

Regular Meeting
February 13, 2014

The regular meeting of the Pelican Town Board was called to order by Chairman Bruce Galles.

Present: Robert Olson, Tracy Donovan, Bruce Galles(by skype), Jody Wallin, Shirley Wallin. Also present: Bruce and Nancy Westerberg, Jason Rieber, Phil(intern at Breezy Point Police Dept.), Sheriff Todd Dahl, Tony Loberg.

Galles called the meeting to order. Donovan led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the January 9, 2014 meeting were reviewed, Olson made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Donovan, motion carried.

Jason Rieber from the Breezy Point Police Dept. gave the police report for January. Has been a quiet month, had only 9 calls within Pelican Township. They have a new intern training with the Dept. Phil. He is riding along and learning from the police officers.

Sheriff Todd Dahl was present for his annual visit, he said it has been a very interesting winter, they are working the safe and sober shifts, they will have 8 squads out at St. Patrick's Day time, this is the next big push for that program. He said there were 1300 handgun permits processed in 2013. Dahl feels that marijuana will be legalized in Minnesota soon. He's not for it and will continue to fight against it. Drugs are on the rise, especially heroin. Person in Emily that's been giving them problems was on a stolen snowmobile and was caught and is now in jail. The Sheriff's Dept. tries to be proactive and not reactive, they check doors at businesses when they are not busy in the winter. Todd Dahl will be running for a 3rd. term this fall. He said the best part of his job is going to the township meetings and getting a feel of what the people need.

Treasurers Report: J. Wallin gave the Treasurers report, Opening Balance: \$352,971.53, Receipts: \$5731.03, Disbursements: \$10,408.64, Balance: \$348,293.92, Frandsen Bank: \$348,293.92, Investments: BlackRidge Bank C.D. : \$100,354.44, American National Bank: \$16,303.67, Total Investments: \$116,658.11, Total Funds and Investments: \$464,952.03. Donovan made a motion to approve Treasurers report, seconded by Galles, motion carried.

Donovan said that all the information has been submitted for the invasive species inspection, so just need to wait to see if we get the grant.

Bills to be paid were presented, Olson made a motion to pay all bills, seconded by Donovan, motion carried.

No public Forum.

Correspondence: Bus Trip to the state capital, Thursday March 13, 2014, Crow Wing County Association annual meeting will be Monday April 21, 2014 at 7 PM at Lake Edward Town Hall. Crow Wing County Historical Society looking for money, need about \$2000.00 more to complete project for Carbine House(a log home built about 1868 and is at the Crow Wing County Fairgrounds. Crisis Line and Referral Services wants \$250.00 from our township for services they provide for us, they have an agreement for health services. (We can't do donations but can do contracts). Group Life Insurance is up for renewal, decided to leave the same. Received bill from Boyer Truck for the cab and chassis. Received a resolution for the State Association of Townships to support a Comprehensive Omnibus Transportation Finance bill, this may give us an increase in our gas tax. (Board decided not to support it). Crow Wing County Fairgrounds wanting a donation of any size.

Road Report: Loberg still working on the roads, has been a tough winter. Sheriff Dahl said our roads are some of the better road for this winter. Roads are in fair shape at the best.

Committee Reports: Donovan gave report on Fire meetings and contracts, still in negotiations with Mission, no contract or final numbers for 2015. Pequot Lakes is still waiting for numbers from Cass County so have not finalized the 2014 year yet. They are training 15 firefighters as new first responders. Nisswa's contract will be about \$600.00 more this year than last year. Donovan made a motion that we accept \$4883.02 which will cover cost for first responders and firemen's relief, seconded by Olson, motion carried.

Budget was discussed for 2015, Olson stated he would like us to go to the annual meeting as being in agreement. Galles made a motion to recommend to the town a total of \$249,940.00 for 2015 budget, seconded by Olson, motion carried.

Zoning: Ruecker zoning, by general consensus the clerk will let the county know that we reviewed the recent changes and we continue to have concerns with the variance.

Old Business: none

New Business: J. Wallin said she needed to order new checks, was given the OK by the board.

No transfer of funds.

Meeting Dates: Annual meeting March 11, 2014 at 7 PM, March 13, 2014 at 7:30 PM regular meeting. Short Course: Monday March 24th at Breezy Point Resort, April meeting-April 17, 2014 at 7:30 PM. Spring Road Inspection: May 13th at 3PM, alternate date, May 20th at 3 PM.

Meeting adjourned by general consent.

Respectfully submitted,

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