

August 12, 2025

A regular monthly meeting was held on August 12, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. All board members were present. There were 7 public attendees. Motion by Seppala, supported by Niemi to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from July 8, 2025 and the Special Meeting Minutes from July 17, 2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: Tom Bucek would like the Board to consider a later start time for the monthly meetings when the Township Board sets the next Meeting Resolution.

PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS: Reviewed report submitted by Director Evelyn Gathu for the Crystal Falls District Community Library.

Reviewed ICECA report provided by Chamber Director, Zach Hautala. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to accept the reports as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Reviewed the Fire Chief's report from the month of July. Congratulations from the Township Board to the CFFD Volunteers for placing 1st in the races at the U.P. Fireman's Tournament. Requested approval of a new Volunteer Firefighter. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve Dylan Maki as a new Volunteer Firefighter. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Reviewed Assessor's report for the month of July.

CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER'S REPORT: No report submitted due to vacancy in the position. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the Departmental reports as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

GARBAGE TRUCK: Garbage truck has been purchased and being prepared for Foreman Bucek to accept.

GEI REPORT: Robb Anderson was present to review report submitted regarding DNR Heritage Trail Extension Project, TMF Lead Service Grant, DWSRF Water Project Carry Over Application and Memory Lane Water. Questioned Robb regarding information on AT&T copper lines replacement for dialer alarms for the meters. Discussion held on all subjects.

MICHEM: Supervisor Stebic notified the Board they will be using the parking lot on September 16-17, 2025.

BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR PURCHASE OF GARBAGE TRUCK: Motion by Stebic, supported by Ketola to approve budget amendment of \$165,009.00 from 446-901-970.001 to 446-521-976.000. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

HIRING RECOMMENDATION-CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER: Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the hiring of a Code Compliance Officer. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE STATION BLACKTOPPING: Reviewed information provided by Volunteers. Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to advertise for a blacktop bid at the Fire Station. All ayes. Motion carried.

NAME CHANGE “LOHREY LANE” TO “KOHLS LANE”: Discussion held. Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to change new road plus east and west of road from Lohrey Lane to Kohls Lane. All ayes. Motion carried.

CITY REQUEST FOR ANNEXATION OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY: Discussion held. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to table the request. All ayes. Motion carried.

MOVE TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION: Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to suspend regular session and convene into Executive Session under Section 8 (e) of the Open Meetings Act, to consult with Attorney Tinti regarding litigation with Todd Wloszczynsk. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Entered Executive Session at 2:45 p.m.

MOVE TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: Motion by Niemi, supported by Kut to reconvene into regular monthly meeting from Executive Session. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Executive Session was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

REVIEW OF CURRENT BILLS/INVOICES EFT’S/PREPAID/MONTHLY: Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the prepaid’s in the amount of \$144,945.93, the Monthly’s for \$55,074.47 and the EFT’s for \$1088.25 with a total of \$201,108.65. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Alex Bossenberger regarding fire numbers for Township properties.

BOARD MEMBER’S PRIVILEGE: Treasurer Ketola questions regarding short term rentals. Trustee Kut informed the board a revised zoning draft was presented to Attorney Tinti.

ADJOURN: Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Nancy Niemi/Clerk