

September 13, 2011

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

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

Treasurer Meier reported a total working cash balance of \$194,370.38. 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.

Treasurer Meier explained to the board the need to borrow funds to cover the cost of the paving done this year. She recommended that the board borrow funds for a two-year period but also explained that the amount could be paid back in less than the two-year period. Supervisor Rosvold, seconded by Supervisor Akkerman, made a motion to authorize Treasurer Meier to act on behalf of the township in the borrowing of up to \$210,000.00 for a two-year term. The remainder of the board concurred.

Road Report: Mike Lahr reported that the roads are in fair condition. Normal routine maintenance has been ongoing. Two stray dogs were picked up and taken to the animal shelter. The centennial books at Lakeview Store were completely sold out. The culverts on Atlantic and the north end of 70th are done. Staff has been working on shouldering and the shouldering on 70th is complete. Having Doucettes hydro seed the ditches on 70th will cost \$1,100.00. Supervisor Card, seconded by Supervisor Akkerman, made a motion to approve the hydro seeding. The remainder of the board concurred. Supervisor Rosvold questioned whether anyone had ever heard back from the farmers using the approaches on 70th about trying to stay on the approach in order to avoid breaking up the pavement. The board requested that the staff keep an eye open for any problems so that issues could be dealt with promptly.

Mike explained the need to replace the rear tires on the dump/plow trucks. Supervisor Card, seconded by Supervisor Akkerman, made a motion to purchase new tires for the plow trucks. The remainder of the board concurred.

Prices were obtained for a limb saw. A 36cc saw for \$650.00 or a 28cc saw for \$600.00 is available. After discussion, Supervisor Rosvold, seconded by Supervisor Borgstrom, made a motion to purchase the 36cc saw. The remainder of the board concurred.

Terry Kehoe on Partridge Lane had some questions and concerns. He asked about paving. He would like to have Partridge bladed on a regular basis. He also asked about putting a crown in East Round Lake Road. The board explained that the lack of ditches and the 33' width inhibit the ability to do much with the road. Supervisor Akkerman suggested adding some Class 5 to the road surface. Chair Harmsen said the board would inspect the road and see what they can do to take care of the immediate problem. Chair Harmsen also suggested that perhaps the adjoining neighbors could talk to the property owners on either side of East Round Lake Road about giving the township more easement so that improvements to the road could be done.

Supervisor Rosvold mentioned that the 90 corner on Eagle View has quite a drop between the paved surface and the shoulder. He questioned whether some additional asphalt or fill would not help the problem.

Jerry Grossinger raised the issue of a driveway approach application on the corner of White Pine and Cherry with two approaches one of which creates a blind approach. Based on Jerry's recommendation the board approved the main drive and denied the approval of the drive that creates a blind approach.

Fire Report: Chief Zahler reported one call during the month. There is radio training scheduled during the upcoming month. Chief Zahler and Supervisor Borgstrom attended the 911 memorial in Aitkin with the new attack rig.

Chief Zahler had contacted Kirvida Fire regarding repairing the Texas pumper truck. Supervisor Borgstrom, seconded by Supervisor Card, made a motion to approve the repair of the truck and have the pump re-certified. The remainder of the board concurred.

There will be 12 hours of apparatus operator training in early October for the fire fighters. The MBTFE grant for 7/1/11-6/30/12 has been approved for \$2,240.00. The chief is in the process of applying for a FEMA grant for an air pressure air containment system. The new attack rig will soon be ready for service and truck 454 is still in service but is listed in Fire Tech for \$25,000.00.

O.B.: There is no news on the Mastec issue, which may have to be taken to small claims court. The Fish Trap Lake lot went to trial in August.

Dave Pogreba from Fawn Lake Township attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of the Scandia Valley Fire Department taking care of fire coverage for the southwest portion of their township. After discussion in which Supervisor Borgstrom stressed that Scandia Valley does not want to infringe on the Motley Fire Department, the board requested that Mr. Pogreba come to another meeting with area coverage maps and the Motley Fire Chief to discuss the possibility.

The board discussed the progress of a search for a pickup for the township. At this time, Supervisor Card has not located an appropriate vehicle. All of the board as well as the staff will continue to watch for something that will meet the township needs.

Chair Harmsen raised the issue of 40th Avenue that is in rough shape and has a lot of traffic. Supervisor Akkerman and Chair Harmsen went out to look at the road. It has utilities buried in the right-of-way. Chair Harmsen suggested ditching the east side of the road this year and putting additional Class 5 on it. It was agreed to have the east side of the road located, contact utility providers, and continue based on that information including replacement of existing approach culverts. All of the culverts under the road are currently open but if they need replacement, it should be done while the road is under construction. At this time, take it one step at a time and proceed as Chair Harmsen, the designated road authority, deems best.

N.B.: Supervisor Rosvold made a motion to approve the variance requests presented for Betty Harlan and Diane Schroeffer for improvements to their properties. Supervisor Borgstrom seconded the motion and the remainder of the board concurred.

Chair Harmsen read a letter from Dr. William Faber about the LID assessment on the township's Lake Alexander lake lot. Based on information received from the county auditor, the Lake Alexander LID feel that the township is liable for the LID assessment. The board discussed the issue and decided that they should contact the MN Association of Townships and the auditor for clarification of the state statute.

Chair Harmsen presented a proposal for a table for the board meetings. Groups who use the town hall continually relocate the sound system and it has to be set up before each meeting. The board discussed options and decided to think about it some more.

Supervisor Borgstrom asked when we plan to post Jerry's job. Supervisor Rosvold responded that there is not a need to post the job. Departmental promotions are permissible without posting, as a new position is not being created. The board asked that Rick Headley try to give them a six-month notice of his retirement if possible as his job would need to be posted.

The District 8 meeting is on Tuesday, September 20 at 5:30 p.m. All board members will be attending. The board will be meeting at the town hall at 3:45 p.m. for departure to Onamia.

Claims 11254 - 11288 totaling \$167,673.96 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 8:32 p.m. in a motion by Supervisor Card, seconded by Supervisor Rosvold. The remainder of the board concurred.

Bob Harmsen – Chair

Kathie Headley – Clerk

MONTH	GENERAL FUND #100	RD & BRIDGE FUND #201	FIRE FUND #202	FIRE TRUCK FUND #203	TOWN RD FUND #204	CEMETARY FUND #205	TOWN EQUIP FUND #206	PARK FUND #207	R & R FUND #600	ACD FUND #800	TOTAL
JAN '11											
BEG BAL	\$ 21,263.58	\$ 132,830.03	\$ 42,247.75	\$ 53,728.44	\$ 13,010.31	\$ 3,027.64	\$ 31,369.75	\$ (1,645.54)	\$ (12,497.57)	\$ (973.45)	\$ 282,360.94
RECEIPTS JAN '11	\$ 655.32	\$ 3,220.23	\$ 453.29	\$ 90.18		\$ 88.91	\$ 113.67	\$ 61.15	\$ 555.00	\$ -	\$ 5,237.75
DISBURSE JAN '11	\$ 5,044.42	\$ 19,172.05	\$ 1,106.29			\$ 79.98			\$ 1,137.56	\$ 43.12	\$ 26,585.26
TRANSFER GEN/R&R	\$ 12,497.57								\$ 12,497.57		\$ -
TOTAL EOM JAN '11	\$ 4,376.91	\$ 116,878.21	\$ 41,594.75	\$ 53,818.62	\$ 13,010.31	\$ 3,036.57	\$ 31,483.42	\$ (1,586.23)	\$ (582.56)	\$ (1,016.57)	\$ 261,013.43
OGEMA CEMETARY						\$ 12,256.92					\$ 12,256.92
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UNION CEMETARY						\$ 7,681.37					\$ 7,681.37
TOTAL CEM CD BAL						\$ 20,488.29					\$ 20,488.29

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FEB '11											
RECEIPTS FEB '11	\$ 45.42	\$ 15.00	\$ 1,100.00		\$ 27,092.03	\$ 558.08			\$ 913.79	\$ 1,155.00	\$ 30,879.32
DISBURSE FEB '11	\$ 6,221.65	\$ 27,144.18	\$ 28,453.67	\$ 53,818.62		\$ 38.65		\$ 70.54	\$ 2,075.14	\$ 120.56	\$ 117,943.01
TOTAL EOM FEB '11	\$ (1,799.32)	\$ 89,749.03	\$ 14,241.08	\$ -	\$ 40,102.34	\$ 3,556.00	\$ 31,483.42	\$ (1,656.77)	\$ (1,743.91)	\$ 17.87	\$ 173,949.74
OGEMA CEMETARY						\$ 12,256.92					\$ 12,256.92
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UNION CEMETARY						\$ 7,681.37					\$ 7,681.37
TOTAL CEM CD BAL						\$ 19,938.29					\$ 19,938.29
FIRE TRUCK FUND CD				\$ 53,818.62							\$ 53,818.62

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MAR '11											
RECEIPTS MAR '11	\$ 33.32		\$ 2,000.00						\$ 2,246.00		\$ 4,279.32
DISBURSE MAR '11	\$ 7,962.92	\$ 20,761.44	\$ 8,421.24				\$ 15,000.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 1,168.94	\$ 903.70	\$ 54,254.24
TOTAL EOM MAR '11	\$ (9,728.92)	\$ 66,987.59	\$ 7,819.84	\$ -	\$ 40,102.34	\$ 3,556.00	\$ 16,483.42	\$ (1,692.77)	\$ (666.85)	\$ (885.83)	\$ 123,974.82
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APR '11											
RECEIPTS APR '11	\$ 16.64								\$ 2,260.71	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,277.35
DISBURSE APR '11	\$ 4074.94	\$ 29315.36	\$ 5773.01				\$ 472.35		\$ 1154.33	\$ 102.76	\$ 40953.61
TOTAL EOM APR '11	\$ (13,787.22)	\$ 39,672.23	\$ 2,046.83	\$ -	\$ 40,102.34	\$ 3,556.00	\$ 16,011.07	\$ (1,753.63)	\$ 439.63	\$ 11.41	\$ 86,298.56
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MAY '11											
RECEIPTS MAY '11	\$ 243.77		\$ 375.00						\$ 1,526.69	\$ 300.00	\$ 2,445.46
DISBURSE MAY '11	\$ 4516.55	\$ 13514.33	\$ 1261.23				\$ 149.76		\$ 262.52	\$ 43.07	\$ 21026.64
TOTAL EOM MAY '11	\$ (18,060.00)	\$ 26,157.90	\$ 1,160.60	\$ -	\$ 40,102.34	\$ 3,406.24	\$ 16,011.07	\$ (2,016.15)	\$ 687.04	\$ 268.34	\$ 67,717.38
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JUNE '11											
RECEIPTS JUNE '11	\$ 25,646.15	\$ 153,041.72	\$ 20,462.44	\$ 4,090.68			\$ 5,117.11	\$ 2,811.94	\$ 5,423.95	\$ -	\$ 219,679.85
DISBURSE JUNE '11	\$ 3,253.36	\$ 12,109.20	\$ 5,347.76					\$ 975.21	\$ 1,860.73	\$ 439.83	\$ 251,367.99
TOTAL EOM JUNE '11	\$ 4,332.79	\$ 167,090.42	\$ 16,275.28	\$ 4,090.68	\$ 40,102.34	\$ 5,341.40	\$ 21,128.18	\$ (179.42)	\$ 4,250.26	\$ (171.49)	\$ 262,260.44
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