

December 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

12/14/2021 –7:00pm – Morris called meeting to order. Pledge of allegiance was said by all

In Attendance: Supervisors –Dennis Morris, Bruce Westerberg, Giles Radtke, Clerk - Jody Wallin, Treasurer - Alisha Wallin, Antonio Loberg, Officer Dan Sathry (BPPD), Nick Salvevold (CWCSO)

Police Report – It was a quieter month, the agency assists reference an officer not part of the contract responding to calls in the township. The public accesses are getting busier as the ice grows.

Public Forum – no one brought anything to the board

Minutes of the Regular November 9, 2021 meeting - Westerberg made motion, Radtke seconded; none opposed, motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report for November 2021– Opening \$437,791.46; Receipts \$13,286.70; Disbursements \$34,703.71; Balance \$416,374.45; Frandsen Bank \$416,374.45; ARPA \$26,118.46; FNB North \$212,638.81; First Western 24m CD \$127,573.87; Total Inv \$340,212.68; Total Op & Inv \$756,587.13 – Westerberg made motion to accept, Radtke seconded, none opposed, motion passed unanimously

Bills were presented for payment, Radtke made motion to pay all bills; Westerberg seconded, None opposed, motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence –

- *Plow question on Pelican Beach Road – clerk sent reply with link to plowing policy
- *December dump – will see on next month’s treasurer report
- *Election Integrity workshop ad – not from state or MAT

Road Report -

*Tony – The dump truck has had some issues – leaking hydraulic hoses which have been replaced, broke a cutting edge using up our stock so ordered more for stock. The John Deere tractor is working now – talked to John Deere, they suggested pulling a module, cleaning it and replacing. Mower has all new bearings – it does a good job taking out things up to 6” cleanly. However, on Pelican Beach Road, the bearings went out so the cuttings aren’t so clean.

*2022 & 2023 Road Resurfacing Projects –The dollar amount requires a sealed bid. Knife River has committed to bidding and is also will to help us put together specs to create the requirements for our bidding. They suggest calling when snow melts and they will come look at it. Radtke is going to look into road spec suggestions from MAT. Radtke is also going to stay on top of the information for the roads we can get bids going in the spring and not miss the 2022 window for work – Roads we are looking at:

- Cullen Channel Lane: Reclaim as well as raise the problem area quite a bit
- Beaver Dam: Reclaim, much longer road in rough shape
- Little Pelican Dr: Reclaim, much smaller road

*Plow Truck – Morris contacted neighboring townships – they have worked thru coop purchasing agreements. When doing coop purchasing, the coop is the agent and handles all the legal requirements for pricing bids etc. Additionally, Morris spoke with CWC highway department – they recommend MN Coop and are willing to help us thru the process, come give a presentation on it. Current truck is dated – low miles but higher hours – agreement that we need to move forward because of age and the need for more frequent repairs. Board will discuss further when budget discussions held in the coming meetings. Radtke made a motion to allow Morris to submit an application to become a member of MN Coop; Westerberg seconded, None opposed, motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports –

*Lake Edward Road Agreement – Town Line Agreement sent back signed, the emergency plow agreement has been approved, anticipating signed copy returned after Lake Edward Meeting held same night as ours.

*Mission Fire Meeting– Received minutes from Mission Clerk (included at the end). Morris was only member in attendance. Fire Chief made a very good power point presentation; Chief’s motto is “We do things different.” New contract needs to be negotiated in the next year or so – there will be an increase. We have been paying without a bill, this year’s bill was received after the fact reflecting what we paid. No extra details have been given even the contract states they will be – we can anticipate that information this year. Fire board is also proposing a different formula for cost share – this is something going on around the state as many townships have been complaining about the current method. At end of meeting Roads we are working on were brought up – Mission acknowledges that we have been plowing & sanding the roads but no maintaining. Discussion held regarding roads and what the board wished to do with regards to cost of work. Morris Made a motion to authorize Radtke to verify the mileage on the access roads, provide mission with the history of road maintenance, and propose we will plow only those road only starting January 1 or February 1 for \$5000 a year. Westerberg seconded, None opposed, motion passed unanimously. A town line road agreement will need to be made separately for Shelstad lane. Clerk will send Radtke a template for town letterhead.

Zoning Issues –

*Smith – DRT 12/13 – E Cree Bay Building options – possibly going to give property to daughter to combine with her property giving much better building options, current lot has almost no building envelope

*Gustason – DRT 12/13 – Patio Oven Structure – oven is not permitted, is too close to the lake; tentative on side 1/6/22, PCBOA 1/22/22

New, Old, Other Business –

*Bruce Galles - Plaque received, thank you card here to sign, clerk will get sent

*ARPA - Interest earned can be placed in General Fund, Clerk & Treasurer are tracking ARPA money as its own fund – this makes it so a separate checking account is not needed.

*Road Man Time Card – Radtke presented a draft. Board has asked Roadman to begin using January 1, 2022 to give it a test run.

*MAT – Open meeting laws – if board members in attendance of on-site seen by others = no posting, but if working together in an enclosed space = must be posted. Discussion being held as to what posting requirements will be for elections for townships with mailed ballots.

*ARPA money – some cities and states are stating that they will use their money for roads, they are not receiving any feed back currently. Westerberg will ask for clarification on ARPA money. There is a loss of revenue calculator on the MAT website – this allows us to take some of the ARPA money for other uses. Board asked Treasurer to gather the information and check into whether we qualify. Broadband also is an option for ARPA funds, do we have any areas that are low?

*Budget 2023 – how to proceed – clerk will get figures to board members before the next meeting

*reorganization meeting - idea presented to assign rolls for board members, clerk showed previous years format. Clerk will resend 2021 Reorganization meeting minutes to board as this year had a lot change. Board agreed to stick to current listing with possibility of adding rolls if necessary.

Meetings

Reorganization Meeting – Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Next Regular Meeting –Tuesday, January 11, 2022 immediately following the Reorganization Meeting

Meeting Adjourned by Morris at 9:24 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Jody Wallin, Clerk