

February 10, 2015

Chair Borgstrom called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members attended the meeting.

**Reading of the minutes** was waived by motion of Supervisor Rosvold, seconded by Supervisor Newkirk. The remainder of the board concurred.

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Meier reported a total working cash balance of \$353,505.49. The report was approved and filed for audit at a later date.

**Road Report:** Mike Lahr reported the roads are in fair condition. Normal routine maintenance has been ongoing. Staff has been brushing on Ridge Road. Road signs were ordered during the month. Six pallets of crack seal material were obtained from the county. A resident building a new home is going to donate 300 to 400 yards of fill. It will be stored at the township pit next to the recycling center. The sewer line at the fire hall froze two times. The line had to be steamed open both times. The heat tape on it has been replaced. The red dump truck was in for hydraulic control valve replacement. It is back and seems to be in good working order. Replacement of the fluorescent lights in the town hall and fire hall began on 2/10/15.

**Fire Report:** Chief Kuklok reported three fire calls – a car through the ice at the west end of Lake Alexander, a mutual aid call with Motley, and a small grass fire on Lakeview Drive.

The state has a pilot program for recruitment and retention of fire fighters and first responders. There will be a \$500 stipend award for each fire fighter and first responder. The moneys will be paid to the township that will then have to pass it on to each volunteer. The purpose of the grant is to get more fire fighters, first responders, and EMTs enlisted and to keep them active.

The training in Alexandria was great. There was lots of information of reimbursement, free training available, fire reporting, and railway and pipeline services.

The training scheduled for February is Blood Borne Pathogens.

**O.B.:** Clerk Headley explained that the current dental plan is to be replaced with a much lower cost plan and suggested waiting until more information is available before taking any action to change plans.

The MAT attorneys recommended sending a letter to the court administrator. Clerk Headley sent a letter to the court administrator explaining the board's decision that the township will not contest the Fuechtmann petition to vacate the portion of the platted road in the Piney Ridge plat described in the petition. No board members will appear at the January 27, 2015 hearing. The letter was sent off and nothing further was heard from the court or the Fuechtmann attorney.

**N.B.:** The March regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2015. The annual spring short course at Breezy Point is on Monday, March 23.

Chuck Schiemo asked if the levy proposal is posted prior to the meeting and the clerk explained that it is available one half hour prior to the annual meeting as mandated by MN Statute. Mr. Schiemo then asked why the supervisors do not sit at the front of the room for the annual meeting. Chair Borgstrom explained that the supervisors attend the annual meeting as regular residents not as township supervisors.

The board discussed what needs to be done with 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue. It was decided to bring the issue to the residents at the annual meeting. Chair Borgstrom asked the remainder of the board and Mike Lahr about future road projects and what should be done first.

Fireworks proposals were discussed. The 2015 contract was awarded to Spark Pyro 1 in a motion by Supervisor Sandstrom, seconded by Supervisor Newkirk. The remainder of the board concurred.

**Claims** 15035- 15064 totaling \$44,114.55 were read and approved for payment. Motion made by Supervisor Newkirk and seconded by Supervisor Rosvold. The remainder of the board concurred.

**Correspondence** was read and dealt with.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. in a motion by Supervisor Card, seconded by Supervisor Newkirk. The remainder of the board concurred.

Dale Borgstrom - Chair

Kathie Headley – Clerk