

March 11, 2021

A regular monthly meeting was held in person and virtually via Zoom on March 9, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. All board members were present. There were 3 public attendees present.

The monthly meeting was suspended at 2:01 to open the Public Hearing on the Fire Station and the Public Hearing on the Budget and Tax Rates. The regular monthly meeting resumed following the closing of the two Public Hearings at 2:08 p.m.

Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the agenda with additions under Old Business F.) Carey Contracting Change Order and under New Business H.) Section 457 (b) Plan Contribution Resolution. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes from February 16, 2021 and the Special Meeting Minutes from February 24, 2021. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: No public comments.

PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS: Reviewed Library minutes and financial statements from Director Evelyn Gathu.

Reviewed ICECA March 2021 report.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN REPORT: Reviewed the Water Superintendent's report for the month of February.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Reviewed Fire Chief's report for the month of February. Discussion held on request for flow testing on Air-Paks and need of new pagers. Motion by Niemi, supported by Kut to flow test and repair all Air-Pak units. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve 11 pagers totaling \$4,690.40 plus shipping and programming. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Reviewed the Zoning Administrator's report for the month of February.

ASSESSOR REPORT: No report was submitted to the Board for the month of February.

Discussion held on Department reports. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to approve the Department Reports as presented. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE STATION UPDATE: Robb Anderson from GEI stated design work was progressing, property acquisition from MDOT in progress and final application documents for Rural Development are being completed with financial information to be reported by Supervisor Kenney in the Feasibility Report.

LIND ROAD CLEANUP UPDATE: Attorney Tinti informed the Board the Lind Road Cleanup is in the jurisdiction of the Iron County Courts. Discussion held.

IRON BELLE TRAIL: The project is on hold due to winter weather conditions.

SEWER AGREEMENT-CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS: Supervisor Kenney reviewed a request from the City of Crystal Falls that was submitted for sewer system improvements. Discussion was held on the request.

PROPERTY LEVEL EXEMPTION: Final draft for the Board should be available at next month's meeting.

CAREY CONTRACTING CHANGE ORDER: Reviewed Change Order from Carey Contracting. Discussion held. Motion by Ketola, supported by Niemi to approve the Change Order to extend date to end of April 2021. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF OPERATING MILLAGE RATE-NO CHANGE 4.75 MILLS: Discussion held. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the millage rate at 4.75 mills. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SALARY/WAGE RECOMMENDATIONS: Reviewed recommendations. Discussion held. Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to approve the salary/wage recommendations with the

exclusion of increase to the HSA Contribution and the increase to be effective starting 3/28/2021. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

INCENTIVE COMPENSATION PLAN APPROVAL: Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the Incentive Compensation Plan with semi-annual evaluations. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF 2021-2022 BUDGET: Reviewed budget. Discussion held. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the Functional Budget as presented. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

INVESTMENT AND DEPOSITORY RESOLUTION: Reviewed the Investment and Depository Resolutions. Discussion held. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to approve the Investment and Depository Resolution. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE RESOLUTION: Discussion held on regular monthly meetings being held at the Township Hall on the second Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. Motion by Kut, supported by Niemi to approve the Meeting Resolution as presented. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

AMEND 2020-2021 BUDGET: Discussion held. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to amend the 2020-2021 Operating Budget to the amount of all legal expenditures in each Township fund. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

SECTION 457 (B) PLAN CONTRIBUTION RESOLUTION: Reviewed Resolution. Discuss held. Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to approve the Section 457 (b) Plan Resolution as presented with the employer contribution of \$38.45 per payroll period. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY: Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of \$9,557.95, the Monthly's for \$21,515.68 and the EFT's for \$367.35 with a total of \$31,440.98. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mary Dumitru stated it was good to be back to in person meetings.

BOARD MEMBER PRIVILEGE: Supervisor Kenney reviewed a request asking for a donation and stated the Township is unable to contribute. Trustee Kut had comments and questions on the Scrap Tire Grant and Community Pollution Prevention Fund Grant.

ADJOURN: Motion by Seppala, supported by Niemi to adjourn the meeting. Roll call taken. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Nancy Niemi/Clerk