

February 17, 2021

A regular monthly meeting was held virtually via Zoom on February 16, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. All board members were present. There was 1 public attendee who joined via Zoom. Motion by Seppala, supported by Niemi to approve the agenda. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Ketola, supported by Kut to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes from January 12, 2021. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: No public comments.

PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS: Reviewed Library minutes and financial statements from Director Evelyn Gathu. Reviewed ICECA February 2021 Report.

Congratulations to Terry Alexa from Supervisor Kenney and Board members for recognition as a Lifetime Member of American Water works Association.

Appointment of Board of Review Members. Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to appoint Dennis Divoky, Mark Bromley, and Mary Dalpra as members of Board of Review. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

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

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

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

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.

REVIEW OF BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY: Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of \$23,772.11, the Monthly's for \$18,462.52 and the EFT's for \$1,102.05 with a total of \$43,336.68. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE STATION UPDATE: Supervisor Kenney reviewed. Discussion held.

i. Land acquisition: Informed the Board talks are in progress with MDOT. Discussion held.

ii. Financing: Reviewed letter from Rural Development that requirements for eligibility were met. Discussion held.

LIND ROAD CLEANUP UPDATE - ATTORNEY: Supervisor Kenney stated Attorney Tinti has filed necessary documents with the courts to move forward.

IRON BELLE TRAIL: Project is on to proceed. The grant deadline is September 2021.

SEWER AGREEMENT – CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS: Supervisor Kenney updated the Board on the meetings with the city. Discussion held.

POVERTY LEVEL EXEMPTION (INCLUDE ASSET TEST): Reviewed and will be handled in March.

WATER GRANTS: Reviewed with the Board. Discussion held.

HALL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS: Reviewed with the Board. Discussion held. Project to begin the week of March 8, 2021.

SALARIES RESOLUTION: Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to increase wage for Supervisor to \$26,675. Roll call taken. Ayes: Kut, Niemi, Seppala, Ketola. Nays: None. Abstain: Kenney. Motion carried. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to increase wage for Clerk to \$27,865. Roll call taken. Ayes: Seppala, Kut, Ketola, Kenney. Nays: None. Abstain: Niemi. Motion carried. Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to increase wage for Treasurer to \$27,450. Roll call taken. Ayes: Niemi, Seppala, Kenney, Kut. Nays: None. Abstain: Ketola. Motion carried. Motion by Ketola, supported by Niemi to increase wage for Trustee Kut to \$4,000. Roll call taken. Ayes: Niemi, Seppala, Kenney, Ketola. Nays: None. Abstain: Kut. Motion carried. Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to increase wage for Trustee Seppala to \$4,000. Roll call taken. Ayes: Niemi, Kut, Ketola, Kenney. Nays: None. Abstain: Seppala. Motion carried.

OTHER SALARIES AND WAGES: Discussion held on recommendations on other employees.

ZONING APPEAL FEE WAIVER: Discussion held regarding wording changes needed in the Zoning ordinance. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to waive the Zoning appeal fee of \$170.00. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments.

BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE: Trustee Kut has concerns about Pipeline closures and propane users.

ADJOURN: Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to adjourn the meeting. Roll call taken. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Diane LaChapelle/Deputy Clerk

