

November 14, 2019

A regular monthly meeting was held on November 12, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. All board members were present. There were 3 public attendees. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from October 8, 2019. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS: Evelyn Gathu, Director of Crystal Falls District Community Library was present to introduce herself and talk about events, programs and what the library has to offer. Evelyn informed the Board of the RIDES statewide delivery system the Crystal Falls District Community Library has joined. The Board appreciated her presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: No public comment.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN REPORT: Terry Alexa reviewed report with the Board from the month of October. Discussion held.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Supervisor Kenney reviewed the Fire Chief's report. Discussion held.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Supervisor Kenney reviewed the Zoning Administrator report. Discussion held.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Supervisor Kenney reviewed the Assessor's report. Discussion held.

LANDFILL CLOSURE REPORT: Reviewed post closure inspection report for landfill conducted by Cary Gustafson. Discussion held.

Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to accept the Water, Fire, Zoning and Assessor reports from each department for the month of October and the Landfill Closure report. All ayes. Motion carried.

REFINANCE OF 2007 WATER REVENUE BOND-LTGO BOND v REVENUE BOND: Reviewed options between Revenue Bond and Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds. Supervisor Kenney recommended proceeding with the Revenue Bond. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to proceed with refinancing the bonds with the Revenue Bond. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE HALL ENGINEERING SERVICES-REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: Discussion held in regards to a change of direction from previous design plans and location. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to seek engineering proposals for entirety of construction and design phases and in addition we will terminate design service contract for the Crystal Falls Fire Hall with GEI pending Attorney Tinti's review of the existing contract. Roll call taken. J. Seppala-no, D. Kut-yes, J. Ketola-yes, N. Niemi-yes, S. Kenney-yes. Motion carried.

WATER PROJECT RURAL DEVELOPMENT-(GEI): Robb Anderson reviewed completed water project with the board. Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to authorize a transfer of \$139.11 from water fund cash to water fund construction account. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve final payment of \$7,376.32 to Energenecs, Inc. and final request of draw to Rural Development of \$7,376.32. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

RECREATION PLAN: Robb Anderson reviewed recreation plan progress. Public workshop will be held this evening at 6 p.m.

HERITAGE TRAIL-DECLARATION AND NOTICE (TINTI): Attorney Tinti confirmed the Declaration and Notice has been recorded with the Iron County Register of Deeds. Robb will submit a copy of the Declaration and Notice to our Township website.

LIND ROAD CLEANUP UPDATE (TINTI): Attorney Tinti informed the Board of a court schedule for later this month regarding cleanup on Lind Road site.

FRANCHISE AGREEMENT-BARAGA TELEPHONE: Franchise contract agreement was reviewed by Attorney Tinti. Discussion held. Motion by Seppala, supported Ketola to approve Franchise Agreement with a 2% PEG fee and 5% video service provider fee with Baraga Telephone and authorize Supervisor Kenney to sign. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

SEWER AGREEMENT: Supervisor Kenney discussed meeting he attended with the City of Crystal Falls regarding the City sewer system and substantial upgrades on their system.

BENCH PLACEMENTS ON WALKING TRAIL: Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to place the park benches as indicated in an e-mail from Ketola with the exception of Bible Camp Rd. location. All ayes. Motion carried.

PART-TIME WORKER OF REFUSE COLLECTION: Foreman Alexa reported 4 applications had been received and reviewed. He recommended hiring Shannon Bendick. Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to accept Foreman Alexa's recommendation to hire Shannon Bendick for the Sanitation position. All ayes. Motion carried.

HOLIDAY HOURS-NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER: Discussion held regarding December 24th office hours. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to close the office on December 24th. All ayes. Motion carried.

CHART OF ACCOUNTS: Due to conflict, Supervisor Kenney removed himself from the Board table and discussion. Discussion was held regarding the original contract with Scott Kenney, CPA to update the Chart of Accounts. Motion by Kut, supported by Niemi to honor existing contract with Scott Kenney, CPA to update our Chart of Accounts. All ayes. Motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS: Reviewed list of recommended budget amendments. Discussion held. Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to amend budget as presented. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

REVIEW OF BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY: Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of \$29,973.26, the Monthly's for \$24,255.71 and EFT's for \$1102.05 with a total of \$55,331.02. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to convene into Executive session for potential acquisition of real estate and discuss written letter of legal counsel. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Entered Executive session at 4:10 p.m.

Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to adjourn out of Executive session. Roll call taken. All ayes. Executive session was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE: None

Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Nancy Niemi/Clerk