

February 14, 2017

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

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

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Meier reported a total working cash balance of \$285,221.28. The report was approved and filed for audit at a later date. Supervisor Hardy, seconded by Supervisor Card, made a motion to accept the Weyerhaeuser Foundation donation to the fire department. The remainder of the board concurred.

Road Report: Mike Lahr reported that normal routine maintenance of the town roads, plow trucks, fire equipment, and refuse and recycling center has been ongoing. They have started brushing and some tree cleanup at Ogema. They need more snow melt before they can complete the projects. The crack seal should arrive in a couple of weeks. The new trucks are to arrive at Towmaster on May 1. They are waiting for some plumbing parts for the new fire pumps. They plan to install the pumps soon.

Clerk Headley reported a call from Richard Weiner regarding Red Oak Lane. Mike Lahr will call Mr. Weiner after talking to Steve Backowski at Morrison County.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Ryan Kuklok reported two auto accidents (one on Highway 10 and one on Dove Road). There were three First Response calls.

New pumps for the tanks at \$4,900.00 each through Clarey's Safety have been ordered. Kirvida Fire wanted \$6,100 for each pump with a total of \$8,883.00 each installed. Mike and Ryan will do the installation themselves. Supervisor Newkirk commended Mike Lahr and Ryan Kuklok on their diligence and resourcefulness in obtaining the fire department pumps at a substantially lower cost than was originally estimated. Supervisor Newkirk, seconded by Supervisor Hardy, made a motion to award Mike and Ryan a free day off in recognition of their good work on the pump purchase.

LED stop/slow traffic control signs were ordered. This should make the fire department more visible on the roadways for traffic accidents. There were two narrow escapes at a cost of \$260.00 each.

Training for the month of February will be auto extrication with EMTs at the fire hall. Four department members will be going to cancer training in Brainerd. It is becoming a large area of concern with the data that has been collected. The data shows a 50% higher risk of fire fighters getting cancer than the general person.

O.B.: Supervisor Newkirk asked about BNSF progress and about Dental/Vision reimbursement. There has been no progress with BNSF and discussion on the dental/vision issue was tabled until the next meeting.

Supervisor Hardy reported on the band pavilion committee. The committee questioned if the township will be contributing anything. The town (at the 2016 annual meeting) has already committed to the electric and ongoing maintenance. The board feels that is enough of a contribution.

N.B.: The annual meeting will be on March 14, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Claims 17032 – 17060 totaling \$41,390.21 were read and approved for payment. Motion made by Supervisor Newkirk and seconded by Supervisor Pantzke. The remainder of the board concurred.

Correspondence was read and dealt with. Supervisor Newkirk, seconded by Supervisor Card, made a motion to discard all donation requests except for the Morrison County Historical Society. Clerk Headley will contact the Morrison County Historical Society regarding archiving and donations.

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.

Terry Sandstrom - Chair

Kathie Headley – Clerk