

August 18, 2009

A regular board meeting was held on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. All board members were present. Motion by Dalpra, supported by Takala to approve the minutes from the July 14th meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the agenda with corrections. All ayes. Motion carried. There were 18 public attendees.

CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS SEWER CHARGES:

Tinti stated that the City and the Township have very similar ordinances regarding the operation of the public sewers. The Township ordinance requires a structure where there is an ongoing use for a charge. Tinti stated that basically what is there is a dead pipe, with no structures and is not in use. Tinti stated that we as a Township are very actively monitoring the charges. Tinti stated that we have a situation that is vacant and the City is seeking to charge where neither their ordinance nor the Township's ordinance provides for such charges. After further discussion, it was decided by the board to have Tinti draft a letter for the boards review and proceed to forward the letter to the City.

DREDGE PERMIT APPLICATION MDDEQ FORTUNE LAKE BRIDGE:

Lesandrini stated that he did contact the personnel at the DEQ and learned that a permit to dredge the area would cost \$50.00, but would also involve a study and planning for the impact of the habitat and safety of the bridge. Lesandrini stated that is could be costly to the Township to take on the project. Lesandrini stated that there are some boulders that could be taken out. The banks are eroding underneath and that's where a lot of the gravel is coming from. Lesandrini stated that maybe the residents in that area might want to hold a work bee and pile the rocks out of harm's way. Several of the residents agreed, but others wanted to do the full project with permits and studies to dredge the area deeper. Lesandrini suggested finding a compromise and bringing the matter up again at the September meeting

Motion by Kut, supported by Takala to enter into Executive Session at 5:45 to discuss pending litigation . Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dalpra, supported by Seppala to reconvene into regular board meeting at 6:05 p.m.. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

INDUSTRIAL PLANNING GRANT REQUEST:

Bal updated the board on its planning grant for the Industrial park project. He stated that it is about 99% approved. Bal stated that the preliminary grant application for \$29,710.00 and a township match of \$29,710.00 has been submitted and the township should have an answer by August 26th if it has been approved. Bal stated that the Industrial park project includes aerial mapping of the property, located on the north end of the township. Bal stated that AECOM would put ground coordinates around the park and a plane would fly over to take pictures of the land contours. Bal stated that with this information along with other data, would be presented to prospective industry looking to locate to the area. Lesandrini stated that the more information we have for the site the better, because it's less that a potential developer would have to do. Lesandrini stated that EDC will help us market the land and find an industry. Both Kut and Lesandrini commented that the board is doing with what we have and not using surplus monies for any of the projects. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to complete the documentation for the industrial park grant request. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

SEWER PLANNING GRANT:

Bal stated that Rural Development is offering the Township a \$15,000.00 grant, \$20,000.00 project fee and \$5,000.00 local share fee to look at putting a sewer system in the Tobin Location. Bal stated that the \$20,000.00 project would define the scope of the expansion and determine construction costs and user rates. Bal stated that it could also identify water lines, so those lines could be replaced during the sewer project. Bal commented that accepting the planning grant would not commit the township to completing the project. Bal noted that if the township does not move forward and bring in sewers, they may not be eligible for another grant to pay 75 percent of the construction. Bal stated that the township has until the date of closing to accept or reject the planning grant. After further discussion, a motion by Kut supported by Dalpra to submit the final paperwork for a planning grant. Roll call was taken. Dalpra, yes, Takala, no, Kut yes, Seppala yes and Lesandrini yes. Motion carried.

UPDATE ON TOWNSHIP ROADS CHLORIDE PROGRAM:

Lesandrini stated that all the chlorination has been completed

PUBLIC WORKS FORMAN'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 City Foreman and the DEQ in Gwinn.

Brush was removed from the organic waste dump and moved up hill of the site over the edge by the old landfill.

Replaced the water service line from the main connection to the curb shut off at 690 Lind Road due to a leak and a deteriorating galvanized line.

Lawn at the Township Hall, Gibson Lake Park, well houses, water tank sites and sewer lift stations were mowed along with grass trimming around the rural fire hydrants.

Sewer manholes were inspected for any types of blockage and make sure flows were adequate. Several were cleaned.

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

Motion by Takala, supported by Dalpra to approve the foreman's report. All ayes. Motion carried.

QUOTATION FROM TECK SOLUTIONS COLOR PRINTER:

Motion by Seppala, supported by Takala to approve a colored printer for \$607.00 for the GIS system. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kut, supported by Dalpra to pay the EFT's in the amount of \$738.00, the monthly's in the amount of \$79,322.15 and the prepaid's in the amount of \$144,517.01, with a total of \$224,577.16. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Takala, supported by Seppala to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Meeting was adjourned at 6:45.

Joanne Seppala/Clerk