

June 10, 2020

A regular monthly meeting was held on June 9, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. All board members were present. There were 10 public attendees. Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to approve the agenda with no additions to the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from May 12, 2020. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: Public comments under Old Business Lind Road Cleanup pursuant to judgement were made by Jon Munn, Dave Adams, Todd Wloszczynski, Dan Kopf, and Kalie LaVacque.

PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS: Forest Park Community Schools Summer Recreation- Reviewed letter from Lisa Olson, Director of Forest Park Community Schools. There will be no Summer Recreation Program.

Library minutes and financial statements- Reviewed the reports submitted by Director Evelyn Gathu.

Road Commission- Reviewed memo from Doug Tomasoski regarding the Iron County Road Commission operations.

Township Insurance Board of Directors Nominee- Reviewed the Michigan Township Participating Plan Board of Director Election Ballot with Paul Lehto as the nominee for the MTPP Board of Director position in Zone 1. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to authorize support for the re-election of Paul Lehto. All ayes. Motion carried.

Electric rates- Reviewed information received from Crystal Falls City Electric Department.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN REPORT: Reviewed the Water Superintendent report from the month of May.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Reviewed the Fire Chief's report from the month of May. Request for water to fill the water tote truck for the Crystal Falls Community garden. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to provide water as a billing item and forgive bill. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. The Township is recognizing Johnson Potato Farm and their employees for their work in helping to put in the base for the road to the new pump and building planned in the area.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Reviewed the Zoning Administrator report from the month of May.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Reviewed the Assessor's report from the month of May.

Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to accept all Department Reports as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to convene into Executive session to discuss pending litigations of Lind Road Cleanup. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Entered Executive session at 2:41 p.m.

Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to go back into regular session at 3:17 p.m. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

LIND ROAD CLEANUP PURSUANT TO JUDGEMENT: Attorney Steve Tinti proposed two options. Discussion held. Will proceed with allowing the landowner the proposed two options. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to offer to the landowner the process to cure the violation over a period of time as discussed in Executive session or to allow the landowner to sell the current property and new owner to provide a plan to the Township to cure current zoning violations. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

ICECA: Discussion tabled.

FIRE HALL UPDATE: Robb Anderson with GEI updated the Board. Will continue with the planning for the building and working on Rural Development funding application.

IRON BELLE TRAIL PROJECT – STATE PROJECTS ARE ON FUNDING HOLD: The project is on hold due to a suspension of state funding at this time.

CHLORIDE ROADS: Supervisor Kenney reported they are running behind with the chloride roads. Possibly to start this process by the end of June.

HALL RENTALS: Discussion held. No reservations will be granted until further notice. Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to suspend rentals for the Township Hall until further notice. All ayes. Motion carried.

GIBSON LAKE PARK: The park will open to the public on Friday, June 12th with daily cleaning and garbage emptied. Overnight camping allowed beginning June 22nd. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to open Gibson Lake Park to the public effective June 12, 2020 and overnight camping allowed beginning June 22, 2020. All ayes. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP HALL: Discussion held. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to authorize Supervisor Kenney to talk to GEI Consultants INC regarding a contract for the safety design for the Township Hall. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Dave Adams had comments on cleanup timeline on Lind Road, Township monthly meeting times, and Township elected officials. Todd Wloszczynski had comments regarding doors at the Township Hall and Lind Road cleanup site. Jon Munn thanked the Board for listening to their concerns.

REVIEW OF BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY: Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of \$45,126.45, the Monthly's for \$24,329.95 and the EFT's for \$734.70 with a total of \$70,191.10. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE: Clerk Nancy Niemi stated the Township audit is scheduled for June 24th and 25th.

ADJOURN: Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

