

January 11, 2023

A regular monthly meeting was held on January 10, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. All board members were present. There were 9 public attendees. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from December 13, 2022. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

**PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:** Reviewed the Library minutes and financial statements from Director Evelyn Gathu. Reviewed ICECA Report and 2022 Annual Report provided by Chamber Director, Zach Hautala.

Reviewed Public Notice State of Michigan Metallic Minerals Direct Lease Application from the DNR. A copy is available at the Crystal Falls Township.

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

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

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

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

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

**FIRE STATION UPDATE – BID UPDATE:** On hold until approval from Rural Development to bid the project.

**LIND ROAD CLEANUP UPDATE:** Todd Wloszczynski indicated last month work will slow down until road restrictions are lifted in the spring.

**MASTER PLAN UPDATES:** GEI is working on a draft, and it will be sent to the Planning Commission after completed.

**SPARK GRANT:** Applications have been submitted. The first round of awards is expected the week of January 30, 2023.

- i. Walking trail extension and parking: Applications submitted.
- ii. Gibson Lake Park upgrades: Applications submitted.

**SRF PROJECTS:** Reviewed report from Robb Anderson with GEI.

- i. Water: An Intent to Apply for a proposed Water System Improvements project was submitted.
- ii. Sewer: An Intent to Apply for a Sanitary Sewer Improvements project was submitted.

**HALL FLOOR:** Reviewed memo from Dave Grondin with Connor Sports Flooring. Hall rental may be on hold until after the floor is completed. Discussion held.

**BOARD OF REVIEW COMPENSATION – ALL EQUAL:** The Board of Review members have requested that each member be compensated at the same level as the other members with no differentiation for the chairperson. Discussion held. Motion by Niemi, supported by Kut to compensate all Board of Review members at the same level. Roll call taken. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**EGLE CORRESPONDENCE – WATER:** Reviewed the memo from a meeting between Supervisor Kenney and Water Superintendent, Randy Bucek to inform the Board of how each of the issues are being handled.

**FIRE COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT GRANT APPROVAL:** Reviewed the 2023 Volunteer Fire Capacity Project Agreement. Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to accept the 2023 Volunteer Fire Capacity Project Agreement and authorize Supervisor Kenney to sign on behalf of the Township. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**MDNR TRUST FUND GRANT:** Supervisor Kenney is requesting in the event our SPARK Grant requests are not approved to use the same project to request an MDNR Trust Fund Grant. Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to apply for the MDNR Grant once we know if unsuccessful on first round of the SPARK Grant. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP DATE:** Township Budget workshop will be held on January 31, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. at the Crystal Falls Township Hall.

**REVIEW OF BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY:** Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of \$82,506.91, the Monthly's for \$15,704.50 and the EFT's for \$591.60 with a total of \$98,803.01. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mark Bromley informed the Board that the bridge on Idlewild Road is closed. Gerard Valesano from the City of Crystal Falls looking for follow up from last month on services between the City and the Township.

**Executive Session - Attorney Opinion:** Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to convene into Executive Session to discuss Attorney Opinion on written legal opinion. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Entered Executive Session at 3:09 p.m.

Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to reconvene into regular monthly meeting. Roll call taken, All ayes, Motion carried. Executive Session was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE:** Treasurer Ketola regarding city bill.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Diane LaChapelle/Deputy Clerk