

September 9, 2020

A regular monthly meeting was held on September 8, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. All board members were present. There were 4 public attendees. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the agenda with no additions to the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from August 11, 2020. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: No public comments.

PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS: Library minutes and financial statements- Reviewed the reports submitted by Director Evelyn Gathu. Board of Review resignations and appointments: Pearl Ross and Jack Koivisto have resigned. Supervisor Kenney would like to thank them for many years of service. There were two applicants, Mary Dalpra and Mark Bromley. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to accept the resignations and appoint Mary Dalpra and Mark Bromley to the Board of Review. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fire Officers – 20/21 year: Reviewed recommendations for Steven Fabbri – Chief, Kim Nylund – Assistant Chief, Jim Sartori – Captain, Tom Bucek – Training, Dan Surface – Safety, Brian Fabbri – Secretary/Treasurer. Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to approve the Fire Chief's Fire Officers recommendations for the 20-21 year. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

- i. Soft Start north end - \$1,800: Supervisor Kenney reviewed and authorized the emergency repair to replace a pump for \$1,800 plus installation.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Reviewed the Fire Chief's report from the month of August.

- i. Fire fighter grant - \$1,000 per person - \$21,000 total: Supervisor Kenney reviewed. Motion by Kut, supported by Niemi to approve conditioned upon authorization from the State for each eligible employee to receive an amount of \$1,000 or a lesser amount provided by the grant. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

ASSESSOR REPORT: Reviewed the Assessor reports from the month of June, July, and August. Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to accept all Department Reports as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIT REPORT: Eric Haukkala, CPA from Haukkala & Co., P.C. reviewed the audit reports. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to accept the audit reports as presented by Haukkala & Co., P.C. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE STATION UPDATE: Supervisor Kenney reviewed. Discussion held.

- i. Information sheets for vote: Reviewed flyers. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to proceed to send flyers via mail. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.
- ii. SHPO update: Robb Anderson from GEI reviewed clarification for additional work. Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to authorize GEI to get the application sent. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP HALL RENOVATIONS: Robb Anderson from GEI updated the Board. A review meeting will be set up.

LIND ROAD CLEANUP UPDATE - ATTORNEY: Attorney Tinti updated the Board. Discussion held.

IRON BELLE TRAIL: The planning grant for the Iron Belle Trail extension continues to be on hold.

STREET SIGNS: The Public Works Staff will be distributing the street signs that had been ordered for the Township.

INDUSTRIAL PARK – HAY/LAND SALE: Supervisor Kenney reported. He will give details to the Planning commission to review.

SEWER RATES: Supervisor Kenney reviewed a letter from the City of Crystal Falls to notify Crystal Falls Township of a 5% increase in the current sewer rates effective October 1, 2020.

SEWER MEETING – SYSTEM UPGRADES: Supervisor Kenney reviewed the meeting that took place with Terry Alexa/Public Works Foreman, Robb Anderson, himself, and the City of Crystal Falls regarding sewer project system upgrades. Discussion held.

MTA TRAINING: Reviewed training opportunities. Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to participate with MTA Plus Package for online education access for \$1,000. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

ROOF TAPING – NO PART OF ORIGINAL PROJECT - \$1,500: Discussion tabled.

WATER ACCOUNT SECURITY DEPOSITS: Discussion held. The water security deposits on the two accounts will remain.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mark Bromley would like to see the Township go ahead with the mailing of the Fire Station brochures and radio ads. He said ICECA would be willing to help.

REVIEW OF BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY: Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of \$13,250.48, the Monthly's for \$23,447.72 and the EFT's for \$734.70 with a total of \$37,432.90. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE: Supervisor Kenney asked when the Township will be having the fall clean up date. It is schedule for October 3rd 8 – noon.

ADJOURN: Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Diane LaChapelle/Deputy Clerk