

August 9, 2023

A regular monthly meeting was held on August 8, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. Joanne Seppala was absent. All other board members were present. There were 5 public attendees. Motion by Ketola, supported by Kut to approve the agenda with no additions. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from July 11, 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 report provided by Chamber Director, Zach Hautala. Zach Hautala updated the Board on the MI-HOPE Grant Program – WUPPDR. Shared memo to Fire Department from City of Crystal Falls. Supervisor Kenney complimented the Fire Department as well.

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

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT:** Reviewed the Fire Chief's report from the month of July. Supervisor Kenney informed the Board that two firefighters were injured while fighting the recent structure fire.

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

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

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

**LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER:** Received two applications. Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve Eric Malcore to the Library Board for Crystal Falls Township. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**FIRE STATION UPDATE:** Discussion held.

- i. Building Material Alternatives. Robb Anderson from GEI informed the Board about potential alternate construction types for the Fire Station. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to make an addendum to allow for alternative options from existing bid specifications. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**LIND ROAD CLEANUP UPDATE:** No updated report from Todd Wloszczynski. Supervisor Kenney will touch base with him.

**SPARK GRANT APPLICATION:** No update.

**MICHIGAN EGLE SRF DRINKING WATER:** Discussion held.

**MDNR TRUST FUND GRANT UPDATE:** Supervisor Kenney and Robb Anderson from GEI will be attending the MDNR Trust Fund Board meeting this month.

**FIRE CONTRACT - MANSFIELD:** Due to scheduling conflicts, Supervisor Kenney, the Clerk, and Fire Chief have not been able to meet with Mansfield Supervisor to review the Contract For Fire Protection Service.

**RUNKLE LAKE ASSOCIATION – MILFOIL REQUEST:** Reviewed information from Jay Gore, President of Runkle Lake Association. Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve \$372.00 and \$122.00 a total of \$494.00 for Milfoil litigation at Runkle Lake. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – PROPERTY LITIGATION:** Motion by Niemi, supported by Kut to suspend regular session and convene into Executive session for the purpose to discuss litigation ending in the Tax Tribunal. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Entered Executive session at 3:12 p.m. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to reconvene into regular meeting. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Executive session was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Motion by Ketola, supported by Niemi to direct Attorney Tinti to proceed with suggested paths forward in the litigation which was discussed in Executive session. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**REVIEW OF CURRENT BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY:** Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the prepaid's in the amount of \$35,624.09, the Monthly's for \$157,525.70 and the EFT's for \$591.60 with a total of \$193,741.39. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No public comments.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE:** Trustee Kut impressed with road signs on Hwy 141 from Public Works Department. Treasurer Ketola would like to have Public Works find someone to clean the carpet in the Township Office.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Ketola, supported by Kut to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Diane LaChapelle/Deputy Clerk