

May 15, 2024

A regular monthly meeting was held on May 14, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. at the Dining Hall at Fortune Lake Bible Camp due to construction at the Township Hall. Joanne Seppala was absent. All other board members were present. There were 7 public attendees. Motion by Ketola, supported by Kut to approve the agenda with additions under New Business 11C.) Appointment of Curt Stebic to Chairperson position on Planning Commission and 11D.) Election of Fire Officers. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from April 9, 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. Zach Hautala commented there will be a new Fast Track Grant cycle with a deadline by June 3rd.

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

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Reviewed the Fire Chief's report from the month of April. Supervisor Kenney thanked Tom Bucek in regard to a grant that was written by him for a new AED from the Iron Area Health Foundation.

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

ASSESSOR REPORT: Reviewed the Assessor's report from the months of March and April.

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

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

FIRE STATION UPDATE: Work has begun at the site. Robb Anderson with GEI explained to the Board in regard to the electrical. The labor and material cost are \$10,103.64 paid to the City of Crystal Falls. Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Niemi to pay the City of Crystal Falls for the electric meter in the amount of \$10,103.64 with the stipulation the Township follow up with credit against payment and add as a draw on contingency pool. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

- i. Approval of invoices/construction draw #3: Reviewed approval of payments to Immel Construction, Inc. draw #3. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the payment of \$253,448.87 to Immel Construction, Inc. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.
- ii. Emergency Signage – US 2: Will check with MDOT.

LIND ROAD CLEAN-UP: No updated report from Todd Wloszczynski.

MDNR TRUST FUND GRANT: The Grant has been submitted and preliminary scoring is to be released in September.

TMF SUPPORT GRANT – WATER – Approved for \$200,785: Reviewed Proposal for Engineering Services for Crystal Falls Township Technical, Managerial, and Financial (TMF) Lead Line Verification Project.

- i. Engineering Contract Approval: Motion by Niemi, supported by Kut to accept proposed grant in the amount of \$200,785 and approve the engineering contract in the amount of \$17,500 with GEI. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

DWSRF WATER PROJECT: Supervisor Kenney updated the Board.

HALL FLOOR: The floor is installed. Will be starting to apply the finish. Supervisor Kenney is appreciative for the Public Works employees, Randy Randjelovic, John Olson and the installation team from Connor Sports Flooring led by Dave Grondin.

CEMETERY AGREEMENT - CITY: Reviewed agreement. Discussion held.

GARBAGE TRUCK: Supervisor Kenney will request proposals from two companies to provide contract garbage services for the Township and he will provide information for the Board to review.

APPOINTMENT OF CURT STEBIC TO CHAIRPERSON POSITION ON PLANNING COMMISSION: Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to reappoint Curt Stebic to chairperson on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF FIRE OFFICERS: Fire Officers – 24/25 years: Confirmed Steven Fabbri – Chief, Kim Nylund – Assistant Chief, Jim Sartori – Captain, Tom Bucek – Training Officer, Dan Surface – Safety Officer, Brian Fabbri – Secretary/Treasurer. Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to approve the Officers as presented in the Fire Chief's report. 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 \$95,255.26, the Monthly's for \$49,837.20 and the EFT's for \$897.80 with a total of \$145,990.26. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Bob Black from WIKB stated that ads can be on the radio.

BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE: None

ADJOURN: Motion by Ketola, supported by Niemi to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Diane LaChapelle/Deputy Clerk

