

December 12, 2017

Chair Sandstrom called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members of the board attended the meeting.

**Reading of the minutes** was waived by motion of Supervisor Pantzke, seconded by Supervisor Card. The remainder of the board concurred.

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Meier reported a total working cash balance of \$577,570.75. The report was approved and filed for audit at a later date

**Road Report:** Mike Lahr reported that the roads are in fair condition. Normal routine maintenance of the town roads, township equipment, fire equipment, and refuse and recycling center has been ongoing. Maintenance personnel have been finishing leaf clean up and brushing road.

The borings on Fishtrap Lake Road have been completed. The engineer is now working on quantity estimates.

One new front tire for the tractor was replaced. It will probably need additional new tires by the end of the 2018 summer.

Mike prices diesel with four companies. Zarns Oil and Northway Oil were the lowest at \$2.299 per gallon. Mike prefers to stay with Zarns.

Crown propane delivered the new tanks. They also updated the thermocoupler at the town hall building.

**Fire Report:** Chief Kuklok reported two calls for the month: a dump truck fire on 80th, and a grass fire/propane tank/building fire on East Shamineau Drive. The First Response had six calls for the month.

2018 Fire Officers were elected; Ryan Kuklok, Chief; Mike Krause, 1<sup>st</sup> Asst Chief, Brian Post, 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst Chief, Chad Kieffer, Captain; Richie Pride, Lieutenant/Safety Officer; Brad Hansen, Treasurer; and Keri Kuklok, Secretary.

There will be no training in December.

Fire department recruitment and retention was discussed. Currently there are only 17 of the available 24 fire fighter positions filled. Ryan suggested possibly raising the "per year of service" contribution to the retirement fund. He is in the process of working on obtaining an estimate from PERA about what if any additional benefit would cost the township. He also talked to the board about some type of compensation for the fire fighters. Clerk Headley will check with some of the surrounding departments for payment options and comparisons.

**O.B.:** Harriet Ressler asked about the cost of cemetery lots. The price per lot is \$250.00 for residents and \$500.00 for non-residents.

**N.B.:** Resolution 2017-007 designating the town hall as the polling place for 2018 was passed in a motion by Supervisor Newkirk, seconded by Supervisor Newkirk. The remainder of the board concurred.

The 2018 Humane Society contract was discussed. Instead of going with the \$1,602.00 contract price the board decided to pay per animal.

Chair Sandstrom closed the meeting pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.05, subdivision 3(b), to conduct a closed session pursuant to the attorney-client privilege to engage in confidential attorney-client communications and litigation strategy related to a

pending and threatened litigation matter: Lastovich and Nelson v. Scandia Valley Township. Upon completion of the closed session, the regular monthly meeting resumed.

**Claims** 17356 – 17385 totaling \$31,984.45 were read and approved for payment. Motion made by Supervisor Hardy and seconded by Supervisor Pantzke. The remainder of the board concurred.

**Correspondence** was read and dealt with.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. in a motion by Supervisor Card, seconded by Supervisor Newkirk. The remainder of the board concurred.

Terry Sandstrom - Chair  
Kathie Headley – Clerk