

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING

April 15, 2014

The April Monthly Meeting of the Fairview Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Fairview Town Hall on Tuesday, April 15th, 2014 by Chairman Jim Weizenegger with the Pledge of Allegiance. Other Board members in attendance were Supervisors Walt Richmond and Tom Dechmann, Treasurer Sharon Owen and Clerk Marla Yoho.

Richmond/ Dechmann/ Unanimous: Motion to accept the **Minutes of the March Monthly meeting** as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon reported the following month-end balances in the Township accounts: **\$43,844.66 in Checking** and **\$217,382.28 in Money Market** funds. Road & Bridge CDs total \$79,143.50 and the Community Projects CD is \$43,054.41. **Revenues for March totaled \$5.97** (\$5.97 interest); **Expenditures totaled \$14,848.13** (\$11,427.50 Road & Bridge; \$125.00 Fire; and \$3,295.63 General Gov't expenses).

Richmond/ Dechmann/ Unanimous: Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Road Report:

Conditions deteriorated enough on **Mayfair Road** from wind blown snow that Tom had to send Jon Rardin in with a truck equipped with a plow and wing to remove the accumulated snow. We did not receive a bill from Rardins this month, so we don't have a final cost.

On March 18th Tom put up the **Weight Restriction** signs, but the North Central area was not actually supposed to be posted until April 4th. Tom received calls from Dave Rasinski and a logger working in the Pillsbury Forest asking for one-time permission to circumvent the posted signs. The temperature was very low, so he allowed both requests.

On the 21st of March Tom was notified that water was flowing across **Gregory Drive** due to a frozen culvert. He had Fyle's hydro-jet it out and the water immediately started receding from the road. It has continued to flow through the culvert and the pond is at the normal level.

Marla received a message from **Ron Miles of Ponderosa Ln SW**, in which he requested a copy of the Road Maintenance contract we have with Rardins. After learning that Mr. Miles was upset about some damage caused by the snowplows, Tom visited the Miles property. A piece of "artwork" (a metal flower sculpture), which is located behind a rock placed in the R-O-W, was bent by the force of the snow coming off the plows. Tom bent the flower back into shape as best he could. Mr. Miles has again requested a copy of the Road Maintenance contract. Marla will send him a copy of the Bid Proposal Form submitted by Rardins. She will also send a letter in which she explains the width of the road (66 ft) with the R-O-W easement and that a rock placed in an easement is actually considered a misdemeanor by MN Statute.

When Walt saw Dave Horn at the Short Course he wanted to know if we were still holding the \$500 in our budget for further work on **Mayfair Minimum Maintenance Rd**. The Board directed Marla to send a letter to May Township explaining that after receiving the call from Chad Converse last summer in which he said that May would not expend any further funds on Mayfair Min Maint Rd., the money was reallocated for other R&B use.

Jim received a call from Dan Melin concerning water flowing across **Birch Forest Rd** by the Moran property. Jim checked it out but the water is coming from the springs on the north side of the road and the pond is still frozen.

Weather permitting, the **2014 Road Review** will be held on Friday, April 25th at 8:00AM, before the Board of Review at 1 PM.

Fire Report:

Walt reported that the **Firemen's Training Banquet** was very well attended this year.

Randy has ordered a tank and pump for the **Ranger**, along with the necessary firefighting apparatus. The Ranger will hold 70 gallons of water and 5 gallons of foam.

A **Firefighter Open House** is being scheduled for some time in the first part of October.

The Association has purchased 3 new SCBA tanks at a cost of about \$1,000 each.

Kerry Swenson will be putting on an 800 MHz Radio system training session for the firefighters.

The Firemens Benevolent Fund received \$518 from the "Spare Change" Collection plate at Petro Plus.

There have been 9 runs since the last meeting, with 2 in Fairview (1-medical, 1-Ski Gull injury). The Y-T-D total is 70, 2 less than 2013.

Old Business:

External Audit: Marla has contacted Tom Koop at CliftonLarsonAllen to start the 2013 External Audit process. Mary Reedy will contact Marla to schedule a starting date.

Weather Warning Sirens: Jim and Marla have both had numerous phone conversations with Steve Bartz, Brainerd area Forester; Bob Seado and Cindy Buttleman of the DNR Lands and Minerals Dept. ; and Paul Lundgren, Regional DNR Director in Grand Rapids. At first, even though the DNR thought the weather warning siren was a good idea, it appeared they would not be able to process an easement for the pole/ siren placement on Stark's Vista within our required time frame. The tower is owned by MPR, and placement on it would require us to draw up an easement contract with MPR, and then MPR would have to file revised contracts with the DNR.

Walt contacted two separate residents concerning possible placement on lands at the end of Richmond Rd. or land abutting the Stark's Vista. Kevin Amundsen, owner of the property adjacent to Stark's Vista, gave his permission for us to place the tower on his land.

In the meantime, Bob Seado contacted Marla and had already started processing several pieces of paperwork on our behalf: He has the lease documents ready for signature; is circulating a "no fee option" memo through the Forestry Dept. higher-ups for their signature to exempt us from having to pay an easement fee due to this being a public safety easement; and he had the local Forestry guys (Al Sharp and Steve Bartz) review the area and remove trees that will allow us access for installation. All documents should be through their system and ready for signature next week.

Also, when Marla spoke with Kerry Swenson, he said he has included Fairview Township in a grant application for the sirens. If the grant is approved, we would not receive the full amount, but would get some portion of the purchase reimbursed.

Short Course Update: In the Short Course, Sharon learned that Sylvan Township may be part of a pilot program in the next election where they would experiment with using electronic rosters. Sharon contacted CCty Auditor, Sharon Anderson, for confirmation. Ms. Anderson explained it will still be necessary for Sylvan Township to come up with funds to buy the required equipment, which puts the pilot program up in the air for now.

There is a new Chart of Accounts coming out for CTAS.

Walt learned there will be a training session for the Board of Equalization at the Summer Short Course on June 16th but he will not be able to attend.

There are bills being considered in Congress right now that would allow both mailed and internet newsletters, websites and Facebook to be used for Posting and Publication of notices.

It is permissible for a Township to let their snowplowers to plow private roads, bill the Township and then have the Township collect from the residents. This would not be counted as "performing maintenance" in the event the residents were to come back and ask the Township to take over a road. This pertains to snow plowing only.

New Business:

Weizenegger/ Dechmann/ Unanimous: Motion to approve "**On**" **Sale Liquor Licenses** for Jake's Gull Lake, LakeShore Lodge and Mount Ski Gull; and an "**Off**" **Sale License** for Jake's Gull Lake.

Weizenegger/ Dechmann/ Unanimous: Motion to approve **Gambling Licenses** for Jakes Gull Lake, Camp Confidence and the Conservation Club.

Paul Lundgren contacted Marla to report \$3,786.87 has been deposited into the Township bank account. This money is a 1/12th portion of the revenue's received from leases on **Pillsbury State Forest** land. Total 2013 revenues were \$45,442.39. 2/3rds of that amount go to the University of Minnesota; 1/6th goes to the DNR; and Cass County and the Township each receive 1/12th.

Contributions: At the Annual Meeting, residents gave the Town Board permission to dispense \$5,000 in contributions, at their discretion.

Dechmann/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to contribute \$200 to the Cass County Historical Society; \$500 to the Cass County Ag Society for the Cass County Fair in Pillager; \$500 to the Sheriff's Office for the Lakes Area Dive Team; and \$500 to the Cass SWCD for the County AIS Fund.

Clerk's Report:

Board of Equalization will be held on Friday, April 25th at 1:00 PM.

Marla approached the Board about the possibility of offering a **CPR class** at the Town Hall. The Board gave her permission to investigate the amount of interest (possibly on the mail back being sent out about the trails) and sourcing out an instructor and costs.

Rob Mason (East Gull Lake Councilman and Madden's Sales Manager) sent a letter to CTC requesting that they consider extending their **fiber optic cable** into East Gull Lake. He suggested that Fairview might want to do the same thing. The Board agreed and instructed Marla to send a letter to both CTC Telecom and CenturyLink.

Richmond/ Dechmann/ Unanimous: Motion to approve payment of all Claims as submitted. (Aye: Dechmann, Richmond, Weizenegger).

10414	Crow Wing Power	Electricity 2/21-3/15/14	164.00
20414	CTC	Internet	44.95
30414	CenturyLink	Telephone	73.78
40414	PERA	Retirement Deposit	305.50
3684	Avenet LLC	Website Contract	425.00
3685	Cass County Auditor-Treasurer	2014 Solid Waste Fee - Property Taxes	66.00
3687	Fyle's	Hydro Jet- Drainage Culvert	185.00
3688	Cass SWCD	AIS Fund Contribution	500.00
3689	Tom Dechmann	Administration 3/6-4/15	536.74
3690	Sharon Owen	Administration 3/6-4/15	454.89
3691	Jim Weizenegger	Administration 3/6-4/15	266.62
3692	Walt Richmond	Administration 3/6-4/15	489.97
3693	Marla Yoho	Administration 3/6-4/15	1,035.41
3694	Cass County Sheriff	Lakes Area Dive Team	500.00

TOTAL \$ 5,047.86

Dechmann/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to close the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marla Yoho, Clerk

Chairman, Jim Weizenegger