

November 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

11/9/2021 –7:03pm – Morris called meeting to order. Pledge of allegiance was said by all

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

Police Report – It was a quieter month, the agency assists reference an officer not part of the contract responding to calls in the township.

Public Forum – no one brought anything to the board

Minutes of the Regular October 12, 2021 meeting - Westerberg made motion, Radtke seconded; none opposed, motion passed unanimously.

Treasures Report for October 2021– Opening \$447,263.97; Receipts \$633.02; Disbursements \$10,005.53; Balance \$437,791.46; Frandsen Bank \$437,791.46; FNB North \$212,184.21; First Western 24m CD \$127,573.87; Total Inv \$339,758.08; Total Op & Inv \$777,549.54 – Westerberg made motion to accept, Morris seconded, none opposed, motion passed unanimously

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

Correspondence –

- *CWC Association of Township officers meeting letter
- *Official Letter from State Demographic Center
- *Frandsen – new company for dishonored check processing
- *Ad – Air Purifier Company

Road Report -

*Tony – We had salt/sand delivered 11/8, we do 18 yards at a time to ensure we are using it well and not sitting on a bunch at the end of the winter. The good mower thru a bearing – so parts are on order. Went to load the truck with salt/sand and the John Deere would not shift again – have not had issues for at least 2 months – going to have to have John Deere get involved now. Blades are all on the truck along with good cutting edges; the truck is ready for winter.

*Anderson Brothers Bid –Need additional bids for Beaver Dam. Radtke request we bid all three roads when getting additional bids. Morris confirmed Knife River for second bid, Aspen in Hackensack was also suggested as an option.

- Cullen Channel Lane: Reclaim as well as raise the problem area quite a bit: \$119,096.85
- Beaver Dam: Reclaim, much longer road in rough shape: \$224,845.85
- Little Pelican Dr: Reclaim, much smaller road: \$40,337.75

Additional discussion regarding budget versus cost was held – board can transfer money around from funds, the investments are Road & Bridge funds. The option of saving a road to do with

ARPA funds if allowed. Urgency of road needs? Beaver Dam is all over bad whereas Cullen Channel Lane only has one bad area.

*Road Right of Way – Goal is a written ROW Policy, defer discussion. Road man has submitted to the board the request information regarding mowing as well as has begun giving more detailed daily work information.

ARPA – Westerberg attended several MAT meetings as well as the CWC Association of Township officers meeting, reported on the information from the meetings.

*We can use the funds for low interest loans for sewers and then the interest can be placed in the general fund – Westerberg is not advocating for this

*There are approximately 55,000 townships and only 86% have applied for ARPA funds. We will receive a second half but CWC will also be doing a reallocation of funds not used and give back to the townships in the district; this is expected to be done in 21 & 22. The application deadline was 10/26/21; 107 townships in CWC applied

*The ways in which ARPA funds can be spent is always changing – still pushing for Road & Bridge use ability as that is the biggest expense for a lot of townships. Thoughts on ways we can spend, no decisions being made at this time.

- Shelter with base for Salt/Sand

- Rental of equipment to help cut back overhanging higher trees

*We cannot spend ARPA money by giving it to another township in need; either we spend it or it goes back to the county.

***Additional note:* Driveways – The Township approves road connection for driveways only. The landowner is financially responsible for the driveway and culvert. The Township only approves connection – suggestion was made that a document be created for records purposes.

**CWC Road work plans for 2021-2025:* if roads are close we can partner with County – none are really close to us

Committee Reports –

*Lake Edward Road Agreement – Town Line Agreement is approved, Lake Edward meeting is same night as our – Morris Anticipates they will sign and get it back to us. Lake Edward did not see the Emergency Agreement prior to now, no concerns anticipated.

*Mission Road Agreements – Radtke created a draft letter based off of information from last month's meeting. Westerberg suggested that board make mention of our desire to schedule discussion of Road Agreements to Mission at the scheduled December 1, 2021 meeting for Fire Board.

Zoning Issues –

None requiring board notice

New, Old, Other Business –

*Bruce Galles - Plaque has been ordered, clerk will have it and a card for the December meeting.

*Pequot Fire Meeting – Radtke attended the meeting held on 10/27/21. The Pequot Fire Department received a \$281,000 Federal Grant. Purchased a new truck costing \$291,000 – the city is pay the difference. The department looking at redoing the way they do fireman’s relief that will reduce our contributions – this has been high compared to other departments and the Pelican Township Board has questioned this in the past. The City of Pequot Lakes has budgeted \$20,000 a year to the Fire Department for vehicle replacement. Previous meetings had brought up the question of Breezy Point and Pequot Lakes jointly having the fire department, however, this discussion was not a part of this meeting. Moose Lake Township is no longer contracting with Pequot Fire Department.

*Road Man Time Card – Radtke will have a draft for the December Meeting

*Clerk notified the board she does not intend to run for re-election so if anyone hears of an interested party, or has an idea of someone to approach.

Meetings

Next Regular Meeting –Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 7:00pm

Meeting Adjourned by Morris at 8:05 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Jody Wallin, Clerk