

February 9, 2021

Chair Sandstrom called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members were present.

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

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Meier reported a total working cash balance of \$569,019.15. The report was approved and filed for audit at a later date. Sara also reported that the bank has a desired format for the signature cards for the bank removing the officer to be replaced by another officer.

Supervisor Newkirk, seconded by Supervisor Nygren, made a motion to have Supervisor Card be a designated bank account signer in the chair's absence. 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.

The staff has been cutting and chipping brush. Another load of salt was received that will hopefully last through the end of the season. They have been working on repairs to the ditch mower. They purchased a new welding helmet and miscellaneous tools for the shop. Crack seal has been ordered and should be here around March 1.

Joe passed his written exam for his license. He can take the actual driving test 1 March.

Supervisor Altrichter located a tractor that saves the township \$20,000. Supervisor Card, seconded by Supervisor Newkirk, made a motion to purchase a tractor from C & B Operations LLC in Pipestone, MN for \$45,900.00. The remainder of the board concurred.

**Fire Report:** Assistant Chief Brian Post reported two calls – a motor vehicle rollover and a house fire. The current month training will be low angle rescue. Morrison County is still working on the Active 911 system. Two firefighters are on a six-month leave of absence. One probationary firefighter is going to Firefighter 1 this month. The department is looking into purchasing a new K-saw to replace the existing one.

Summerfest/Fire Department fundraiser was discussed. Brian will check into the situation and let us know.

Supervisor Newkirk asked about progress on a new fire truck. The department is still working on it.

**O.B.:** Quotes from Ideal Construction and Anderson Brothers were looked at and discussed. Supervisor Newkirk, seconded by Supervisor Altrichter, made a motion to accept both the 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue quote and the 350<sup>th</sup> Street quote from Ideal Construction who came in with the lowest price for each project. The remainder of the board concurred.

**N.B.:** The Long Prairie Water Shed project being headed by Morrison County Soil and Water would like a township representative to participate in the project. Supervisor Nygren volunteered to represent the township. He will report the progress to the township.

Supervisor Card, seconded by Supervisor Newkirk, made a motion to change the date of the April meeting to Wednesday, April 14 because of the Staples/Motley Referendum voting being held at the town hall on Tuesday, April 13. The remainder of the board concurred.

Compensation for the deputy clerk/treasurer was discussed. It was decided to pay the Road & Bridge casual maintenance hourly rate of pay.

Chuck Schiemo asked about a microwave for the Refuse and Recycling office. Treasurer Meier has one that she will donate.

**Claims** 21033 – 21063 totaling \$74,305.29 were read and approved for payment. Motion made by Supervisor Card and seconded by Supervisor Newkirk. The remainder of the board concurred.

**Correspondence** was read and dealt with.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m. The motion was made by Supervisor Card and seconded by Supervisor Altrichter. The remainder of the board concurred.

Terry Sandstrom – Chair

Kathie Headley – Clerk