

December 16, 2020

A regular monthly meeting was held virtually via Zoom on December 15, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. All board members present. There were 2 public attendees who joined via Zoom. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the agenda. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Meetings from November 10, 2020 and the Special Meeting Minutes from December 8, 2020. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** No public comment.

**PRESENTATION/COMMUNICATION/REPORTS:** Reviewed Library minutes and financial statements from Director Evelyn Gathu. Reviewed ICECA December 2020 Report. Reviewed the letter from Department of Treasury stating AMAR has accepted the corrective plan that was submitted.

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

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT:** Reviewed the Fire Chief's Report for the month of November. Chief Fabbri and Supervisor Kenney will work on a request to have property owners have identification numbers posted on all parcels.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** Reviewed the Zoning Administrator's report from the month of November.

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

Discussion held on Department reports. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to accept the Departmental reports as presented. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**FIRE STATION UPDATE:** Robb Anderson from GEI reviewed Fire Station Project Implementation Schedule and update of Rural Development application.

**TOWNSHIP HALL BID CONSIDERATION AND AWARD:** Reviewed bids. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to award the bid for Township Entrance and Safety Improvements to Carey Contracting for \$37,310.35 plus \$500 for the alternate flooring and \$390 for relocating exit light. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

**IRON BELLE TRAIL:** Reviewed the Amendment to Grant Agreement which stated the extension was approved and extended to September 30, 2021. Work should begin in the Spring of 2021.

**DESIGNATED ASSESSOR CONTRACT:** Reviewed Designated Assessor Contract for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2026. Discussion held. Motion by Seppala, supported by Niemi to approve Supervisor Kenney to sign the contract. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**WATER RELIABILITY WAIVER REQUEST APPROVAL:** Reviewed letter from EGLE approving our request for a waiver from a reliability study that is required every 5 years.

**POVERTY LEVEL EXEMPTION-ASSET TEST:** Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to table the Revised Poverty Level Exemption Asset Test until Attorney Tinti makes recommended verbiage changes. Roll call taken. N. Niemi-yes, S. Kenney-yes, J. Seppala-yes, J. Ketola-yes, D. Kut-absent. Motion carried.

*\*Due to technical difficulties Diane Kut left the Zoom meeting approximately 2:40 p.m.*

**SKI HILL EMPLOYMENT/REIMBURSEMENT:** Discussion held. Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to approve reimbursement for tow operators' salaries at the Crystella Ski Hill to the Crystella Ski Hill Organization in the amount approximately of \$5000.00. Roll call taken. J. Seppala-yes, J. Ketola-yes, N. Niemi-yes, S. Kenney-yes, D. Kut-absent. Motion carried.

*\*Diane Kut resumed Zoom meeting at 2:47 p.m.*

**OSWALD STREET PROPERTY:** Reviewed letter from Iron County Treasurer regarding a Township property that was not sold at a recent auction conducted by the County. Discussion held. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to sign Waiver of Second Right of Refusal. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**CHRISTMAS EVE AND NEW YEAR' EVE-OFFICE CLOSED:** Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to close the Township Office on Christmas Eve Day and New Year's Eve Day. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**CHRISTMAS GIFT CERTIFICATES:** Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to purchase \$25.00 gift certificates from Crystal Fresh Market for Hourly Township Employees. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF HIRING EMPLOYEE WITH CDL:** No applications have been received at this time.

**CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM APPROVAL OF UPDATE:** Reviewed the updated Cross Connection Program. Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to update Cross Connection Program to include Supervisor and Clerk's signatures. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**WATER SYSTEM ASSET MANAGEMENT GRANT OPPORTUNITY-GEI:** Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to engage GEI to apply for grant funds to complete a water asset management plan and review potential upgrades to our water system and to have Supervisor Kenney review application and work with GEI. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**REVIEW OF BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAIDS/MONTHLY:** Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of \$40,279.35, the Monthly's for \$20,596.44 and the EFT's for \$1,102.05 with a total of \$61,977.84. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE:** Supervisor Kenney stated there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for Waters Legal Service and Stephanie Nocerini Financial Services on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. Township Board members wished residents and employees a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to adjourn the meeting. Roll call taken. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Nancy Niemi/Clerk