

November 13, 2018

Deputy Chair Card called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members of the board attended the meeting except Chair Sandstrom and Supervisor Pantzke.

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

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Meier reported a total working cash balance of \$761,741.66. The report was approved and filed for audit at a later date with a motion by Supervisor Hardy and seconded by Supervisor Newkirk. The remainder of the board concurred.

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 to the plow trucks included oil and fuel filter changes.

Mike reported that they did a little leaf cleanup at Ogema Cemetery before freeze up. They have received the delivery of cold patch and were able to patch some holes before freeze up. Three loads of salt have been delivered with two more loads on the way. Dirt work on 360th (Beitz Rd) that was discussed at the last meeting was done. Mike met with Lake Shamineau and DNR representatives to answer questions about waterways. Fish Trap Lake Drive is complete except for items that need additional attention.

Anthony Maule from Bolton & Menk completed the contract completion inquiry for Fishtrap Lake Drive from Ohio Farmers Insurance Company. He presented partial payment #3 for Fishtrap Lake Drive for \$269,044.26. The board discussed the items that were unsatisfactory about the project. After discussion, the board decided that they would only issue \$79,000.00 in payment until the project is complete to the township's satisfaction.

Fire Report: Chief Kuklok reported one grass fire at White Pine Circle. The First Response Team had two calls this month. Training this month will be SCBA search and rescue.

O.B.: Jill Kylander representing Maureen Anderson with the Options for High Water Group talked to the board to explain their goals and objectives for the high water problem in Lake Shamineau. (See attached)

N.B.: The board went into closed session to discuss personnel reviews. Upon completion of their discussion, the regular meeting resumed. Supervisor Newkirk, seconded by Supervisor Hardy, made a motion to give all of the part time and full time hourly employees a 3% raise effective 1/1/2019. The remainder of the board concurred.

Claims 18348 – 18391 totaling \$22,596.92 were read and approved for payment with an adjustment to the Knife River claim. Motion made by Supervisor Newkirk and seconded by Supervisor Hardy. The remainder of the board concurred.

Correspondence was read and dealt with.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. in a motion by Supervisor Newkirk, seconded by Supervisor Hardy. The remainder of the board concurred.

Al Card – Deputy Chair

Kathie Headley – Clerk

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I would like to say thank you to the Scandia Valley Township Board and Others that serve our Township in many capacities for letting me take a few minutes to explain who the Options for High Water group is.

I am Maureen Anderson. Spokesperson for Options for High Water. OHW for short. We are a small group of private citizens that have formed a legal Non-Profit Corporation of volunteers to address one of the issues that Lake Shamineau is facing right now: The High Water. Our Board of Directors are: Tom Gold, Dale Mashuga, Chris Renko, Chuck Ross and me, Maureen Anderson.

Our Mission Statement is this: To help manage the high water level of Lake Shamineau with minimal environmental impact in the most efficient and economical way possible.

We are not a part of the Lake Association or the Lake Shamineau LID. We have met with the LID board and for the time being we are a separate entity, with a different work plan. We formally organized as OHW after the LID's Annual Meeting on August 25, 2018. The reason we felt this was a necessary step is because there were people that had tried to introduce a different plan other than the one the LID was proposing for pumping huge amounts of water out of the lake at the SW corner costing several million dollars. There were many, including us, that felt there had to be better options.

To date we have been self-funded. As of last week, our Non-Profit Corporation has filed papers with the state and we can officially accept donations.

The people that spear-headed the OHW initial trial work before our Corporation was formed was Chuck Ross, Dale Mashuga and Chris Renko. We took the information that they and others had collected and began to join forces to cooperate with them. This was a small trial project of siphoning and pumping water out of the NE end of the Lake with 4" PVC pipe. After significant success that work continues to date and will continue until the winter freeze forces us to suspend our operation. Our plan is to pick back up as soon as possible in Spring 2019 and move forward with larger pipe underground.

This brings us to addressing a correction that needs to be made in your September 11, 2018 Township Board Meeting Minutes. Under Old Business it states that...

"... Chair Sandstrom reported that the Lake Shamineau LID passed the proposed project for reducing the water level in the lake. They are also trying out pumping it into a marsh and over the hill at the east end of the lake."

The Lake Shamineau LID is NOT pumping water out of the lake. In fact, at this point in time the LID no longer has a project to remove any water from the Lake. The siphoning/pumping project out of the NE corner of the Lake is 100% the project of our Options for High Water. We are addressing this here because we would like it to be a matter of public record that the statement in the September minutes whether it was an honest mistake, or was somehow mis-quoted or incorrectly stated, it needs to be corrected. There are no accusations being made and no ill feelings, we just would like it corrected in the minutes so the public record is correct.

I would also like to say that the pumping water out of Lake Shamineau is only the First Phase of our overall project. We have stated over and over there is not just one problem that has caused the high water of our Lake and there is not going to be just one thing that is a resolution to the problem we are facing. Regarding the Second Phase of our Project, we met with Morrison County officials and the Minnesota DNR back in September to help identify areas in the community that may be contributing to the massive inflow of water into the Lake and the wet-lands or watershed issues that may be contributing to the improper or lack of drainage of that water before it reaches our Lake.

We had another meeting with several entities last week on the site that we feel is a big contributor to the inflow of water into our Lake. We are focusing right now on this area of concern with the Minnesota DNR and the Fisheries Department. It is only a starting point and our intentions are to continue to press forward in cooperation with the proper authorities to address problem areas until there are satisfactory answers to some very difficult questions.

If there are any questions, I will be happy to try to answer them. If there are any of you that do not live on the lake but would like to be on our mailing list for updates, please let me know either here tonight or email me at the address on our business card.