

May 21, 2025

A regular monthly meeting was held on May 13, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. All board members were present. There were 4 public attendees. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from April 8, 2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** No public comments.

**PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:** No report submitted from Director Evelyn Gathu for the Crystal Falls District Community Library.

Reviewed ICECA report provided by Chamber Director, Zach Hautala. Zach informed the board of new programs, high attendance for BAH and a discussion was held and determined to move to presenting the financial reports to quarterly instead of monthly to the Township Board.

**WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN'S REPORT:** Reviewed the Water Superintendent's report from the month of April. Discussion was held with Foreman Bucek to go forward with posting for a full time Public Works position. Also, discussed a weekend part time position for a park attendant at Gibson Lake. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to post and advertise for a weekend park attendant for Gibson Lake. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:** Reviewed the Fire Chief's report from the month of April. Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to accept officers as presented in the report: Steven Fabbri-Chief, Kim Nylund-Assistant Chief, Jim Sartori-Captain, Dan Surface-Safety Officer, Tom Bucek-Training Officer, and Brian Fabbri-Secretary/Treasurer. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** No report submitted by Assessor Ken West for the month of April.

**CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER'S REPORT:** Reviewed the Code Compliance Officer's report from the month of April. Reviewed Joe's resignation letter. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to accept the resignation of Joe Brozak and to advertise for the position. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the Departmental reports as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

**FIRE STATION UPDATES:** Volunteer Firefighter Alex Bossenberger was present. She stated the move to the new fire station was going well.

The Township will move forward with soliciting bids for a concrete apron in front of the new fire station doors. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to advertise for two weeks in the Reporter and Iron Mountain News for the concrete bid. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ketola, supported by Niemi to approve Christopher Johnson as a new Volunteer Firefighter. All ayes. Motion carried.

Reviewed request for decals for the fire trucks and garage doors. Motion by Ketola, supported by Kut to approve decals for trucks, fire pole and five signs for garage doors.. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**GEI REPORT:** Reviewed report submitted from Robb Anderson. Discussion held.

**TOWNSHIP UTILITY BILLING CLERK INTERVIEW AND RESULTS:** Reviewed synopsis of resumes received and interviews conducted. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to hire Alyson Ayers as the Utility Billing Clerk. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**SPECIAL MEETING DATE-DEPARTMENT REVIEW:** Set meeting date for Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

**PERSONNEL POLICY:** Reviewed preliminary policy for comments and questions.

**SECURITY SYSTEM INSTALLION:** Waiting for response from Guide Star.

**GARBAGE TRUCK DISCUSSION:** Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to authorize Foreman Bucek to contact 3 parties for quotes on a used garbage truck. All ayes. Motion carried.

**RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS:** Supervisor Stebic informed the board he talked to Sheriff Boemke regarding the dog and cat complaints. Discussion held on noise and blight complaints and signage on Highway.

**WLOSZCZYNSKI STATUS:** No progress stated.

**LATITUDE SUBROGATION SERVICES:** Reviewed letter from Latitude Subrogation Services. Letter was forwarded to Hannula Insurance Company and Attorney Tinti.

**LAND DIVISION RESOLUTION REGARDING 4:1 RATIO REQUIREMENT:** Tabled.

**REVIEW OF CURRENT BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY:** Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the prepaid's in the amount of \$77,042.94, the Monthly's for \$29,090.22 and the EFT's for \$725.50 with a total of \$106,858.66. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mary Dumitru asked for status on representative for the Township on the Library Board.

**BOARD MEMBER'S PRIVILEGE:** Trustee Kut informed the board she will be attending a Public Hearing regarding a Short Term Rental Draft in Stambaugh Township.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Nancy Niemi/Clerk