

January 10, 2024

A regular monthly meeting was held on January 9, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. Diane Kut was absent. All other board members were present. There were 5 public attendees. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to approve the agenda with no additions. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from December 12, 2023 and Executive session minutes from December 12, 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 commented to the Board about the new owners of the Alpha/Porter School.

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

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

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

ASSESSOR REPORT: Reviewed the Assessor's report from 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: Robb Anderson from GEI updated the Board.

MDNR TRUST FUND GRANT UPDATE: The MDNR Trust Fund Grant was unsuccessful. Will revisit the grant in the future.

LIND ROAD UPDATE: Reviewed report from Todd Wloszczynski.

TMF SUPPORT GRANT – WATER: Supervisor Kenney will meet with Robb Anderson, Randy Bucek, and Joe Brozak to discuss procedures and items to be included in the TMF Lead Service Grant application.

EGLE DEFICIENCY REPORT: Supervisor Kenney reviewed a letter addressed to EGLE and an estimate that he will be sending.

FIRE CADET PROGRAM RESOLUTION: Reviewed a Resolution supporting the Fire Cadet/Explorer Program. Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to approve the Resolution supporting the Fire/Explorer Program. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

SWP IMPACT FUNDING: Reviewed an email the Utility Billing Clerk received from Tonya Swenor, Energy & Climate Program Manager. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the information from the Superior Watershed Partnership for the purpose of paying the water and sewer bills. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE FIGHTER APPLICATION: Reviewed an application from the Fire Department for a new Fire Fighter. Discussion held. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the application for Volunteer Fire Fighter, Alex–Andria Bossenberger. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM – CONNOR/MAGIGLIDE: Discussion held.

BUDGET WORKSHOP DATE: Township Budget workshop will be held on January 31, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. at the Crystal Falls Township Hall.

CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER: Two applications received. One no show for an interview. Discussion held. Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to hire Joe Brozak as the Code Compliance Officer. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

ELECTION LAPTOP COMPUTER: Reviewed proposal from Guide Star for a new Election Laptop Computer. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve purchasing a laptop computer for elections from Guide Star in the amount of \$1,136.05. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF CURRENT BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY: Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the prepaid's in the amount of \$76,655.34, the Monthly's for \$15,819.52 and the EFT's for \$591.60 with a total of \$93,066.46. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Zach Hautala will have an annual report at the February meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE: Supervisor Kenney and Tom Bucek set up a date to do CPR training for recertification for the staff on February 15th at 2:30 p.m.

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

Diane LaChapelle/Deputy Clerk