

February 11, 2022

A regular monthly meeting was held on February 8, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. All board members were present. There were 5 public attendees. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the agenda with moving 13.) Public Comments before 11K.) Executive Session. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from January 11, 2022 and Executive session minutes from January 11, 2022. 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 January 2022 Report.

Reviewed the email and updated email from Enbridge – Closure of Hope Mine Road. A portion of Hope Mine Road will be closed from February 11th thru February 18th.

**WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN REPORT:** No report was submitted to the Board for the month of January.

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

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

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

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

**FIRE STATION UPDATE:** A letter was reviewed with the Board that Supervisor Kenney sent to the city and the response from Gerard Valesano, City Manager.

Attorney Tinti received an email from MDOT on the Fire Tower Road site.

**CRYSTAL FALLS CITY SEWER PROJECT – CITY IS AWAITING APPROVAL TO BID FROM RD:** Attorney Tinti has received a revised contract from the City of Crystal Falls.

Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to accept amended agreement with the City of Crystal Falls for sewer services with four changes in the document reviewed by Attorney Tinti. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**WATER SYSTEM AFFORDABILITY AND PLANNING GRANT (AP GRANT):** The process is underway. Waiting for the questionnaires that GEI has sent to the municipalities that expressed an interest in the Grant.

**LIND ROAD CLEANUP UPDATE – WAITING FOR REDEMPTION PERIOD TO EXPIRE:** Attorney Tinti updated the Board.

**ICECA AGREEMENT:** Received the Contract For Services from Attorney Tinti. Motion by Seppala, supported by Niemi to approve the Contract For Services included in the board packet. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**HALL RENTALS:** No hall rentals currently. Will review on a monthly basis.

**SALARIES RESOLUTIONS:** Discussion held. Motion by Ketola, supported by Niemi to increase wage for Supervisor to \$28,000. Roll call taken. Ayes: Kut, Seppala, Niemi, Ketola. Nays: None. Abstain: Kenney. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to increase wage for Clerk to \$29,260. Roll call taken. Ayes:

Ketola, Kenney, Seppala, Kut. Nays: None. Abstain: Niemi. Motion carried. Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to increase wage for Treasurer to \$28,825.

Roll call taken. Ayes: Kut, Niemi, Kenney, Seppala. Nays: None. Abstain: Ketola. Motion carried. Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to increase wage for

Trustee Kut to \$4,500. Roll call taken. Ayes: Niemi, Ketola, Kenney, Seppala. Nays: None. Abstain: Kut. Motion carried. Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to

increase wage for Trustee Seppala to \$4,500. Roll call taken. Ayes: Niemi, Ketola, Kut, Kenney. Nays: None. Abstain: Seppala. Motion carried.

**OTHER SALARIES AND WAGES:** Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to increase wage for Zoning Administrator to \$16,000. Roll call taken. All

ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Seppala, supported by Niemi to increase wage for Election Chairperson to \$15.00 per hour. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion

carried. Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to increase wage for Election Worker to \$12.00 per hour. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. All other

positions are tabled until the next meeting.

**PUBLIC WORKS OPENINGS – ONE FULL TIME AND ONE AS NEEDED:** Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala for authorization from the Board for one full time position and one part time scheduled position in the Public Works Department. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**PLANNING COMMISSION – REAPPOINT CURT STEBIC:** Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to reappoint Curt Stebic for Planning Commission. All ayes. Motion carried.

**AUDIT PROPOSALS:** Supervisor Kenney put together an audit proposal for three firms. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to authorize Supervisor Kenney to send the audit proposals to three audit firms. All ayes. Motion carried.

**BS&A TRAINING:** Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to authorize up to three additional days not to exceed \$1,000 per day plus expenses. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**PENSION PLAN UPDATE – LORD ABBETT:** Discussion held. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to remove former Supervisor and authorize Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer as authorized signers for the plan. All ayes. Motion carried.

**BUDGET WORK SESSION:** February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 a.m. Crystal Falls Township Hall for the Township Budget Work Session.

**DNR/FIRE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT:** Reviewed the DNR/Fire Mutual Aid Agreement. Motion by Kut, supported by Niemi to enter into the Mutual Aid Agreement with the DNR. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**FIRE – 800 MGZ COMMUNICATION SYSTEM:** Reviewed the MPSCS Member Subscriber Agreement. Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to approve Michigan's Public Safety Communications System Member Subscriber Agreement. All ayes. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION:** Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to convene into Executive session to discuss real estate acquisition. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Entered Executive session at 2:58 p.m.

Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to close out of Executive session and reconvene into regular monthly meeting. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Executive session was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

**REVIEW OF BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY:** Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of \$31,445.77, the Monthly's for \$15,238.61 and the EFT's for \$734.70 with a total of \$47,419.08. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No public comments.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE:** Supervisor Kenney wished the Board a Happy Valentine's Day.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Diane LaChapelle/Deputy Clerk