

January 8, 2013

Chair Borgstrom called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members attended the meeting.

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

Treasurer Meier reported a total working cash balance of \$231,242.21. The report was approved and filed for audit at a later date in a motion by Supervisor Rosvold, which was seconded by Supervisor Card. The remainder of the board concurred.

Treasurer Meier recommended that \$5,000.00 be transferred from the Refuse & Recycling Fund to the General Fund to replace a portion of the \$12,497.57 transferred from General to Refuse & Recycling to zero out the negative 2010-year end balance in the R&R Fund. Supervisor Rosvold, seconded by Supervisor Akkerman, made a motion to approve the \$5,000.00 transfer from R&R to General. The remainder of the board concurred.

Road Report: Mike Lahr reported the roads are in fair condition. Normal routine maintenance has been ongoing. The new cemetery signs are installed. Staff has been brushing, plowing and sanding. Two stray dogs were picked up in December. Salt is to be delivered in the near future. The lawn mower trailer has been overhauled. The staff has been working on sign replacement.

Mike talked to the board about the water softener. Supervisor Akkerman prefers Culligan. Supervisor Rosvold asked Mike to obtain prices.

Mike asked about ordering crack seal. We have three pallets left from last year. He would like to order six pallets for this year. Supervisor Rosvold, seconded by Supervisor Card, made a motion to purchase six pallets of crack seal. The remainder of the board concurred.

Mike presented the board with prices for a new 10' Hiniker poly snowplow. The issue was tabled for a later date.

Mike asked for clarification of the Refuse & Recycling winter hours. Winter hours are 11:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. Summer hours revert to 12:30p.m. to 5:30p.m.

Fire Report: Chief Zahler reported three calls: a snowmobile fire on 330th and 60th, a two-car auto accident and Bugle and East Shamaineau, and a mutual aid call to Motley for the sale barn fire.

Two firefighters are going to attend the water rescue training at Windom on 1/13/13 sponsored by Atlas Outfitters. We purchased our RDC boat from Atlas.

Steve talked to the board about the need to replace the department's old fire boots. Rubber boots are approximately \$195.00 and leather boots are approximately \$225.00 per pair. Supervisor Akkerman, seconded by Supervisor Card, made a motion to authorize Steve to order replacement boots and equipment as needed. The remainder of the board concurred.

Three probationary firefighters will be starting Fire Fighter I on Thursday, January 10. This training is funded by MBTFE.

O.B.: Clerk Headley stated that there is no news on the Fish Trap Lake lot lawsuit.

Clerk Headley reported that the recorded name of Union Cemetery is "Rail Prairie Union Cemetery" at the county recorder's office. After discussing it, the board asked Mike Lahr to check into having "Rail Prairie" added to the existing sign possibly as an add-on above it.

Chuck Scheimo asked that the website be updated with the new board chair and supervisor information. The minutes from July on need to be added to the website. Chair Akkerman would also like the county notified that he is not the chairperson.

Supervisor Akkerman presented a proposal from Anderson Brothers for the cost to rebuild Pineview Blvd. The estimated cost is \$294,612.87. After discussion, it was decided to table the issue until next month.

Supervisor Akkerman expressed concern that there will be more problems with Dennis Luebke over the West Shamineau road easement in front of his property. Mr. Luebke doesn't have room for a drain field and feels that the road is in the wrong place. Supervisor Akkerman feels that Mr. Luebke's surveyor was in error. Supervisor Akkerman will check at the courthouse for the plat map of Addition 5 as the township copy is missing.

Supervisor Rosvold reported on the seminar that he had recently attended on solar energy.

N.B.: Supervisor Rosvold, seconded by Supervisor Akkerman, made a motion to schedule the annual audit meeting following the regular February meeting. The remainder of the board concurred.

Clerk Headley brought correspondence from PERA regarding a resolution for survivor benefits for non-vested fire fighters that needs to be signed and returned by March 31. The board discussed the issue and decided to table it pending more information.

Supervisor Newkirk would like to attend a road seminar. He asked about plowing public accesses and about supervisor training (which can be obtained at the MAT spring short course).

Ryan Kuklok asked about snowmobile crossing signs. Ron Wieber asked for help in getting the drive in front of his property vacated. Clerk Headley explained that the end of that road and the piece of Eagle View that were scheduled to be vacated has never been completed.

The board discussed not having fireworks on the 4th of July. Instead of the 4th celebration, institute "Scandia Valley Days" on the same weekend as the fire department benefit and have fireworks then.

Claims 13001- 13030 totaling \$17,330.31 were read and approved for payment. Motion made by Supervisor Rosvold 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 8:12 p.m. in a motion by Supervisor Card, seconded by Supervisor Akkerman. The remainder of the board concurred.

Bob Harmsen - Chair

Kathie Headley – Clerk