

August 27, 2012

A regular board meeting was held on August 14th at 4:30 at the Gibson Lake Park hosting an open house for the newly renovated park and campground. All board members were present. There were approximately 17 public attendees at the meeting.

Motion by Kut, supported by Dalpra to approve the minutes from the meeting held on July 17, 2012. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dalpra, supported by Seppala to approve the agenda as submitted. 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.

A water main break was repaired on the 4" line that serves the Monogahela area. The repair took place approximately 1000 feet north of the Monogahela road behind address 168.

Carpeting was installed on the dock for Gibson Lake Park and was transported to the new boat landing and was set in the water and guided to the park's swimming area by use of Randy Bucek's boat.

The 1999 Ford Ranger had the oil and filter changed.

The organic waste site was cleaned up 4 times during the month of July.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT ISSUES AND FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Niemi reported to the board that there were 4 fire calls in the month of July, 2012. Three were fire calls and one was a traffic accident, where the Jaws Of Life was used. Niemi stated that there were approximately 31 man hours spent in fighting the fires and one practice and or training session was held during the month of July. Niemi also reported to the board that on July 10, 2012 members of the fire department attended a propane training class in Iron River. Niemi commended the fire department in coming in fifth place, overall, in the recent U.P Firefighter's Tournament held in Ironwood. Motion by Kut, supported by Dalpra to approve the Fire Chief's report. All ayes. Motion carried.

IRON COUNTY SOLID WASTE PLAN:

Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the Iron County Solid Waste Management Plan Resolution, which would allow the County to accept waste from all Michigan counties and export waste to all Michigan counties. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

ELECTION RESULTS:

Lesandrini reported to the board that there are 1,270 registered voters and 508 ballots that were cast in the August Primary. Lesandrini thanked the election workers for all the help given during the election.

DREDGING ON FORTUNE LAKE:

Wilma Kallies reported to the board that there is opposition to a project proposed by township resident Walter Tuchowski to dredge the channel between first and second lakes. Kallies reported that there is a lot of opposition with the property owners. Kallies stated that there are 36 property owners that oppose the dredging, with 5 future property owners and 21 of the owners want the project halted until there is more information. Lesandrini stated that the Township doesn't own the bridge, the land or the water. "We're not taking a position on it", said Lesandrini.

GIBSON PARK OPEN HOUSE AND DEDICATION:

Lesandrini said "that in the past, the buildings were very rustic at the park. It was originally donated to the county and then donated to the Township. The original pavilion and changing house were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Several years ago, township officials met with engineers from GEI (A-ECOM) Consultants and a project was soon developed. Jeff Bal from GEI (A-ECOM) gave a presentation to the State and came back with a \$212,000.00 grant, with the township matching \$40,000.00 in money and in-kind services. We now have a beautiful playground and equipment, new changing houses and beautiful pavilion. The guys reconditioned the originals picnic tables. There are also 4 beautiful campsites available. The township traded gravel for an unused dock from the city of Crystal Falls, which the guys reconditioned and put new carpeting and new boards where needed. Also, the boat launch has been reconstructed." Lesandrini commended Chris Ponchaud Contractors, Jerry Fredericks, Randy Bucek, Terry Alexa, the board members, past board member Don Takala, who also put a lot of time into the project, The Park Committee members that started the actual cleaning of the park, Rob Anderson (GEI) Project Manager, Marion from the Reporter for the publicity and the citizens of the Township.

Dalpra reported to the board that she had received a letter from her deputy treasurer, Karen Nylund stating that she was resigning from the deputy treasurer position effective August 13, 2012. Dalpra stated, with that said, and ad will be put in the Reporter this week for a new deputy treasurer, which is a part-time position. The application will be opened until the 23rd of August and hopefully by September 1, 2012 or in that time frame a new deputy will be in place. Motion by Dalpra, supported by Seppala to regretfully accept Karen Nylund's letter of resignation, good luck to her in the future, and thanked her for the five years of service at the township. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dalpra supported by Kut to approve the EFT's in the amount of \$686.00, Prepaid's in the amount of \$77,912.81, Monthly's in the amount of \$61,124.85 with a total of \$139,723.66. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Refreshments were supplied by GEI and board member supplied the food.

Joanne Seppala/Clerk