

February 12, 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.

The following variance and rezoning requests were approved by motion:

- Gerhard & Christine Ziehmman-Fish Trap Lake variance; motion by Supervisor Card, second by Supervisor Akkerman, the remainder of the board concurred with the exception of Supervisor Newkirk who was opposed.
- Cindy & Donald Leen-Lake Alexander variance; motion by Supervisor Rosvold, second by Supervisor Card, the remainder of the board concurred with the exception of Supervisor Newkirk who was opposed.
- Mike Auger-Lake Shamineau rezoning; motion by Supervisor Card, second by Supervisor Akkerman, the remainder of the board concurred.

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

Treasurer Meier reported a total working cash balance of \$216,633.18. Supervisor Card, seconded by Supervisor Rosvold, made a motion to accept the \$450.00 donation from Steve & Mary Trapp for the Fire Department. The remainder of the board concurred.

Road Report: Mike Lahr reported the roads are in fair condition. Normal routine maintenance has been ongoing. Staff has been brushing, plowing and sanding. They sandblasted the floor grates in the fire hall and painted them. Supervisor Newkirk complimented Mike on the good job that they are doing.

Mike explained to the board the water softener prices that he had received. The board discussed the merits of Culligan, Rainsoft, and Kinetico. They also discussed purchase versus rental. After the discussion, Supervisor Newkirk, seconded by Supervisor Card, made a motion to rent a Culligan unit for one year for both the shop and the town hall.

Mike reported there was damage to the mailbox of the property owner on Red Oak Lane with steel posts in the right-of-way when he swung out to avoid the posts. A board member and Mike are going to talk to the property owner about removing the posts. There was some damage to the shop and garage door opening that needs repair. The damage resulted from damage to the wing post caused by hitting a rock in the right-of-way at Birchcrest. Chair Borgstrom noted that the property owner is liable for any damage to town equipment caused by obstructions in the right-of-way. Supervisor Akkerman reported to the board about a letter he has shared with Russ Nygren that he received in his property tax statement for Rock County about the fact that farming on the road right-of-ways is a misdemeanor. Russ intends to bring it up at the county level.

He also asked the board if he should take the F550 ABS light problem to Advance Diesel. The board said that based on their work to date that they sound like a good vendor to use. The safety switches on the overhead door needs repair. The board also discussed installing steel posts on both the inside and outside of the center wall between the overhead doors to help prevent any further damage.

Fire Report: Chief Zahler reported no calls during the month. The department did their annual SCBA maintenance at the January training. Mike Rosvold and Mike Krause attended the water rescue training in Windom with Atlas Outfitters.

There is a house burn scheduled for February 22. The house is the rambler behind where the old Lin Club was. The burn is MBTFE funded for a FFI live burn training class. The department reactivated one new probationary firefighter. The board also ordered "accountability tags" after discussions resulting from the Motley sales barn fire.

O.B.: Supervisor Rosvold has not been able to obtain any more information regarding the 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 again pending more information.

Clerk Headley explained to the board that there are two ways to vacate a road. One way is through the petition process that the township has done in the past. The other way is by vote of the residents at the annual meeting. She suggested that the vacation of the "Lane" off the east side of Ogema Point Drive and the west end of Eagle View be brought up at the annual meeting. This would speed up the vacation process and there would not have to be a special meeting for the vacations. The board decided that they would bring up the proposed vacations at the annual meeting.

Chair Borgstrom reported that the fireworks contract could be changed by simply changing and initially the new date. There will be a live band and street dance for the annual fire department fundraiser to be held on Scandia Valley Days on August 3. The Lincoln Ladies Aid will do their quilt raffle. They may do their bake and craft sale the following day. The LABA will be doing a raffle and the Lions may be doing a pancake breakfast. After discussion, Supervisor Newkirk, seconded by Supervisor Akkerman, made a motion to hold the annual fireworks on Friday, August 2, 2013.

Clerk Headley brought up correspondence from Kennedy and Graven regarding the Fish Trap Lake lot lawsuit. If there is not further action by the petitioners by mid March the action is final and the township may proceed with it's plans for the lot.

N.B.: Supervisor Card, seconded by Supervisor Akkerman, made a motion to schedule the March regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. The remainder of the board concurred. Supervisor Akkerman asked about a presentation for the annual meeting. Clerk Headley asked if the board wanted to make that a part of the audit meeting. The board decided they would discuss it at the annual audit meeting.

Supervisor Akkerman, seconded by Supervisor Card, made a motion that the board would attend the annual short course at Breezy Point on Monday, March 25. The remainder of the board concurred.

Supervisor Rosvold will attend the weed inspection meeting at Morrison County on March 26. Mike Lahr should also attend the weed meeting.

Claims 13031- 13055 totaling \$31,619.82 were read and approved for payment. Motion made by Supervisor Card and seconded by Supervisor Akkerman. The remainder of the board concurred.

Correspondence was read and dealt with.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m. in a motion by Supervisor Card, seconded by Supervisor Akkerman. The remainder of the board concurred.

Dale Borgstrom - Chair

Kathie Headley – Clerk