

February 14, 2024

A regular monthly meeting was held on February 13, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. All board members were present. There were 8 public attendees. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to approve the agenda with additions under Approval of Board Meeting Minutes 6C.) Election Commission Meeting Minutes and under Presentations/Communications/Reports 8C.) Todd Wloszczynski Lind Road Cleanup. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from January 9, 2024, Special meeting minutes from January 31, 2024 and Election Commission meeting minutes from January 31, 2024. 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 financial statements provided by Chamber Director, Zach Hautala.

Reviewed report from Todd Wloszczynski on the Lind Road cleanup.

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

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

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

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

CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER: Reviewed the Code Compliance Officer's report from the month of January.

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

FIRE STATION UPDATE: Reviewed updates from Robb Anderson with GEI. Construction is expected to begin in spring. Discussion held.

- i. Bond Authorizing Resolution: Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to approve the Bond Authorizing Resolution for the Fire Station. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.
- ii. USDA Loan Resolution: Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the Loan Resolution provided by Rural Development. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

MDNR TRUST FUND GRANT: Reapply for the grant to extend the walking trail from Donahue Park to Bewabic State Park. Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to reapply for the MDNR Trust Fund Grant and authorize GEI to prepare the necessary application. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

TMF SUPPORT GRANT – WATER: Grant application was submitted. Waiting for notification.

SALARIES RESOLUTIONS: Discussion held. Salary increase to be effective starting March 24, 2024. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the salary increase for Supervisor to \$31,187.52. Roll call taken. Ayes: Niemi, Ketola, Seppala, Kut. Nays: None. Abstain: Kenney. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the salary increase for Clerk to \$34,000.00. Roll call taken. Ayes: Kenney, Ketola, Seppala, Kut. Nays: None. Abstain: Niemi. Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to approve the salary increase for Treasurer to \$32,106.44. Roll call taken. Ayes: Kenney, Niemi, Seppala, Kut. Nays: None. Abstain: Ketola. Motion by Ketola, supported by Niemi to approve the salary increase for each Trustee to \$5,012.28. Roll call taken. Ayes: Kenney, Niemi, Ketola. Nays: None. Abstain: Seppala, Kut.

LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT: Deb Divoky would like to renew her position on the Crystal Falls Community District Library Board. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to reappoint Deb Divoky to the Crystal Falls Community District Library Board. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION: Discussion held. Motion by Ketola, supported by Kut to approve the Liquor License application for New Leaf Pantry. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

MARSHFIELD CLINIC – FEE INCREASE: Reviewed letter from Marshfield Clinic Health System in regard to a fee increase.

IRON COUNTY LAKES & STREAMS PARTNERSHIP MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: Discussion held. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to renew the membership with Iron County Lakes & Streams Partnership. 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 \$36,981.12, the Monthly's for \$23,750.48 and the EFT's for \$887.40 with a total of \$61,619.00. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jeff West has concerns about Tannerite explosion occurring. Also, thanked the Board for help with the Fire Station Project.

BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE: Supervisor Kenney reminded about the CPR Training on February 15, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. There is a tentative schedule for removing and replacing the floor in the Township Hall to begin in April. Don't forget to vote on February 27, 2024. Diane Kut reminded about the Planning Board meeting on February 22, 2024.

ADJOURN: Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

Diane LaChapelle/Deputy Clerk