

December 15, 2011

A regular board meeting was held on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. All board members were present. There were 12 public attendees present.

Motion by Kut, supported by Dalpra to approve the minutes from the public meeting held on November 2, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. There was no monthly meeting on November 9th due to the weather conditions.

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

PUBLIC WORKS FORMAN'S REPORT:

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 requirement.

Hematite Township collected positive samples resulting in us having to chlorinate the Townline systems until further notice from the DEQ.

New brakes and leaf springs were installed on the sanitation truck at Wisconsin/Michigan Spring in Iron Mountain.

Fire hydrants were inspected and winterized.

The organic waste dump was cleaned up twice during the month.

Sewer lines were cleaned in parts of the Odgers Location.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT ISSUES AND FIRE CHIEFS REPORT:

Fire chief Ray Niemi reported to the board that there were no fire calls for the month of November. He also reported that he and John Lortie went to a training sessions in Watersmeet and passed on the information to the fire department. There was one call of a power outage, reported Niemi. Niemi stated that all the fire trucks were winterized, and cold weather gear was put on all the trucks. Niemi reported to the board that he had received the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant totaling up to \$1,850, a 50/50 match. Lesandrini commented that the radios needed to be upgraded. Motion by Aho, supported by Dalpra to approve the grant application for the additional fire equipment. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the Fire Chief's report. All ayes. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP MILLAGE ELECTION UPDATES:

Lesandrini thanked the voters of Crystal Falls Township for the mileage passing in November.

ORDINANCE 101:

After further discussion, Kut made a motion, supported by Seppala to adopt the revised copy of the Crystal Falls Fire Department, ordinance 101. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

CHICAUGON LAKE ASSOCIATION:

Rich Frighetto, president of the Chicaugon Lake Home Owners Association along with Joe Shubat and Gene Pellizzaro were present. Mr. Frighetto reported that there are four townships on the lake. "We are dealing with milfoil infestation. Stambaugh Township has recently adopted an ordinance to prevent and control the introduction, propagation and infestation of invasive species in Chicaugon Lake and to provide funding therefore and to establish penalties for violation. We are seeking help from the remaining townships" said Frighetto. After further discussion, Lesandrini stated that he would turn this over to our Planning and Zoning Board. They will be having a meeting in January, stated Lesandrini, Cary Gustafson, Zoning Administrator will report back to this board.

ONLINE GIS:

Lesandrini commented that he would like to discuss this further with the Planning & Zoning Board. Board agreed.

APPOINTMENT TO CRYSTAL FALLS DISTRICT COMM. LIBRARY BOARD:

Motion by Dalpra, supported by Seppala to re-appoint Bev Camp to Crystal Falls District Community Library Board. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

CRYSTAL FALLS SKI HILL:

Jeff Bal reported to the board that as of November 30 they had collected with the donations, Fund raising and Radio a Thon over \$9,100.00. "In addition to the \$9,100.00, we have probably done that much in time donations. A new ski operator hut has been installed, along with the electrical wiring. A lot of work has been done by volunteers", stated Bal. "We have not approached any of the Townships or the City, but I'm asking for Crystal Falls Township to consider doing something like they have done in the past, which would be to share the tow operator with the

City. It would be nice to have just one person working the tow on board to be paid so we can have some consistency. Hours for the ski hill will be every Friday, 12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Saturday, 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday 12:00 p.m. to 5:00p.m.” Bal stated. Lesandrini stated that he would discuss this further with the board and get back to the committee. “Members of the Fire Department and Crystal Falls Township began flooding the ice rink”, stated Bal, “and the concession stand needs are being itemized and priced out.” Ball stated also that we will be in need of volunteers for general house cleaning.

CAM SERVICES AND HOURLY EMPLOYEES COMPENSATION:

After further discussion, a motion by Kut, supported by Dalpra to approve the health insurance from C.A.M. Kut noted that this is the same plan that we had last year. The increase from last year to 2012 is a little over \$2,000.00, Kut stated. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Lesandrini stated the recommendation from the compensation committee is a 2.7% increase for the hourly employees starting April 1, 2012. After further discussion a motion by Dalpra, supported by Seppala to approve the 2.7 % increase for the 4 full time hourly employees and the 2 deputies starting April 1, 2012. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

ELECTION WORKERS MEALS:

Motion by Seppala, supported by Aho to approve the purchasing of one meal up to \$7.00 per election worker. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kut supported by Dalpra to approve the Budget Amendments of Accounts 206-852-714-000 for \$29,500.00 to be amended to accounts 206-336-720-100, \$12,600.00, 206-336-959-100 \$10,000.00 and 206-336-716-100 for \$6,900.00. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dalpra, supported by Kut to approve the bills from last month. Eft's in the amount of \$343.00, Prepaid's in the amount of \$17,400.74, Monthly's in the amount of \$14,065.74 with a total of \$32,152.48. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kut, supported by Dalpra to approve this months Eft's in the amount of \$686.00, the Prepaid's in the amount of \$34,771.76, the Monthly's in the amount of \$8,436.19, with a total of \$43,893.95. Roll call was taken. Motion carried.

Motion by Dalpra, supported by Seppala to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Joanne Seppala/Clerk