

February 15, 2023

A regular monthly meeting was held on February 14, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. All board members were present. There were 3 public attendees. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from January 10, 2023, Executive session minutes from January 10, 2023, and Budget Workshop meeting minutes from February 2, 2023. 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 2023 Strategic Plan and 2022 Financials provided by Chamber Director, Zach Hautala.

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

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Reviewed the Fire Chief's report for the month of January. Fire Chief, Steven Fabbri wanted the Board aware that he has ordered PFAS-free foam.

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 Niemi to approve the Departmental reports as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE STATION UPDATE – PROJECT BID UPDATE: Currently waiting for Bids. Due February 22nd to the Township Hall.

- i. Logging proposal – VanOss Forestry: Wood to be removed without payment to the Township.

LIND ROAD CLEANUP UPDATE: Supervisor Kenney spoke to Todd Wloszczynski and work is still slow.

MASTER PLAN UPDATES: GEI sent the draft version to the Planning Commission. Meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2023.

SPARK GRANT: The first round of awards was unsuccessful for the proposed projects.

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

SRF PROJECTS: Discussion held.

- i. Sewer: Very unlikely successful in obtaining an SRF Grant for the Sewer System.
- ii. Water: Borderline for funding for the Water System improvements. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve GEI to do a proposal for preliminary engineering services for Crystal Falls Township water portion in the sum of \$15,000. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

MICHIGAN DNR TRUST FUND GRANT: Reviewed proposal from GEI. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to accept GEI proposal for 2023 DNR Recreation Grant Application Preparation with the cost of \$2,000 with an additional cost of \$200 - \$400 for a design review from SAIL. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

SALARIES RESOLUTIONS: The salaries were based on Consumer Price Index with an increase of 7.1%. Discussion held. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to increase wage for Supervisor to \$29,988.00. Roll call taken. Ayes: Kut, Ketola, Niemi, Seppala. Nays: None. Abstain: Kenney. Motion carried. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to increase wage for Clerk to \$31,337.46. Roll call taken. Ayes: Ketola, Kenney, Kut, Seppala. Nays: None. Abstain: Niemi. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to increase wage for Treasurer to \$30,871.58. Roll call taken. Ayes: Niemi, Kenney, Seppala, Kut. Nays: None. Abstain: Ketola. Motion carried. Motion by Ketola, supported by Niemi to increase wage for Trustee Kut to \$4,819.50. Roll call taken. Ayes: Niemi, Kenney, Seppala, Ketola. Nays: None. Abstain: Kut. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Niemi to increase wage for Trustee Seppala to \$4,819.50. Roll call taken. Ayes: Kut, Niemi, Kenney, Ketola. Nays: None. Abstain: Seppala. Motion carried.

IRON COUNTY LAKES AND STREAMS - MEMBERSHIP: Discussion held. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to continue the membership with Iron County Lakes and Streams Partnership. All ayes. Motion carried.

JAWS OF LIFE PROPOSAL: Reviewed estimate from Fire-Rescue Supply, LLC. Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to approve the proposal from Fire-Rescue Supply, LLC for the jaws of life in the amount of \$38,700. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISING REQUEST: Reviewed email from Fire Chief, Steven Fabbri. Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to support the Crystal Falls Volunteer Firefighters' Association, Inc to apply for a special liquor license for the fundraiser. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENTS: Discussion held. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to table the Mansfield and Crystal Falls Fire Protection agreements until the next meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

LOGGING CONTRACT: Waiting for proposals to come through. The bids will go directly to VanOss Forestry.

REVIEW OF BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY: Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of \$41,801.06, the Monthly's for \$31,779.88 and the EFT's for \$591.60 with a total of \$74,172.54. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Tom Bucek commented on parking lot for walking trail and the Fire Station Location.

BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE: Supervisor Kenney wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

ADJOURN: Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Diane LaChapelle/Deputy Clerk