

May 12, 2021

A regular monthly meeting was held on May 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Diane Kut was absent. All other board members were present. There were 4 public attendees. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the agenda with an addition 9D.) April. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from April 13, 2021 and Special meeting minutes from April 22, 2021. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: Vicki Browne from Chicaugon Lake Homeowner's Association gave a presentation for the Chicaugon Lake Property Owners request for watermilfoil funding.

PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS: Reviewed Library minutes and financial statements from Director Evelyn Gathu. Reviewed ICECA May 2021 Report. Mark Bromley introduced Zach Hautala as the Chamber Director for ICECA. Supervisor Kenney and the Board welcomed and congratulated Zach.

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

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

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Reviewed the Fire Chief's report for the month of April. Fire Officers – 21/22 year: Confirmed Steven Fabbri – Chief, Kim Nylund – Assistant Chief, Jim Sartori – Captain, Brain Fabbri – Secretary/Treasurer, Dan Surface – Safety Officer, Tom Bucek – Training Officer. Motion by Seppala, supported by Niemi to confirm the officers as reported in the Fire Chief's report. All ayes. Motion carried. The Fire Department is recommending the Board to approve participation in the MI MABAS Mutual Aid Program. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to follow the recommendation from the Fire Department to approve participation in the MI MABAS pending Attorney approval of the agreement. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

ASSESSOR REPORT: Reviewed the Assessor's report for the month of March and April.

Discussion held on Department reports. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola 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. RD correspondence with approval: RD has approved our request for the funds for the Fire Hall with some contingencies.
- ii. Land acquisition is a hold up: The hold up is the acquisition of the land from MDOT.

Supervisor Kenney thanked the staff of GEI and the Fire Department for their work on the planning and design of the Fire Station.

HALL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS:

- i. Payment request: Did not receive a pay request. Supervisor Kenney reviewed some issues that need to be addressed by the contractor.

SEWER SYSTEM – CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS: Supervisor Kenney reviewed. Discussion held. He does not have an updated agreement from the City at the present time.

LIND ROAD CLEANUP UPDATE - ATTORNEY: Supervisor Kenney reviewed. Attorney Tinti will be back in court in about two weeks to commence the process of the sale of the property and the personal property on it.

IRON BELLE TRAIL: No update. Robb Anderson from GEI stated it should be starting within the next few weeks.

WATER PLANNING GRANT: Supervisor Kenney reviewed. He will be working with GEI to determine if we should accept the grant.

INVASIVE SPECIES POLICY: Supervisor Kenney reviewed a policy he put together for Crystal Falls Township to assist Lake Homeowner Associations with mediation of invasive species. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to table the invasive species policy until a future meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

- i. Chicaugon Lake milfoil request: Tabled.

FIRE BILLING POLICY: Supervisor Kenney reviewed the policy with the Board. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to adopt the Fire Billing Policy as amended. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to stop collection activities internally on unpaid fire invoices and turn them over to a collection agency. All ayes. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY: Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of \$256,170.34, the Monthly's for \$20,842.12 and the EFT's for \$734.70 with a total of \$277,747.16. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Zach Hautala with ICECA provided business cards with contact information for the Board. Vicki Browne commented that she will be attending other meetings and would like to share the information in the Invasive Species Policy presented before the Board.

BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE: None

ADJOURN: Motion by Seppala, supported by Niemi to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Diane LaChapelle/Deputy Clerk

