

September 25, 2012

A regular board meeting was held on September 11, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. All board members were present. There were 7 public attendees present.

Motion by Dalpra, supported by Aho to approve the minutes from meeting held on August 14, 2012. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the agenda as submitted. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN'S REPORT:

The mandatory 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 although chlorination procedures were set forth on the Townline system due to positive coliform samples taken in Hematite Township. Samples were again drawn from Crystal Falls Township and were negative. With this taking place, the vent on top of the water tower was looked at to see if any problems were being caused by insects or bird droppings. The inspection proved that there was not a problem at the tank.

The Township hall boilers were inspected and serviced by Lortie Plumbing and Heating due to new state regulations that are required every 3 years.

A water main break was repaired on the 4" line again that serves the Monogahela area. The repair took place approximately 1000 feet north of the Monogahela road behind address 168. This break was 40 feet south of a previous break the month before.

A new water line locator was purchased that replaced a 22 year old out dated and non-functioning unit that would have cost nearly \$2,000.00 to repair.

Sewer mains and manholes were cleaned in the Fin Town area on West Harrison Avenue.

The organic waste site was cleaned- up 5 times during the month of July.

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

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

A copy of the Fire Chief's report was given to each board member to review.

#### EMPLOYEE'S CONSUMERS LIFE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT CHANGES:

After further reviewing and discussing the Consumer Life Insurance Policy, a motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the agreement changes of the Township life insurance for full-time employees from AUL to Consumer Life effective October 1, 2012. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2011/2012:

Auditor Diane Rostagno provided the board members with an audit packet. Rostagno reported to the board that the findings were positive. Fund equity for the township ended the 2011-2012 fiscal years at \$562,245.00, providing about an 18 month operating reserve for the municipality. Rostagno stated that this is very wise. Also, expenditures were kept close to the budget, which is commendable. The net assets, stated Rostagno are at \$9.2 million, with \$7.6 million in land, buildings and equipment. Rostagno noted to the board an area of improvement was in the township's sanitation department. This is an area of expenditures the township has been trying to corral last year. It is more efficient and very improved, stated Rostagno. There were no material weaknesses in the audit to report and no reportable, significant deficiencies. "In all, said Rostagno, the township had a good year". Motion by Dalpra, supported by Kut to approve the budget for 2011/2012. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP ISSUES FSOR 2012-2013:

Lesandrini presented the board with some upcoming issues for review and consideration to be discussed at a later date.

COUNTY BS&A PROPOSAL:

Motion by Dalpra, supported by Kut to send a letter of recommendation and support to the county board recommending they go with the BS&A program. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

FALL CLEANUP OCTOBER 6, 2012 – 8:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON:

A motion by Seppala, supported by Aho to approve the township's Fall cleanup for Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Seppala stated that an ad will be posted in the paper and on the township's website for the items accepted.

APPROVAL OF DEPUTY TREASURER WAGE:

Dalpra introduced Jo Lynn Perry as the new Deputy Treasurer. Motion by Dalpra, supported by Aho to approve the starting wage at \$11.04 per hour. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF 2012 TAX REQUEST TO COUNTY BOARD COMMISSIONERS:

Motion by Dalpra, supported by Aho to approve the tax rate request allocation to be levied December 1, 2012 at 3.5 and 1.946. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dalpra, supported by Kut to approve the Eft's in the amount of \$1,029.00, the Prepaid's in the amount of \$12,545.85, Monthly's in the amount of \$11,460.47 with a total amount of \$25,035.32. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dalpra, supported by Aho to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Joanne Seppala/Clerk