

October 18, 2010

A regular board meeting was held on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. All board members were present. There were 18 public attendees. Lesandrini introduced the new trustee Tim Aho, who was sworn in earlier today. Lesandrini also thanked all the other applicants for applying.

Dalpra made a motion, supported by Kut to approve the minutes from meetings held on August 10th and September 7th. All ayes. Motion carried.

Seppala made a motion, supported by Dalpra to approve the agenda with additions. All ayes. Motion carried.

Lesandrini stated that Alexa's computer was down and unable to give the monthly report.

GIBSON LAKE PARK AND UPDATES:

Robb Anderson stated the contract with Miller & Associates for the playground equipment along with the change order for additional playground equipment has to be signed. The original base price for the playground equipment was \$24,000.00 along with the additional equipment is \$12,883.00, which should be installed by November 25, 2010. A second change order for Ponchaud Contracting, which includes some plumbing modifications, removal of the existing pavilion, water proof sealer added to the new pavilion, log fencing, grill assembly, park benches installed and top soil to be spread. This is an additional \$12,309.36, stated Anderson, which is increasing the contract to \$132,915.00. That will leave us to about \$4,400.00 left before all the grant money is gone, he said. We would still need to purchase a sign, which could run around \$1,700.00. There is about \$5,900.00 left in in-kind service. Anderson stated that he had a reimbursement request. To date, stated Anderson there is \$171,563.00 spent between engineering, construction and Township in-kind services. Anderson stated that the request is 70% or \$120,000.00 back. Motion by Dalpra, supported by Aho to approve the change orders in the amount of \$12,309.36 for Ponchaud Contracting and \$12,883.00 for the additional playground equipment. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORT ON FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Kut stated that she and Dalpra met with Dorothea and resolved the issues on the Cities outstanding bills for \$20,470.06. The City was paid on September 24, 2010.

Retiree Health Insurance: A packet was sent to each board member with all documentations regarding the retirees insurance. The total cost to the City and Township is \$2,006.69 per month. Kut stated after the new trustee reviews all the materials, the Board may be able to make a decision on this matter at the November meeting.

AGREEMENTS: In the board packet there was a contract from Mansfield Township with \$4,500.00 paid until 11/30/2010. The contract is still the old contract, stated Kut. Lesandrini stated that he would be getting in touch with Mansfield and Mastodon on the new contracts. Kut stated that Hematite is still pending.

AUDIT: All documentation for the final audit has been forwarded to Diane Rostagno office on September 24, 2010.

STAFFING: Pending until after our new trustee is on board.

MERS: Kut stated that she put together a document for all Board members to review in regards to our township liability line for budget purposes with dollars available up to this point. Our total expenses, stated Kut as of 10/13/2010 are \$128,376.90 of which \$64,188.45 is the township share.

ADVISORY BOARD: - Kut stated that as soon as we can get all the communities together, we than can create an Advisory Board. Lesandrini stated that he had spoken with Dick Dryjanski from Mansfield and Frank Siewiorek from Mastodon Townships regarding putting a meeting together and maybe creating an advisory board. Kut stated that John Ahola presented her with a document for Board approval for looking into purchasing and installing hardware in the amount of \$1,500.00. This would, stated Kut remotely trigger the fire alarm on top of the City Hall from central dispatch . Kut stated that the way its working now is that when a phone call comes in central dispatch, which ever volunteer fireman is in the area, they have to run down to the fire hall and actually hit the alarm. What Ahola is proposing for the \$1,500.00 is to have the equipment moved up to central dispatch, where all they have to do is hit a button. A motion by Dalpra, supported Kut to approve the amount up to \$1,500.00 for the hardware. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

CRYSTELLA SKI HILL:

Kut noted that she met with Dalpra and Olson regarding the expenses associated with opening the ski hill. Dalpra noted that the City did not open Crystella Ski Hill last winter due to lack of snow. Dalpra stated that the City also asked the Township if they would contribute to a ski rope, which the Township did contribute \$2,080.08. Dalpra stated that according to Olson the ski hill generally operates at a loss. After further discussion, the Board decided to hold a public informational meeting to gather more community input. Dalpra stated that after the informational meeting, the issue would be reviewed at the November 9th board meeting.

FIRE CHARGE ORDINANCE:

Steve Tinti stated that as the Board is aware, when the Crystal Falls Fire Authority was operating, there was a fire charge ordinance that this township adopted in support of. With that organization no longer going forward, the township had to come forward with a fire charge ordinance. This is work in progress stated Tinti, and we will probably have some comments for future changes on it. Tinti stated that the City of Crystal Falls ' attorney is working on adopting one in support of their fire charge agreement with the Township of Crystal Falls. So, Tinti stated we should see them moving forward with this. Tinti stated that as the time goes on, he anticipates adding more information. The Fire Chief, is involved also with this because he is our day in day out person. Motion by Dalpra, supported by Kut to approve the fire charge ordinance. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

ZORIZIN SWAN LAKE:

Tinti stated that he presented the Board with information on two historical documents that are under our zoning ordinance. One being a provision for fees and the other being a provision for violations. In speaking with Jim Waisanen, we came together with a concept to have these in one master ordinance . The fees systems are identical, with the violation being civil infractions only. Tinti suggested the Board review the documents and at next months meeting the Board can decide whether to go forward with this or not.

WELLHEAD PRESENTATION: CHUCK THOMAS

Chuck Thomas of the DEQ presented Crystal Falls Township, with Diane Kut, Chairperson of the Wellhead committee accepting the plaque from the American Water Works Association Michigan Section for its exemplary wellhead protection award for a small system for 2010. Thomas stated that this is quite an honor. Only two of these awards are given out a year in Michigan, one for a small system and one for a large system. Basically, stated Thomas it is a testament to the Townships willingness to recognize the ground water resource needs to be protected and than their strong effort and their enthusiasm in moving forward to develop what is considered to be an exemplary program that should go a long ways to protect it. Kut thanked Chuck Thomas, the committee, and Steve Tinti for all their hard work. Thomas also commented that this draft ordinance was one of the better ones that he had seen.

GARBAGE BAG WORDING:

Board agreed to put a notice in the newsletter that "If the garbage bag cannot be lifted, it will not be picked up by the garbage men".

GENERAL MILLAGE REQUEST:

Dalpra stated that the Board needed to get a statement out to the public in support of our general operating millage in November. A document was presented to the board from Dalpra. It basically is a generalized statement that highlights programs and services that your tax dollars support in the Township, stated Dalpra, such as : Recycling, Fall & Spring cleanup. Road Improvements, Street light, Zoning enforcement, Township Hall Usage, Evergreen Memorial Cemetery Agreement, Economic Development support, Community Betterment Funding and Township Website. Lesandrini suggested running a quarter page ad in the Reporter and Daily Newspaper two weeks before the election with this information. Lesandrini stated that he would get in touch with Bill Leonoff to be a guest on his Friday show. A motion by Dalpra, supported by Seppala to have the clerk check on a price for a quarter page ad in the Reporter and Daily News and to run the ad in the Reporter on 10/20 & 10/27. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Lesandrini stated that he would like to have Mr. Tinti review the ad before it goes into the paper.

DELINQUENT UTILITY ACCOUNTS:

Dalpra noted that there were 4 delinquent utility bills that will be going on the Winter 2010 tax roll in the amount \$1,534.31 for collection. Motion by Dalpra, supported by Seppala to approve these utility accounts to be put on the tax roll. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

ZONING BOARD APPEAL MEMBER:

Lesandrini noted that there are 3 candidates that have applied for the Zoning Board of Appeals position. Curt Stebic, Dennis Divoky and Fletch Monningh . Lesandrini stated that Jim Waisanen, Zoning Administrator recommended Curt Stebic to fill Richard Pollitt's position, which will run until December 2010 and then be renewed for a 3 years term. Lesandrini recommended to the Board to have Divoky and Monningh as designated alternates to that Board. Seppala noted that they would receive \$35.00 per meeting and millage to review the site. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve Curt Stebic filling the remaining position of Dick Pollitt on the Board of Appeals, and Fletch Monningh and Dennis Divoky as designated alternates on that same Board. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Kut noted that at the last months meeting there was a discussion in regards to the 40% pay in lieu of the health insurance as opposed to the health insurance benefits for the new trustee. Kut stated that there was no motion made to this effect in the minutes. Tinti stated that the salary cannot be modified during the term of their office, which does include the successor that is filling out the balance of the term. The fringe benefits, stated Tinti, are not considered salary under Michigan law and can be adjusted accordingly as long as it is uniform by position. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the 40% of the monthly premium for the payment in lieu of health insurance for the new trustee. Motion by Kut, supported by Dalpra to approve the EFT's in the amount of \$1,795.00, Prepaid's in the amount of \$148,719.98 and Monthly's in the amount of \$17,405.00 with a total of \$167,919.98. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Dalpra, supported by Seppala to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.. All ayes. Motion carried.

Joanne Seppala/Clerk