

February 13, 2018

Chair Sandstrom called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members of the board attended the meeting. Many of the fire department members attended the meeting.

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

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Meier reported a total working cash balance of \$477,610.89. 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 cutting brush, plowing snow, and mowing ditches.

The staff replaced the old PVC air lines in the whop with black steel piping. They also washed the interior walls of the shop while they had the scaffolding rented. They received the hardened cutting edges. The new cutting edges should last three times longer than the old ones. The crack seal should be delivered at the end of February.

Mike met Bolton and Menk on Fish Trap Lake Drive January 17 to check pavement and class 5 depths on the areas to be repaved. Anthony Maule from Bolton and Menk stated that the plan is for full depth reclaiming. There are areas with greater depth than other areas. The material reclaimed from those thicker areas can be used on the areas that need more building up resulting less imported material, which will reduce the cost of fill. He presented the 90% complete bid package and a preliminary estimate with a total cost of approximately \$500,000.00. The board asked for some minor corrections after reviewing the bid package. The corrected bid package and contract to be presented at the March meeting for final approval. Anthony will do the required advertising and plan a pre-bid meeting for the contractors on March 28 for bid opening on April 4.

**Fire Report:** Chief Kuklok reported no fire calls for the month and two First Response calls. The First Response had thirteen calls for the month. The fire department appreciation dinner was on February 6 at the Castaway. The FEMA grant has been finished and submitted.

Training for the month of February will be the fire department physicals completed by Lakewood Health. There will also be pipeline training in Long Prairie.

Ryan talked to the board about increasing the fire call charge from \$250.00 per call to \$350.00 per call. Supervisor Card, seconded by Supervisor Newkirk, made a motion to change the fire call fee to \$350.00. The remainder of the board concurred. Supervisor Newkirk, seconded by Supervisor Hardy, made an amendment to the \$350.00 per call motion to add an additional fee of \$100.00 per hour for each hour after the first hour of the call. The remainder of the board concurred.

Ryan asked the board about raising the yearly benefit amount for the fire department members' retirement fund. Supervisor Newkirk, seconded by Supervisor Card, made a motion to raise the annual benefit amount to \$1,700 per year of service for the fire fighters at retirement. The remainder of the board concurred. Ryan also asked about some form of compensation for the fire fighters. The board discussed different scenarios and Supervisor Card made a motion to pay the fire fighters \$10 per meeting, \$10 per training, and \$10.00 per hour for actual fire calls with maximum annual payment of no more than \$599.00. The annual payment will be made at the December meeting. Supervisor Newkirk seconded the motion. The remainder of the board concurred.

Ryan asked about the 2% fire aid match that the township approved when the fire department relief association was established. Clerk Headley explained that the township had not been doing a 2% match, they had matched 100% for years. She had been interrupted when trying to look up the last reimbursement but that one had been made after retirement fund had been switched to PERA.

**O.B.:** Clerk Headley explained a proposal from April Powell for a new custom website on the WordPress platform. Changing the website to that platform would make updating and changing the website much easier. With the current site, there are some things that only April can change which include calendars and minutes. The hosting and domain name will remain at \$300.00 per year. Supervisor Newkirk, seconded by Supervisor Card, made a motion to change the website to the WordPress platform. The remainder of the board concurred.

**N.B.:** Supervisor Card, seconded by Supervisor Hardy, made a motion to hold the regular March town board meeting on Wednesday, March 14. The remainder of the board concurred.

The board removed to the library to discuss employee reviews.

Chair Sandstrom closed the meeting at 8:48 p.m. 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 at 9:10 p.m.

Attorney Robert Alsop explained the settlement arrived at the mediation on February 1, 2018. Supervisor Newkirk, seconded by Supervisor Pantzke, made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-002 approving the Mediated Settlement Agreement with Steve Lastovich and Eric Nelson. The supervisors voted unanimously to pass the resolution.

**Claims** 18032 – 18065 totaling \$22,065.96 were read and approved for payment. Motion made by Supervisor Newkirk 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 8:58 p.m. in a motion by Supervisor Card, seconded by Supervisor Pantzke. The remainder of the board concurred.

Terry Sandstrom – Chair

Kathie Headley – Clerk