

September 26, 2011

A regular board meeting was held on Monday, September 19, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. All board members were present. There were seven public attendees. Motion by Kut, supported by Dalpra to approve the minutes from the meeting held on August 18th. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the agenda. 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 requirement.

Repaired a water main leak on West Townline Road.

The organic waste site was moved from the gravel pit area to the upper portion of the old landfill next to the old site, which makes it much easier to take care of debris.

31.5 hours were spent at Gibson Lake Park with such activities as placing the fishing pier in the water, placing large rocks by the parking area and next to the walk way to the fishing pier and more gravel was hauled for the campsites.

Assisted risk control representative Tom Linderman with information on maintenance, water and wastewater which allows the Risk Control Department to help our services in reducing any existing or potential liability exposures that may be present in day to day operations. An investigation of potential liability exposure was reviewed at the township hall and public works building. Well sites, water tanks, sewer lift stations and Gibson Lake Park. No recommendations were made after the visit.

Motion by Seppala, supported by Aho to approve the public work's foreman's report for August, 2011. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ISSUES AND FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Fire Chief Ray Niemi reported that there were a total of three fire calls in the month of August. Two were false alarms, and one fatal crash. Also, stated Niemi, there were 81 man hours spent in fighting the fires. The department held one practice and or training session during the month, which consisted of testing hoses and repairing of the pumper's water gauge. Niemi stated that the department also helped the Business Association cooking at Runkle Lake for the Fungus Fest, along with helping at the Raven's Nest with the fund raiser. Niemi stated that he met with Dan Peterson from Enbridge pipeline and received a check for \$1,000.00, which will be used to purchase 3 jumpsuits for firemen to be used in the warmer months. A DNR grant is being written to pay for 10 more. Niemi stated that he will be meeting with the bank officials regarding the CDs and will keep the board abreast of the information. Niemi commented that following the information from Mastodon Township, Crystal Falls department will no longer be the primary respondent for some section around Lake Mary. The residents indicated, stated Steve Tinti, the consensus is that the majority of the residents do not want to continue with the agreement, which will go into effect March 31, 2012. A mutual aid component of the ordinance states that the department will not respond unless requested. Lesandrini stated that he would like to have this documented and signed off by their board, stating that the option was given to them and they are not requesting our services for that time period. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the Fire Chief's report for the month of August, 2011. All ayes. Motion carried.

PLANNING GRANT UPDATE:

Rob Anderson, GEI, stated that Rural Development will need a copy of a letter of engagement from the township's auditor for next year.

GIBSON LAKE PROJECT:

Rob Anderson, from GEI stated that the work is pretty much completed, with the sign installed. Lesandrini stated that he was planning on having a grand opening this year, but the township will probably schedule something in the spring, around Memorial Day. Motion by Kut, supported by Dalpra to approve the pay request number 5 to Ponchaud in the amount of \$3,160.08. Roll call was taken. All ayes.

TOWNSHIP MILLAGE ELECTION DATE:

Lesandrini stated that he was planning on sitting at the next township Fall clean-up, which will be held on Saturday, October 1st 8:00 a.m. to noon to hand out flyers for the up coming mileage election held on November 8th. In addition to that, Lesandrini commented that the Township will be having placemats and a brochure printed and displayed at business explaining what services are covered in the mileage. Kut noted that for 5,000 placemats would cost around \$272.00 and for 3,500 tri-folds would cost around \$1,872.00. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve spending the dollar amounts requested including postage, placemats, brochures, and the mailing. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

MEETING DATES:

After further discussion, a motion was made by Dalpra, supported by Seppala to change the township board meeting on the second Wednesday of every month at 4:30 p.m. Roll call was taken. All ayes.

AUDIT FOR 2011-2012

After further discussion a motion was made by Dalpra, supported by Kut to approve the bidding for a full audit 2011-2012, with bids being returned by Wednesday, October 12th at 4:00 p.m. to the clerk's office to be opened at the evening meeting. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

FALL CLEAN-UP – OCTOBER 1, 2011

Lesandrini stated that the Fall Clean-up will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. to noon. Motion by Dalpra, supported by Kut to approve the prepaid's in the amount of \$17,793.66, the monthly's in the amount of \$11,125.03 and the EFT's in the amount of \$841.00, with a total amount of \$29,759.69. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Seppala, supported by Dalpra to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Joanne Seppala/Clerk