

February 14, 2012

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

The following variance requests were approved by motion:

- Diane Schroepfer on Crookneck Lake with the motion by Supervisor Akkerman and second by Supervisor Card. The remainder of the board concurred with all motions.

Supervisor Akkerman, seconded by Supervisor Card, made a motion to elect Bob Harmsen as board chair for 2012. . The remainder of the board concurred.

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

Treasurer Meier reported a total working cash balance of \$186,835.17. 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, which was seconded by Supervisor Akkerman.

Road Report: Mike Lahr reported the roads are in fair condition. Normal routine maintenance has been ongoing. Mike explained that the Rainsoft softener couldn't be repaired. The cost to replace the circuit board/head is approximately \$1,245.00. The board requested that Mike have the water tested before a decision will be made.

Mike explained that the town is almost out of gravel. He has contacted Hengel's. If we want to pre-buy at least 2000 yards, the charge will be \$5.50 per yard. They will crush a pile of 10,000 yards.

Mike asked about purchasing a new mower. The staff would like to get a new John Deere but would like to keep the Cub for back up and possible look at selling the Snapper. The board asked that Mike check into what is available.

The gutter in the floor of the fire hall needs to be replaced. Plastic gutter would cost from \$2,600 to \$2,800. No one would give a weight rating and Mike assumes there is no warranty. Mike suggested keeping the steel grates and repair the gutter the way the road and bridge shop is done. Staff will do the demolition work. Matt Galston would be willing to do the cement work. Supervisor Akkerman, seconded by Supervisor Card, made a motion to go demolish and pour the gutter if it can be done for around \$3,000.00. The remainder of the board concurred.

Fire Report: Steve Zahler reported one grass fire. Dave Watson has completed Fire Fighter I. The training burn on Aspen went well. There has been one caller interested in purchasing rig 454. Supervisor Akkerman asked about news from Fawn Lake Township. There has been no response at this time.

Supervisor Borgstrom, seconded by Supervisor Card, made a motion to authorize a BP Visa card for the fire department with two authorized cardholders.

O.B.: Chair Harmsen reported that the attorney for the state of Minnesota has submitted a motion to dismiss the action regarding the Fish Trap Lake lot. \$6,855 has been recovered from Mastec for the damages to 350th Avenue, which resolves that issue.

Supervisor Borgstrom asked about health insurance. Clerk Headley explained that she had forgotten to contact PEIP and suggested tabling the matter until option information can be obtained.

N.B Supervisor Borgstrom scheduled the March regular meeting for Wednesday, March 14 in a motion. Supervisor Card seconded the motion.

Supervisor Akkerman talked about an upcoming meeting that Region 5 is hosting regarding a water clarity study. The water in Lake Shamineau and Crookneck Lake will be tested as well as one other lake in Morrison County.

Claims 12035- 12061 totaling \$24,749.45 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 8:02 p.m. in a motion by Supervisor Card, seconded by Supervisor Rosvold. The remainder of the board concurred.

Arnold Akkerman – Deputy Chair

Kathie Headley – Clerk