

October 11, 2011

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

Supervisor Card made a motion to approve the variance requests presented for Chuck & Carol Blanski for improvements to their properties. Supervisor Borgstrom seconded the motion and the remainder of the board concurred.

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

Treasurer Meier reported a total working cash balance of \$78,873.26. 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 in a motion by Supervisor Borgstrom and seconded by Supervisor Akkerman. The remainder of the board concurred.

Treasurer Meier explained to the board the need for a separate motion for the fire truck certificate of indebtedness. Supervisor Card, seconded by Supervisor Akkerman, made a motion to authorize Treasurer Meier to act on behalf of the township in the borrowing of up to \$18,000.00 for a two-year term for the financing of the new fire truck. The remainder of the board concurred. Frank McGuire asked where the financing was obtained. Treasurer Meier explained that Unity Bank is carrying the certificate at 2.5%.

Road Report: Mike Lahr reported that the roads are in fair condition. Normal routine maintenance has been ongoing. One stray dog was picked up and taken to the animal shelter. After discussion, it was decided to order the same amounts of hot mix and crack seal material for the upcoming year as was purchased for 2011. The motion was made by Supervisor Rosvold, seconded by Supervisor Akkerman, and the remainder of the board concurred. Eight new tires are needed for the dump trucks and can be purchased from Heartland Tire under a government plan. Tires for the 1st Response rig were donated. Load limit signs for the town roads were discussed. The board decided to install permanent 9-ton load limit signs on the main town roads especially on 350th and 70th. Sharps were found in the recycling. The board suggested a sign about not accepting sharps as well as more diligence by staff. Drug testing has been completed. The two restrooms both need new faucets. Only one bid for the old 1st Response rig was received.

Fire Report: Chief Zahler reported two mutual aid calls during the month. The 12 hours of apparatus operator training paid for by an MBFTE grant was completed. The new fire rig (R1) will be placed in service this week. The firefighters will be moving the generator, extrication pump, and tools from the old #454 on the 13th. There have been no purchase inquiries yet on #454. There is a house on Aspen Lane to burn for training this fall. It has been inspected and the burn will be scheduled once the property owner has cleaned it out. A FEMA grant request has been submitted for a new breathing air compressor and bottle filling station. The total cost will be \$28,000, of which 95% (\$26,600) will be covered by the grant and the remaining 5% (\$1,400) will need to come from local funds.

O.B.: There is no news on the Mastec issue, which may have to be taken to small claims court. At this time, there is no news on the Fish Trap Lake lot project.

The bid was opened to sell the rig for \$325.00. The motion to accept the bid was made by Supervisor Card, seconded by Supervisor Borgstrom, and the remainder of the board concurred.

Chair Harmsen has contacted MAT regarding the Lake Alexander LID position that the township is not a governmental unit exempt from the LID assessment. He is waiting to hear back from MAT before we go any further with the issue.

Supervisor Akkerman suggested having Crow Wing Power and Consolidated Telephone representatives attend a meeting to explain to the board the procedures that should be followed as we prepare for a road project involving underground lines. The other members of the board agreed. Supervisor Akkerman will contact the companies and ask them to attend a meeting.

N.B Supervisor Borgstrom, seconded by Supervisor Rosvold, made a motion to have the clerk write a letter to planning and zoning on Ron Wieber's behalf that the platted "Lane" off Ogema Point is not maintained by the township and has always been treated as a private drive. The remainder of the board concurred.

Frank McGuire requested that the board do stump removal at Union Cemetery. There are also two oak trees that need to be removed.

Claims 11289 - 11321 totaling \$39,932.20 were read and approved for payment. Motion made by Supervisor Card and seconded by Supervisor Borgstrom. The remainder of the board concurred.

Correspondence was read and dealt with.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m. in a motion by Supervisor Card, seconded by Supervisor Rosvold. The remainder of the board concurred.

Bob Harmsen – Chair

Kathie Headley – Clerk

