

April 3, 2014

A regular meeting was held on March 26, 2014 at 2:06 p.m. immediately following the Budget Hearing. All board members present. There were 9 public attendees present.

Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to approve the regular meeting minutes from February 11, 2014 and the special budget workshop meeting minutes from January 23, 2014. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to approve the agenda with the addition of Computer Purchases under New Business H. All ayes. Motion carried.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN'S REPORT: Reviewed report. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to accept the Water Superintendent/Foreman's report for the month of February. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Reviewed report. During discussion it was noted Crystal Falls Springs donated bottled water for Crystal Falls Township and City residents. Supervisor Lesandrini wanted to express the Township's appreciation to Crystal Falls Springs for their generous donation during the hardship for some residents created by the freezing water lines. Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to accept the Fire Chief's report for the month of February. All ayes. Motion carried. Chief Niemi recommended the Township Board accept Dennis Mitchell, Jr. as a member of the Crystal Falls Fire Department with a probation period of one year. Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to approve Dennis Mitchell, Jr. with a probationary period of one year. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

CRYSTAL FALLS TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE: Discussion held. Public comment was made by Suzanne Alexa. The Board reviewed section 3, MCL15.563 and elected to remain with their current employer pay arrangement through November 30, 2014 for health care cost to their employees. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala for all non-fire employees the Township Board has elected to continue health care coverage for its employees under section 3, MCL15.563 through November 30, 2014. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported Gustafson for fire employees the Township Board has elected to continue health care coverage for its fire employee under section 3, MCL15.563 through November 30, 2014. Roll call taken. Kut-yes, Seppala-yes, Gustafson-yes, Niemi-abstained, Lesandrini-yes. Motion carried 4 yes votes to 1 abstained.

SET ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES 2014/2015 BUDGET YEAR: Supervisor-not change at \$22,500. Clerk and Treasurer-2.7% increase to \$21,053.50. Trustees-\$100.00 increase to \$3,100.00. Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to approve all of the elected official's salaries. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE 2014/2015 SUMMARY BUDGET: Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the 2014/2015 Summary Functional Budget starting April 1, 2014. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Gustafson, supported by Seppala to approve the Fire Chief's increase of 2.7% for the 2014/2015 fiscal year. Roll call taken. Kut-yes, Seppala-yes, Gustafson-yes, Niemi-abstained, Lesandrini-yes. Motion carried 4 yes to 1 abstained. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the Zoning/Planning Administrator and Deputy Supervisor increase of 2.7% for 2014/2015 fiscal year. Roll call taken. Seppala-yes, Gustafson-abstained, Niemi-yes, Kut-yes, Lesandrini-yes. Motion carried 4 yes to 1 abstained. Motion by Gustafson, supported by Niemi to approve Public Works, Assessor, Utility Billing Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer an increase of 2.7% for the 2014/2015 fiscal year. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

AMEND 2013/2014 BUDGET TO "ACTUAL EXPENSES": Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to amend the 2013/2014 budget to actual expenses to March 31, 2014. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

DEPOSITORY RESOLUTION AND INVESTMENT POLICY: Gustafson reviewed Policy. Motion by Gustafson, supported by Seppala to adopt the Crystal Falls Township Investment Policy and Deposit Resolution for another year. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

2014 CEMETERY AGREEMENT: Discussion held. Motion by Niemi, supported by Gustafson to accept Crystal Falls City cemetery contract for the 2014 year and the Supervisor Lesandrini sign and return contract to Crystal Falls City. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEEP FREEZE: Discussion held. Township will track supplies and expenses due to the extreme weather conditions.

WASTE MANAGEMENT INCREASE: Supervisor Lesandrini stated a notice from Waste Management stated there will be a 2% increase on disposal rates at the transfer station effective March 2014. Township is looking at ways to control cost. One way will be by only using stickers once the supply of bags is depleted.

COMPUTER PURCHASES: Discussion held on computer purchases for Utility/Deputy Clerk and Assessor. Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to update computers for Utility/Deputy Clerk and Assessor. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE: Robb Anderson from GEI was present with an update on the status of the SAW Grant. The Township will not be funded in this first round this year but should be granted funding at some future round.

Discussions on improvement to Lind Road.

Emergency Service Building was discussed. NorthStar is no longer interested.

Looking at the August Primary to run the Township renewal request.

Planning and Zoning Commission: Township is advertising for a position on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Supervisor Lesandrini recommended Ken West, Curtis Stebic and Dan Lato be appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission Board with Diane Kut being our Twp Board member appointment. Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to appoint West, Stebic, and Lato to another term of 1,2, or 3 years to be determined by Kut, the Twp appointed council. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to approve the EFT's in the amount of \$1,372.00, the Prepaid's for \$46,077.04 and the Monthly's in the amount of \$4,428.63 with a total of \$51,877.67. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Nancy Niemi/Clerk