

October 17, 2009

A regular board meeting was held at the Crystal Falls Township hall on Tuesday, October 13, 2009. There were approximately 14 public attendees. All board members were present.

Motion by Dalpra, supported by Takala to approve the minutes from the board meeting on September 8, 2009. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN'S REPORT: TERRY ALEXA

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.

A water service line shut off valve was replaced at 1436 Hwy 141.

A water meter pits were installed on the service lines at 173 Pakala Road and 109 Rautanan Road.

The organic waste dump was cleaned up of branches and stumps to make room for future use.

Public works crew assisted with 16 new water service line installations.

Work was completed by Peterson and Sons on the US-2 corridor project.

All three sewer lift station reservoirs were cleaned utilizing the 1961 fire truck along with cleaning rocks and sand from a couple of intersections.

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

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

AECOM UPDATES: JEFF BAL

Bal stated that he would recommend that the board make the final payment to James Peterson's & Sons on the water project. Bal stated that there was a little bit of work that was added on US - 2 to the contract by a change order in July. Bal stated that with the Substantial Completion agreement, which was signed by Petersons, the township has one year warranty from August 30, 2009 for them to come back if needed. Bal noted that the township has been holding \$16,600.00 for retainage for the work which was completed last year, which was held thru the winter up until the present time. Bal noted that the value of the work that was just completed was around \$ 47,227.00. That dollar amount plus the \$16,000.00 retainage, was recommended by Bal to be paid to James Reid of Rural Development. Bal stated that Rural Development will submit to the township a check for \$26,669.55, which will leave a balance of \$35,557.45 to come out of the water fund. Motion by Dalpra, supported by Takala to approve the final payment of \$62,227.00. Roll call was tqken. All ayes. Motion carried.

GIBSON LAKE PARK PLANNING:

Lesandrini stated that he and Takala met with Rob Anderson (AECOM) at Gibson Lake last week. The final draft will be presented to the board for its review at the November meeting. The park committee will then get a copy for their review. Bal stated that he would like to finish the final design over winter and start getting bids for the work to be done next summer. It was decided by the board to hold off the work at the Industrial park until Spring. Lesandrini stated that there may be matching funds available at that time.

GIS UPDATE:

Lesandrini noted that the township's GIS, or geographical information system is up and running. The township chose to work with AECOM and is requesting the county and 911 each pay their one-sixth of the cost. The parcel footprint information is available to township residents a no charge. Lesandrini also stated that he had Waisanen work out a pay request to the County of Iron in the amount of \$2,198.54 for work with AECOM implementing and updating GIS plats, subdivisions and legal descriptions. Lesandrini stated that the mapping is very interesting and available to the public in the township office.

ABANDON ALLEY REQUEST BOB BLACK:

Lesandrini stated that he had a request for abandonment of an alley from Bob Black in the Odgers location. After further discussion, the board decided to forward this information to Steve Tinti. to look at utility easements and determine if there would be an advantage to abandon the alley.

MEETING RESOLUTION:

Motion by Seppala, supported by Dalpra to change the meeting time from 5:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

MICHIGAN TOWNSHIPS PARTICIPATING PLAN:

Lesandrini stated that he had received letters from Tom Linderman/Michigan Participating Plan Risk Control Representative. Lesandrini stated that Linderman inspected all the properties of the township for Hannula Insurance and also met with Terry Alexa/ Foreman and Joanne Seppala/IClerk. Lesandrini stated that Linderman commended Terry and Joanne on how versed they were on the information that he needed to complete his job.

3 – YEAR LOCAL ROAD PLAN ICRC:

Lesandrini stated that this next year he thought that the township should concentrate mostly on grading and graveling and getting the crowns back on some of the roads. Lesandrini stated that that the board will have to look into what type of chloride to get. Lesandrini stated that the 38% may not be available next year. Lesandrini also suggested looking into cost for chip seal, which would probably be ½ the cost of pavement.

AUDIT PROPOSALS:

Lesandrini stated that 2 years ago, the township hired a new auditor Barry Gadette and had Scott Kenney on board as the township's Financial Advisor to oversee the water construction project. After further discussion, it was decided by the board to keep Scott Kenney on board as Financial Advisor, if he so chooses, and advertise for 2009-2010 audit bid. Motion by Kut, supported by Dalpra to advertise for 2009-2010 audit bid for the township. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

IRON COUNTY WATERSHED – LETTER OF SUPPORT:

Lesandrini stated that he had received an e-mail from Bette Premo/White-Water Associates, stating that the Iron County Soil Conservation District is applying for a grant to the EPA Section 319 program monies to undergo a watershed planning program for the Lower Paint River Watershed. Lesandrini stated that this two year program culminates in a water shed plan for the lower Paint River that will make the area eligible for implementation money to help construct better public access sites, erosion control, and road crossing improvements. Motion by Dalpra, supported by Seppala to approve Lesandrini writing a letter of support to the Iron County Watershed Coalition. All ayes. Motion carried.

REIMBURSEABLE UTILITY HIGHWAY US 2:

Lesandrini stated that during next summer's U.S. 2 relocation project, MDOT will reimburse the city for light poles along the highway and non-motorized path. Lesandrini stated that Dave Graff, City electrician had informed him that the township can have its power lines buried along the corridor for a cost of \$8,000.00. Lesandrini stated that the light poles would be there, but the lines would be gone. The board agreed to table this issue.

DELIQUENT TAX BILL UTILITIES:

Dalpra stated that there are 3 parcels totaling \$971.52 as delinquent utilities on the winter 2009 tax roll. Motion by Kut, supported by Dalpra that the 3 delinquent utilities be entered on the 2009 winter tax roll. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE AUTHORITY 2010 PROPOSED BUDGET AND NEW PROPOSED CONTRACT:

Lesandrini stated that the board had received a copy of the Fire Authority Contract. Lesandrini stated that he had forwarded a copy of the contract to Mr. Tinti. Tinti stated that last evening he had attended the City of Crystal Falls meeting as an observer, and the Fire Authority did not receive the top billing for the evening. Tinti noted that the City of Crystal Falls did withhold approving the budget and withheld the agreement based upon our request to have a joint meeting between the township and the City of Crystal Falls. The City also would like to invite the Authority to attend the meeting, but from a pragmatic stand point the partners to this agreement, which are the City and the township, really need to decide the method they wish to go forward, because what the township and City has been doing since 2007 is continuing the term of the existing contract which has expired. Tinti stated that the City did ask him to get some dates for the joint meeting and they would be willing to host the event. Tinti also stated that this will be opened to the public. Lesandrini and the board agreed to have a work shop special meeting on Thursday, October 22, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. regarding the Fire Authority.

Motion by Kut, supported by Dalpra to approve the EFT's in the amount of \$738.00, the prepaids in the amount of \$ 76,223.72 and the monthly invoices in the amount of \$24,965.97 totaling \$101,527.69. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Seppala, supported by Takala to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Joanne Seppala/Clerk