

July 25, 2011

A regular board meeting was scheduled on Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. All board members were present. There were 8 public attendees at the meeting.

Motion by Dalpra, supported by Kut to approve the minutes from the board meeting held on June 10, 2011. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Seppala, supported by Dalpra to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### AUDIT REVIEW: 2010-2011

Scott Kenney presented the board with audit information prepared by township auditor Barry Gadette. "The Crystal Falls township", said Kenney "achieved the highest level of opinion that a CPA can give, which is an unqualified opinion."

"Looking at each individual fund", said Kenney "there is an income or revenues in excess of expenditures in the General fund of \$49,000.00 for the year, bringing the fund balance to \$641,800.00. In the Fire fund, the net gain for the year is \$96,000.00 bringing the fund balance to \$372,000.00. The Township Improvement fund increased by about \$65,000.00 for the monies set aside for future capital needs. There is a fund balance of approximately \$174,000.00 in that account. In the Sewer fund, there was a gain of about \$ 5,000.00 and the unrestricted number is \$46,000.00, which is the amount of spendable money within that fund. The Water fund has a loss of \$66,500.00, which lowers the unrestricted to \$ 143,000.00 within that fund, which is still a very comfortable number. The net cash in the Water fund decreased about \$13,800.00, which eliminates the affect the depreciation roles in the capital purchases reflex the debt paying and converts it back to more of a cash basis." Kenney stated that in his conversation with Barry Gadette , they would agree that the performance of each the funds with the exception of the Water fund, the Township is to be commended and has actually less than total expenditures from a year ago, but the Water fund is certainly an area that needs to be addressed. Kenney encouraged the board to increase the water, minimum of about 3 ½ %, in addition to the inflationary which is already built into the ordinance. There were no comments or questions asked by Barry Gadette, stated Kenney.

Motion by Kut, supported by Dalpra to approve the audit for 2010-2011 as submitted by Scott Kenney. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kut, supported by Dalpra to amend the budget for June and make the adjustments as indicated on a quarterly basis. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC WORKS FORMAN'S REPORT:

Monthly bacterial water samples were collected from the Lind and Townline systems and brought to the White Water Lab in Amasa for testing. All samples met the DEQ's standard requirements.

Repaired a water main leak on the western end of Memory Lane Road.

98 man hours were spent at Gibson Lake Park landscaping the picnic area and center camp site.

187 tons of gravel was hauled from our Peterson pit for two camp sites at Gibson Lake Park.

Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the Public Works Forman's report as submitted. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT ISSUES AND FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Fire Chief Ray Niemi reported to the board a summary of activities and list of fire calls for the month of June, 2011. A copy of this is in the board packet and also on the bulletin board in the hall. Motion by Seppala, supported by Dalpra to accept the Fire Chief's report as submitted. All ayes. Motion carried.

Niemi stated that during the Fireman's meeting last night it was brought up that the fire department would like to put their name in a hat for hosting the 2013 U.P. Firefighters' Tournament. Board agreed.

Fire Chief Niemi stated to the board he learned about a government surplus program that could provide equipment, including trucks, cars, generators and pumps at no charge, and would see if there was anything the department could use.

A motion by Dalpra, supported by Kut to accept with regrets and thank him for his service, Dave Ponchaud's resignation from the fire department. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion by Seppala, supported by Aho to approve Keith Metz appointment to the fire department, pending his physical. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Lesandrini stated that he reviewed the fire department's audit with the fireman. He stated that the audit was good, nothing involved.

Motion by Dalpra, supported by Aho to accept the transfer from the fireman's account activity. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Steve Tinti presented the board with a copy of the fire protection agreement going to Mastodon Township. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve Tinti going forward with the fire protection agreement with Mastodon Township. Roll call was taken. All ayes.

#### GIBSON LAKE PARK:

Lesandrini reported on vandalism at the park. The door locks have been broken. Anderson stated that he has a pay request from Ponchaud Excavating in the amount of \$23,922.73. This would be for most of the work except for the sign, which we had in the last change order. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the change order in the amount of \$23,922.73. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Lesandrini expressed his appreciation and commended the public works crew for the extra work and time that they have put into the park. We will not be reserving the pavilion, stated Lesandrini. First come, first serve. The campgrounds should be opening soon, which should help with the vandalism. Lesandrini presented the board with rules and regulations for the park for review. Lesandrini also stated that he got a quote from Northern Printing & Graphics for 500 for \$71.00 for the camping fee envelopes. They will be marked Gibson Lake Camp Ground Park Recreation Area. The envelopes will be posted by the campsite on a post, with the date; then the envelope will be put into a slot with the money. There will be four campsites available. Lesandrini stated that after checking around he thought \$12.00 a night, which will include a tag to be torn off and displayed by the campsite, should be sufficient. A check or the correct cash would be appreciated. Also, animals would be allowed on a leash in the park, with the assumption that the owners would be responsible for any pick up's from the animals. Kut commented that she thought that someone's extension should be put with the phone number on the sheet. Seppala stated that her extension could be used. The board also agreed that the lifeguard should have a list of duties that she could oversee at the park. Lesandrini stated that he thought October 1<sup>st</sup> would be the closing date of the park. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the amount of \$71.00 for the camp site envelopes. Roll call was taken. All ayes.

#### LAPTOP QUOTE TECK SOLUTIONS:

After further discussion, a motion was made by Kut, supported by Dalpra to approve the upgrade and order 2 computers from Teck Solutions. Roll call was taken. Motion carried.

#### TOWNSHIP MILLAGE ELECTION DATE:

Lesandrini asked the board if the total four mill being requested should be split into two proposals, with 3.25 going for general operations and  $\frac{3}{4}$  to the fire department. Niemi stated that the fire department would support the mileage whether or not it was separated. Lesandrini stated that a special meeting will be scheduled to discuss the issue further. A brochure and placemats explaining the mileage are being prepared to help the township residents understand the mileage request.

#### FIRE PROTECTION BUILDING FOR INDUSTRIAL SITE UPDATE:

Lesandrini commented that the fire protection building (Connors/Magic Glide) systems is very sensitive. Lesandrini commented that it probably needs a bladder with a float, but Alexa disagreed. Alexa stated that something is triggering the pump to go off, even a spark or there may be an eye on the conveyer to trigger the alarm.

Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to have Gustafson and Tinti move forward with the violations as presented to the board. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kut, supported by Dalpra to approve the EFT's in the amount of \$686.00, the Monthly's in the amount of \$15,061.71 and the Prepaid's in the amount of \$33,299.89 with a total of \$49,047.60. 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 6:35 p.m.

Joanne Seppala/Clerk