

December 13, 2011

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

Supervisor Borgstrom made a motion to approve the variance request presented for Glen Jans on Lake Shamineau. Supervisor Card seconded the motion and 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 \$312,679.11. 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 and seconded by Supervisor Rosvold. The remainder of the board concurred.

Road Report: Mike Lahr normal routine maintenance has been ongoing. Staff has been cutting brush in the right-of-ways. They opened a 10' path down to the lake on the Fish Trap Lake lot. The siren was repaired. It needed a battery tender and antennae. Mike asked if they should continue with the road sign replacement. After discussion, the board decided to continue with the sign replacement as they have been doing it in the last few years. Road salt and sand have been delivered and the bins are full. Mike reported that the hall water softener is not working and asked what the board would like to do about it. After discussion, the board decided that Mike should check into repair for the existing softener and replacement costs for a new system.

Chair Harmsen reported that he interviewed Ryan Kuklok and would like to offer him a part-time casual labor position to help with snow plowing and other road and bridge projects as needed. Clerk Headley explained the rules for PERA regarding temporary employees. The board determined that they would offer him a part-time position for six months at the current casual labor rate with no insurance or other benefits.

Fire Report: Mike Lahr reported one cabin/garage fire south of The Landing. The new radio system is in operation. The department received six truck radios, twelve handheld radios, twenty-two pagers, and one base station from the countywide FEMA grant. The DNR still warns of threat of grass fires until there is snow cover. The 1st Response rig is set up to carry the ice rescue equipment and the inflatable boat. A trailer hitch has been added to pull the hovercraft. The fire department and 1st Response will be training Saturday, the 17th with the new setup. FEMA grants will begin releasing in December. There is a new requirement. Registration with Central Contractor Registration (CCR) must be completed. This can be done online and has been forwarded to the clerk for completion.

O.B.: There is no news on the Mastec issue. The next step will be to go to small claims court. There is a possibility that the town's legal fees can also be recovered in small claims court.

Chair Harmsen reported that the adjoining property owners have summoned both Supervisor Akkeman and him again regarding the Fish Trap Lake lot road vacation petition. Originally, the required signatures from the other property owners in the Piney Ridge Addition were not obtained and needed to be. There was also a complaint that the staff had removed an 18" tree that was in actuality only 11". The survey is complete. The original survey pins set in 1920 were located. The Stone family line is where they thought it would be but the Barnaby line is actually a little to the east. The shed the Barnabys have by the lake is half on township property.

Clerk Headley reported on election judge wages in other areas. City of Motley and City of Browerville both pay \$8.00 per hour. The Pillager School District pays \$12.00 per hour. The board requested some additional information from May, Sylvan, and Fairview townships.

Supervisor Akkerman asked about costs for the front door. Mike Lahr reported that it would cost \$70.00 to repair. They have also adjusted the door for a better fit. Chair Harmsen reported that the

sheriff's department asked for a key to the hall so they could use the facilities when they are patrolling in the area. The board decided to give them the combination to the fire hall instead.

Supervisor Akkerman asked about the storage problem in the mechanical room. Mike Lahr reported that the situation has been resolved.

Chair Harmsen read a letter commending the road and bridge crew for the snow plowing and sanding done on Island View Drive.

Supervisor Borgstrom clarified that the website says that prior minutes can be obtained at the town hall, not that they are posted at the hall.

N.B Marilyn Sutton (from the Fish Trap Lake Association), Paul Baker, and Ron Nypan talked to the board about closing the Lincoln rail crossing to eliminate noise pollution. After discussion, the board decided to bring it up the annual meeting.

Supervisor Card approved the LABA gambling permit application for the fishing contest in a motion with a second by Supervisor Rosvold. The remainder of the board concurred.

Supervisor Rosvold, seconded by Supervisor Borgstrom, made a motion to approve the Pyrotechnics firework contract for 2012. The remainder of the board concurred.

Chuck Schiemo presented a sample township newsletter and suggested that might be a good thing for the township to think about.

Claims 11365- 11404 totaling \$103,901.52 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 8:18 p.m. in a motion by Supervisor Akkerman, seconded by Supervisor Card. The remainder of the board concurred.

Bob Harmsen – Chair

Kathie Headley – Clerk