

March 14, 2012

Deputy Chair Akkerman called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following variance requests were approved by motion: None

Reading of the minutes was waived by motion of Supervisor Borgstrom with a second by Supervisor Card. The remainder of the board concurred.

Treasurer Meier reported a total working cash balance of \$185,661.81. The current CD balances are Union Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund \$7,681.37 and Ogema Point Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund \$12,256.92. The report was approved and filed for audit at a later date. Treasurer Meier explained that the cemetery CD's mature and the end of March. Sara will shop for rates.

Road Report: Mike Lahr normal routine maintenance has been ongoing. Mike explained that the fire hall drain gutter is complete but the grates still need to be redone. Furnace repairs at the town hall are complete. Most of the crack seal has been picked up. They started crack sealing today. Weight restrictions went on.

Deputy Chair Akkerman stated that he would like the town to work with some dealers to try to arrange a trial with a zero-turn mower to see how much time that would take in relation to the time spent with a non-zero-turn mower. Supervisor Borgstrom suggested contracting to mowing out. The board discussed having multiple independent contractors prepare an estimate of what a single mowing would cost. Clerk Headley explained that in order to do a true comparison our maintenance staff would need to mow and keep careful track of time spent to calculate the payroll. That payroll calculation and mower maintenance could in turn be used to compare township work to contracted work.

Deputy Chair Akkerman asked if the board plans any road projects for 2011 other than finishing the ones that have already been started. The county needs any bid requests turned in soon. After discussion, all board members agreed that they would only do in incomplete projects and start putting money aside as much as possible for future projects.

Supervisor Rosvold also raised the issue that was discussed at the annual meeting about assessing property owners for road projects. All board members agreed that it really isn't feasible or realistic to assess the property owners that live on a road for the improvements to said road. Deputy Chair Akkerman stated that an issue like that needs to be decided at the annual meeting by vote of the residents.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Steve Zahler reported no calls during the month. The relief association PERA entries are almost complete. There were some calls on 454. There is still no news from Fawn Lake.

Supervisor Borgstrom, seconded by Supervisor Rosvold, made a motion to accept the \$2,000.00 donation from the Weyerhaeuser foundation for the fire department.

Chief Zahler explained that there are some "holes" in reception for the pagers since going to the narrow bandwidth. Chief Zahler is looking at some alternatives. Granite Electronics can do something or there is a cell phone option available at a cost of \$129.00 per month. Supervisor Borgstrom, seconded by Supervisor Card, made a motion to set up a repeater system in the fire department office.

O.B.: PEIP will come to explain health insurance options to the board and employees on March 27 at 1:30 p.m.

The Hengel proposal for prepaid Class 5 was opened and discussed. It was decided to table the issue until the April meeting.

N.B Supervisor Rosvold, seconded by Supervisor Borgstrom, made a motion to approve the liquor license application presented by Kelly Doucette for Lincoln Station (formerly known as The Old Mill). The remainder of the board concurred.

Annual road inspection was scheduled for April 21. The board will meet at the town hall at 7:00 a.m. in the town hall parking lot and leave from there.

Supervisor Borgstrom, seconded by Supervisor Card, made a motion to approve the Refuse and Recycling grants. The remainder of the board concurred.

Supervisor Card, seconded by Supervisor Rosvold, made a motion to write a letter to the Morrison County Commissioners stating the Scandia Valley Town Board is against and absolutely opposed to closing the Lincoln railroad crossing due to fire department response issues.

The MAT Spring Short Course at Breezy Point will be on March 30. All board members plan to attend and will meet in the town hall parking lot to leave at 7:00 a.m.

Deputy Chair Akkerman read a letter of thanks from Jerry Grossinger for his retirement party.

Claims 12062 - 12090 totaling \$37,818.76 were read and approved for payment. Motion made by Supervisor Borgstrom and seconded by Supervisor Card. The remainder of the board concurred.

Correspondence was read and dealt with.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting recessed at 8:02 p.m. in a motion by Supervisor Card, seconded by Supervisor Rosvold. The meeting is to be reconvened on March 27 at 1:00. The remainder of the board concurred.

Arnold Akkerman – Deputy Chair

Kathie Headley – Clerk

March 27, 2012 – Reconvened regular March meeting.

Deputy Chair Akkerman called the meeting to order at 1:00. Due to a lack of a quorum and the failure of the PEIP representative to attend the meeting was dismissed at 1:20 p.m.

Arnold Akkerman – Deputy Chair

Kathie Headley – Clerk