

November 10, 2020

A regular monthly meeting was held on November 10, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. All board members were present. There were 3 public attendees. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the agenda with additions B.) Election Commission Meeting Minutes from October 13,2020 and under New Business D.) Bond Increase Insurance. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from October 13, 2020 and Election Commission meeting minutes from October 13, 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.

ICECA- Mark Bromley, new Managing Director was present and shared some of his vision. He also reported an extension office in Crystal Falls has been opened.

AMAR Report- Reviewed AMAR response issued to the State. Discussion held.

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

Supervisor Kenney will check on the status of road signs with Foreman Alexa.

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

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

ASSESSOR REPORT: Reviewed the Assessor reports from the month of October.

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

FIRE STATION UPDATE: The Supervisor and Township Board would like to thank the voters of Crystal Falls Township for approving this project. Robb Anderson from GEI stated they are proceeding on the design. Robb will be putting together a Fire Station construction schedule for the Board. He reported the plan is to bid out in the spring.

Discussion was held on establishing a Fire Station Construction Fund and a Debt Service Fund for this project. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to establish a Fire Station Construction Fund-#401 and a Debt Service Fund-#301 for the Fire Station project. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP HALL RENOVATIONS: Robb Anderson from GEI informed the Board the design documents have been prepared and construction walk throughs are scheduled. Bids are due November 24, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

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.

DESIGNATED ASSESSOR AGREEMENT: Supervisor Kenney shared he had been in contact with the County regarding this position.

ELECTION RESULTS: Clerk Niemi informed the Board that a total of 973 ballots were tabulated for the General Election on November 3, 2020. Clerk Niemi thanked the Deputy Clerk, Election Chairperson, Election Inspectors and all who helped with this challenging election. Supervisor Kenney and Trustee Ketola thanked the Clerk and Deputy Clerk for their efforts. The Township Board was thankful for the support the voters showed with their re-election to all positions.

APPROVAL OF HIRING EMPLOYEE WITH CDL: No applications were received. Supervisor Kenney stated Foreman Alexa will advertise for hiring a part-time, temporary employee again.

HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL: Reviewed renewal information. Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to renew the Health Insurance benefit currently offered with no changes. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

BOND INCREASE INSURANCE: Reviewed information sent by Hannula Agency regarding Public Officials Bonds renewal. Discussion held. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the increase in coverage for Clerk from \$10,000 to \$50,000 and the Treasurer from \$10,000 to \$50,000 for a one-time charge of \$252.00 for a 4-year term premium. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments.

REVIEW OF BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY: Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of \$56,237.11, the Monthly's for \$19,544.95 and the EFT's for \$734.70 with a total of \$76,516.76. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE: Trustee Kut informed the Board she will be unable to attend the December meeting in person. The Board will look into a Zoom meeting for the December monthly meeting.

ADJOURN: Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Nancy Niemi/Clerk