

August 14, 2019

A regular monthly meeting was held on August 13, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. Joanne Seppala was absent. All other board members were present. There were 8 public attendees. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from July 9, 2019 and Election Commission minutes from July 15, 2019. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

**WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN'S REPORT:** Supervisor Lesandrini reviewed report with the Board from the month of July. Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Niemi to approve the Water Superintendent's report. All ayes. Motion carried.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:** Supervisor Lesandrini reviewed the Fire Chief's report. Discussion held. The Department had a good turnout at the U.P. Volunteer Firefighters Tournament. The Department will be participating in the Active Shooter Drill that will be held at Forest Park Schools on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Bill Sliva submitted his retirement from the Department effective at the end of July, 2019. Supervisor Lesandrini would like to thank him for his years of service. Motion by Ketola, supported by Kut to accept the Fire Chief's report. All ayes. Motion carried.

**UPDATE FROM GEI ON CONTRACTED SERVICES:** Robb Anderson reviewed with the Board on the Water project and Heritage Trail. The final pay request from Caldwell Tanks, Inc. included a change order reduction of \$4,196.00. Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to approve the pay request from Caldwell Tanks, GEI, Energenecs and Crystal Falls Township reimbursement for the grand total amount of \$67,212.51. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Heritage Trail project complete except the signs, installation of the bench and silt fence to be completed in the fall. There was a change order in the pay request to FA Industrial Services, Inc. of \$6.66. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to complete the order to FA Industrial Services for \$153,117.76. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on 8/22/2019 at 10am Donahue Park.

**IRON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION PROPOSAL FOR CHIP SEAL:** Supervisor Lesandrini reported they will be working on Paint River Road. Discussion held.

**LEAGAL REMOVAL OF MATERIAL CASE NO: 116-5442-CZ:** Rob Anderson from GEI reported. GEI received one proposal. Waiting for others to come in and will update in the near future.

**POVERTY EXEMPTION:** Discussion held. Motion by Niemi, supported by Kut to pass the resolution to waive penalties for non-filing for property transfer affidavits under MCL 22.27B and rescind the motion by Kut supported by Niemi from July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes opting out of the Resolution to waive penalties for non-filing of property transfer affidavit under MCL 22.27B. All ayes. Motion carried. Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the Poverty Exemption Resolution and rescind motion by Seppala supported by Ketola from the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes to approve the Poverty Exemption Resolution. All ayes. Motion carried.

**RESIGNATION TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR:** Supervisor Lesandrini submitted his resignation to the board. Discussion held. His last day of employment will be August 28, 2019. Superior Lesandrini stated that it has been a great tenure. Assessor Ken West thanked Supervisor Lesandrini for his years of service. He feels Supervisor Lesandrini has made a wonderful contribution to the Township for the last 13 years and has had great foresight and direction for the Township. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to accept the resignation with regret. Roll call taken. Supervisor Lesandrini abstained. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Ketola, supported by Kut to advertise for the Supervisor position in the paper. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**TOWNSHIP HALL RENOVATIONS:** Rob Anderson reviewed the invoice from Carey Contracting. Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Niemi to approve the bill from Carey Contracting in the amount of \$14,417.89. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Discussion was held on the additional work needed discovered by Carey Contracting during the hall renovation project. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to go ahead with the projects in the amount of \$6,960.00. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Discussion on chimney project. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to bid out for the chimney project. All ayes. Motion carried. Discussion held regarding flooring renovation invoice from Northern Carpets, Inc. in the Township Hall and office. Motion by Niemi, supported by Kut to pay Northern Carpet, Inc. in the amount of \$3,275.51 at this time. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**TOWNSHIP AUDIT:** Eric Haukkala from Haukkala & CO., P.C. reported on the Audit Report 2018/2019. The Board was pleased with his report. Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Niemi to accept the Audit Report 2018/2019. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM AT FOREST PARK:** Supervisor Lesandrini reviewed with the board. Discussion held. Motion by Ketola, supported by Niemi to approve the Forest Park Summer Recreation Program in the amount of \$2,237.00. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**INTERNET UPGRADES:** Treasurer Jen Ketola reported to the Board and reviewed the estimate from 906 Technologies. Discussion held. Motion by Ketola, supported by Kut to approve the contract with 906 Technologies for the new Firewall protection. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**UPDATE ON FIRE AND EMS BUILDING:** Supervisor Lesandrini and Zoning Administrator Bill Santilli met with Aspirus, GEI, Scott Kenney, Attorney Tinti and the County to review plans and discuss finances regarding a Fire and EMS building.

**REPORTS:** Clerk Niemi thanked the Deputy Clerk and Election Workers on a good job with the August Special Election. The Township would like to thank the residents for their support towards the millage. Supervisor Lesandrini reported that there is going to be a MTA meeting on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at the Mansfield Township Hall hosted by Mansfield Township.

**OTHER BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE:** Matt Waldo presented that there will be a Healthy Living Fitness Fest at The Wall Fitness on Saturday, August 17, 2019.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No public comments.

Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of \$218,403.64, the Monthly's for \$96,703.58 and the EFT's for \$734.70 with a total of \$315,841.92. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Ketola, supported by Niemi to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Diane LaChapelle/Deputy Clerk

