mr. Tinti review this plan.

Motion by Kut, supported by Dalpra to approve the EFT’s in the amount of \$890.00, the Monthly’s in the amount of \$43,072.25 and the Prepaid’s in the amount of \$40,996.83 with a total of \$84,959.08. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Lesandrini stated that the meeting for June would have to be changed. It was decided by the board to have the meeting scheduled for Friday, June 10th at 9:00 am, instead of Tuesday, June 12th at 4:30 p.m.

Motion by Dalpra, supported by Seppala to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Joanne Seppala/Clerk