

May 8, 2012

Chair Harmsen called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members attended the meeting.

The following variance requests were approved by motion:

- Brian Sams-Campfire Bay rezoning; failed to attend
- Dave Meyer-Lake Shamineau; motion by Supervisor Card and second by Supervisor Akkerman the remainder of the board concurred.

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

Treasurer Meier reported a total working cash balance of \$151,045.83. The report was approved and filed for audit at a later date in a motion by Supervisor Rosvold, which was seconded by Supervisor Borgstrom. The remainder of the board concurred.

Road Report: Mike Lahr reported the roads are in fair condition. Normal routine maintenance has been ongoing. Staff has been hauling recyclables. Crack sealing is complete. Mike checked on delivered gravel prices. Hengel's charges \$15.73 plus tax per yard delivered. Sander's charges \$7.32 plus tax per yard delivered. Paving on 60th Avenue is scheduled for the end of May or the first part of June. Patch spots on Fishtrap Lake Drive and Hohler Bay Road are scheduled to be dug out in the next week.

A Husquevarna zero-turn mower was rented to check time it will take to mow. Rick Headley reported that it cut the mowing time in half. After weighing the pros and cons of John Deere vs. Husquevarna, Supervisor Borgstrom, seconded by Supervisor Akkerman, made a motion to purchase a John Deere 48" zero-turn mower. The remainder of the board concurred.

Mike asked if Duwey will be doing all of the mowing this summer. The board after discussion decided that Mike and Rick should do the mowing as time allows but if they are needed for road projects Duwey could act as their backup mowing person.

Mike explained that Sign Crafters who did the current township signs is out of business. He checked with Sign Spot. They will do 3' x 5' one-sided custom signs for \$1,275.00 or two-sided signs for \$1,875.00. Ted's Signs will charge \$2,800.00 to \$3,500.00 for one-sided signs only. Mike also told the board that the cemeteries are recorded with the county recorder with their current names. The board asked Mike to check with the county auditor about the cemetery names. The board would like to change the name of Lutheran Cemetery to Scandia Valley Cemetery. Supervisor Akkerman mentioned that the county is always looking for gravesites. He suggested having Lutheran Cemetery x-rayed for graves to open possible gravesites for the county use.

Supervisor Rosvold, seconded by Supervisor Card, made a motion to purchase 5,000 yards of class 5 from Hengel's. Mike will have Hengel's submit a revised proposal with the 5,000 yards specified. The remainder of the board concurred.

Fire Report: Steve Zahler reported zero fire calls. Dave Willoughby has retired from the department. One new probationary fire fighter has joined the department. Steve has been working with a Kansas FD regarding the sale of #454. They want to know if the board would accept \$19,000.00 for the rig. Chair Harmsen made a motion to allow Steve to proceed with the sale of #454 for the \$19,000.00. Supervisor Card seconded the motion. The remainder of the board concurred.

There will be mass decontamination training in May. The program has been implemented and paid for by Homeland Security. The goal is to train all Minnesota fire departments over the next 3 to 4 years. FIRE has the training contract.

There has been no more conversation with Fawn Lake Township regarding fire protection.

O.B.: A special meeting for employee reviews, insurance, and wage discussions was scheduled for Thursday, May 24 at 4:00 p.m.

N.B.: Chair Harmsen reported that Amy Kowalzek, the director of Morrison County Planning and Zoning, contacted him questioning whether the board would be opposed to signing off on the variance requests without holding a formal meeting. He asked for board approval to tell the county that they are opposed to one individual signing the requests and the remainder of the board concurred.

Supervisor Akkerman, seconded by Supervisor Card, made a motion to approve the liquor licenses requested by the businesses in the township. The remainder of the board concurred.

Chuck Schiemo asked about some dead pines near 40th Avenue. The board explained that they are either the property owner or the county's responsibility.

Judy Altrichter asked about cleaning the cemetery stones. The board determined that the stones are personal property and therefore they are the family responsibility.

Claims 12119- 12139 totaling \$19,934.49 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 adjourned at 8:24 p.m. in a motion by Supervisor Card, seconded by Supervisor Rosvold. The remainder of the board concurred.

Bob Harmsen - Chair

Kathie Headley – Clerk