

December 10, 2013

Chair Borgstrom called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members attended the meeting

There were no variance or conditional use requests.

Reading of the minutes was waived by motion of Supervisor Card, seconded by Supervisor Akkerman. The remainder of the board concurred.

Treasurer Meier reported a total working cash balance of \$460,026.93. The report was approved and filed for audit at a later date.

**Road Report:** Dave Reese, the engineer from Widseth, Smith & Nolting presented the board with drawings of the Pineview Boulevard project. He suggested reclaiming the current surface and supplementing it with Class 5 to form the base for a 2.5" surface mat. He also discussed right-of-way and other possible issues. It was decided to hold a special meeting on January 3, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. to inspect the project and further discuss problem spots and issues.

Mike Lahr reported the roads are in fair condition. Normal routine maintenance has been ongoing. The staff have been plowing snow and maintaining the plowing equipment. Recyclables have been hauled. There was one dog call. A & J Well Drilling is planning to do the well on the 23<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> just before Christmas. The Christmas decorations are up. A load of salt is coming in about a week. The Braun Intertec core samples have not been through the lab yet.

**Fire Report:** Chief Zahler reported one brush fire and one swamp fire. The compressor is installed. Central MN Electric is going to do some wiring. The department has a design and estimate for a 16' x 24' stage for the park. The materials will be approximately \$5,500.00. The department will seek funding. Two firefighters are starting Officer I in January. Steve presented the proposed list of fire department officers for board approval. Supervisor Rosvold, seconded by Supervisor Akkerman, made a motion to approve the list of officer proposed by the fire department for 2014. The remainder of the board concurred. Patty Zahler will be retiring the first of the year. Megan Kieffer is a new probationary fire fighter. The department received a \$1,500.00 donation from the LABA for an AED to keep in R1.

**O.B.:** None

**N.B.:** The board discussed the letters of complaint about the 2014 real estate taxes. Supervisor Newkirk pointed out that consistent 5% levy increases over the last 15 years would result in approximately the current year's levy. The board asked the clerk to put together a letter for on the website explaining that the town board does not set the levy. The board only recommends levy figures. The residents of the township actually determine the amount of the levy at the annual meeting.

The board removed to the library to discuss employee reviews and pay increases. Supervisor Card, seconded by Supervisor Rosvold, made a motion to increase all hourly rates by 50¢ per hour. The remainder of the board concurred. Supervisor Rosvold, seconded by Supervisor Akkerman, made a motion the increase the board-meeting rate to \$120.00 per meeting for meetings 4 hours or less and \$200.00 per meeting for meetings greater than 4 hours. The remainder of the board concurred. Chair Borgstrom, seconded by Supervisor Rosvold, made a motion to increase the clerk and treasurer salaries by \$120.00 per year. The remainder of the board concurred.

**Claims** 13326 - 13355 totaling \$87,319.53 were read and approved for payment. Motion made by Supervisor Rosvold and seconded by Supervisor Akkerman. The remainder of the board concurred.

**Correspondence** was read and dealt with.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. in a motion by Supervisor Card, seconded by Supervisor Akkerman. The remainder of the board concurred.

Dale Borgstrom - Chair

Kathie Headley – Clerk