

August 29, 2011

A regular board meeting was held on Thursday, August 18th at 4:30. All board members were present. Motion by Dalpra, supported by Aho to approve the minutes from meeting held on July 14th. All ayes. Motion carries.

Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the agenda, with additions. All ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIT REVIEW FOR 2010-2011.

Motion by Dalpra, supported by Seppala to accept the audit report review for 2010-2011. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS 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.

Replaced a leaking water service line on the road right away between the main and the curb stop valve at 275 Lind Road.

99 man hours were spent at Gibson Lake Park following up on finishing touches such as staining the fences, painting picnic tables.

869 tons of gravel or 51-12 yard loads were hauled from our Peterson pit for the fishing pier and boat launch site.

Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the Public Works Foreman's report for July, 2011. All ayes. Motion carried.

GIBSON LAKE UPDATE:

Lesandrini reported that he has heard good things about the Gibson Lake Park. Lesandrini stated that more people have been using the park than ever. The residents are interested into booking parties in advance, which the Township cannot accept. Lesandrini stated, first- come, first- served.

Lesandrini commented that the MTA picnic was held at Gibson Lake on August 2nd. All that attended, which was about 60 people, were very impressed. The campground also saw its first campers. The pay envelope/site markers have been printed and will be used when the campground is completed. Lesandrini stated that he will continue to keep track of any vandalism and they will be prosecuted.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ISSUES AND FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Niemi reported that there were 6 fire calls in the month of July, 2011.

Pleasant Valley Apartment

Victorian Heights

Rockcrusher Rd. lighting strike

Tower Rd. Structure fire

West Hwy US 2 logging truck crash stand by

Connors Sports Flooring – False alarm

Niemi stated that there were approximately 114.5 man hours spent in fighting the fires. There were no practices or training sessions this month, stated Niemi.

Motion by Seppala, supported by Aho to approve the Fire Chief's report for July, 2011. All ayes. Motion carried. Niemi told the board that he had started writing a grant request for items from government surplus and would be looking for some assistance. Lesandrini and Kut said that they would help with the cut and pasting. The deadline is September 9th stated Niemi.

Niemi also reported that the U.P Fire Tournaments were held last month. The Crystal Falls Fire Department took 1st in the races and took 6th overall. Kut stated that she had given each board member a copy of the goals and objectives we have established for the Township, Township Attorney and the Fire Chief, with a column for a completion date. Kut said, "We have progressed quite a bit, but there have been some ongoing things. We have just about completed that particular grouping of goals and I was wondering if the board wanted to establish more or to discontinue". Kut's recommendation was to take another grouping and continue on at a slow pace, identifying the issues and basically taking the questionnaires and grouping them into categories. Board agreed.

TOWNSHIP MILLAGE ELECTION DATE:

"The millage request is a reduction from the six mills formerly on the ballot, and the new ballot language can reflect that," said Lesandrini. "The question comes, said Lesandrini, when we talk about splitting the millage, asking to divide the general fund and the fire department request, or should we run them together?" "We can run our general fund at 3 1/2, with one half for fire," said Lesandrini. Fire Chief Niemi said, "We'll support the board's decision". "If the millage doesn't pass, there will be serious cuts. "We'll see a change in people's lives," said Lesandrini. After further discussion, a motion by Dalpra, supported by Kut to approve the ballot language for its millage proposal, asking voters to approve 3.5 mills for the November 8th election in the form of 1 millage request for general operations. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP WATER RATES:

Motion by Seppala, supported by Dalpra to table this issue. All ayes. Motion carried.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR TOWNSHIP HALL RENTAL:

Seppala reported to the board that changes have been made in the rental fees for the hall. Township residents will be charged \$50.00 plus a \$20.00 security deposit and the non-residents will be charged \$100.00 plus a \$20.00 security deposit. Motion by Dalpra, supported by Aho to approve the new contract for the hall rental. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PLANNING AND ZONING REZONE OF THE JACOB 'S PROPERTY:

Motion by Kut, supported by Aho to approve the rezoning from a medium density residential R2 to a rural residential R1, which allows the tower to be built. Roll call was taken. 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 \$108,188.77 and the Monthly's in the amount of \$58,581.96 with a total of \$167,456.73. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dalpra, supported by Seppala to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Joanne Seppala/Clerk