

April 14, 2021

A regular monthly meeting was held on April 13, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. All board members were present. There were 5 public attendees. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the agenda with additions 6B.) Public Hearing Budget and Tax Rate and 6C.) Public Hearing Fire Station. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve three sets of minutes as presented. 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 April 2021 Report.

Spring clean -up – May 22, 2021 8:00 a.m. – 11:30.a.m.

**WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN REPORT:** Reviewed the Water Superintendent report for the month of March.

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT:** Reviewed the Fire Chief's report for the month of March.

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

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

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

**FIRE STATION UPDATE:** Supervisor Kenney reviewed updates on the Fire Station. Discussion held.

- i. Land: Attorney Tinti updated the Board. Attorney Tinti stated the State came back with a decision on the land acquisition. Motion by Niemi, supported Kut to authorize Attorney Tinti to inform the State that the Township would like to proceed with the purchase of the land. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.
- ii. Approval Letter – RD: Reviewed Approval Letter.
- iii. Letter of Conditions – RD: Reviewed Letter of Conditions.
- iv. Request to Obligate Funds – RD: Reviewed Request to Obligate Funds. Discussion held.
- v. Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions – RD: Reviewed Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions. Discussion held.

Robb Anderson from GEI updated on the design.

**HALL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS:**

- i. Change order #2: Will not approve at this time. Need some questions answered.
- ii. Payment request: Reviewed Payment request from Carey Contracting. Discussion held. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to approve the Payment request from Carey Contracting in the amount of \$31,366.81. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**SEWER SYSTEM – CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS:** Supervisor Kenney reviewed. Discussion held. He is waiting for a response to questions he has from the City. He will send a request again.

**LIND ROAD CLEANUP UPDATE - ATTORNEY:** Attorney Tinti reviewed with the Board an Order to Enforce Judgment. Discussion held.

**IRON BELLE TRAIL:** No update.

**POVERTY LEVEL EXEMPTION (INCLUDE ASSET TEST):** Reviewed Resolution to adopt Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve resolution to adopt Poverty Exemption and Asset Test. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**ELECTION WORKER PAYROLL – IN BUDGET BUT NOT APPROVED:**

- i. Chair - \$14 per hour: Discussion held.
- ii. Worker - \$12 per hour: Discussion held.

Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to pay the Election chairperson \$14 and the other workers \$12. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**MARK BROMLEY RESIGNATION – PLANNING BOARD:** The Board thanked Mark Bromley for his service on the Planning Commission. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to accept Mark Bromley's resignation with regrets. All ayes. Motion carried.

**ADVERTISE FOR NEW MEMBER – PLANNING BOARD:** Curtis Stebic, Chair and Secretary of the Planning and Zoning Commission will advertise for a new member.

**PLANNING BOARD – CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH CONSULTANT:** Reviewed contract extension with consultant Patrick Coleman from North of 45. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve up to \$2,400 to extend contract with Patrick Coleman for revamping the ordinance. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**LAKE ISSUES:**

- i. Runkle Lake – Lake level: Reviewed concerns from the Lake Owner Association regarding lake level and Milfoil request.
- ii. Chicaugon Lake – Milfoil: Reviewed the Chicaugon Lake request for funding.

Discussion held on Lake issues. Requests tabled.

**LONG LAKE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS:**

- i. Paving on West side of lake: Iron County Road Commission will move forward with paving on west side of the lake and will honor the agreement with the Township from last year.
- ii. Preparation for paving – North tip of lake toward highway: Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve preparation for 6,700' listed in site 4 on Long Lake Rd. – Phase 3. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**WATER DELINQUENCIES/SHUT OFFS:** Reviewed with the Board to make them aware.

**ROCK CRUSHER ROAD:** Discussion on road condition was held.

**REVIEW OF BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY:** Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of \$83,506.61, the Monthly's for \$58,660.55 and the EFT's for \$1,102.05 with a total of \$143,269.21. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mary Dumitru concerned about the blight areas around the Township.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE:** Trustee Kut commented on lake ownership changes within the Township.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Diane LaChapelle/Deputy Clerk

