

April 13, 2022

A regular monthly meeting was held on April 12, 2022 at 2 p.m. Jennifer Ketola was absent. All other board members were present. There were 3 public attendees. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the agenda with no additions. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the Public Hearing – Budget meeting minutes from March 16, 2022, regular monthly meeting minutes from March 16, 2022, and Special meeting minutes from March 24, 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 March 2022 Report. Included in the report are the February 2022 financials.

Dust control on our roads with VanDamme Trucking is scheduled to occur on June 6th and 7th.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN REPORT: Reviewed the Water Superintendent's report for the month of March.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Reviewed the Fire Chief's report for the month of March. Tom Bucek was nominated Firefighter of the Year by the UP Firefighter's Association Board. He refused the award.

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

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

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

FIRE STATION UPDATE – 2 contracts: Reviewed the proposal from GEI for Conceptual Review for an alternate Site of the Proposed Crystal Falls Township Fire Hall – Logan Street site. Motion by Kut, supported by Niemi to accept the proposal from GEI for Conceptual Site Review not to exceed \$1,600 for the Logan Street site. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Reviewed email from Ryan Whaley with TriMedia Environmental & Engineering regarding providing a proposed contract for doing test borings at the Logan Street site. Discussion held.

CRYSTAL FALLS CITY SEWER PROJECT – CITY IS AWAITING APPROVAL TO BID FROM RD: The final word of approval to go to bid was received at the City.

WATER SYSTEM AFFORDABILITY AND PLANNING GRANT (AP GRANT): Robb Anderson stated he is awaiting results from the survey questionnaire from the Village of Alpha and Hematite Township. The City of Crystal Falls is not going to participate.

LIND ROAD CLEANUP UPDATE: Attorney Tinti is putting together a letter with dates for the owner to have the property cleaned up.

HALL RENTALS: No hall rentals currently. Will review monthly.

PUBLIC WORKS HIRING: There is an additional full-time public works position. It is advertised in the Iron County Reporter for the week of March 4th and March 11th.

AUDITOR SELECTION UPDATE: The prior Auditor, Eric Haukala is not interested in continuing auditing for the Township. Discussion held.

Supervisor Kenney sent a follow-up email to the firm of Makela, Pollack & Ahonen. They will get back to him after tax season is done.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE CONTRACT: Reviewed Proposal for the Updating of the Township's Master Plan from GEI. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve contract with GEI for Master Plan Update in the amount of \$3,700. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

CITY FIRE PAYMENT: Discussion held.

LONG LAKE ROAD PROJECT CONTRACT: Reviewed the agreement between Iron County Road Commission and Crystal Falls Township. Discussion held. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve contract with Iron County Road Commission in the amount of \$173,148.05 for paving approximately 7,400' on Long Lake Road. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

GIS IMAGING UPGRADE CONTRACT: Received revised contract from the State of Michigan. Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the revised contract with the State of Michigan in the amount of \$6,800.56 under budget # 101-257-801-000. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PAY IN LIEU OF HEALTH INSURANCE: Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to adopt the policy in lieu of Health Insurance/HSA at \$200 per pay period with requirement that the employee must be eligible for coverage under the Township's insurance plan and be covered under alternative coverage. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIREPROOF FILE CABINETS - \$2,100 EACH: Discussion held. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the purchase of the fireproof file cabinet for approximate cost of \$2,100. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

COPIER PROPOSALS: Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the purchase of the New (Black) Sharp MX-M2651 Copier/Printer/Scanner in the amount of \$3,478. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

ARPA FUND DESIGNATION: Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to designate all ARPA funding of \$175,000 and place it in the General Fund capital expenditure items. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY: Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of \$83,707.47, the Monthly's for \$19,624.43 and the EFT's for \$457.80 with a total of \$103,789.70. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Tom Bucek said thank you for the Fire Station updates.

BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE: Supervisor Kenney glad to see recycling being utilized.

ADJOURN: Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Diane LaChapelle/Deputy Clerk

