

## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING**

### **December 9, 2014**

The December Monthly Meeting of the Fairview Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Fairview Town Hall on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 by Chairman Jim Weizenegger with the Pledge of Allegiance. Other Board members in attendance were Supervisors Walt Richmond and Tom Dechmann, Clerk-Treasurer Marla Yoho and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Owen.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Sharon reported the following month-end balances in the Township accounts: \$27,013.37 in Checking and \$177,424.33 in Money Market funds. Road & Bridge CDs total \$79,212.55 and the Community Projects CD is \$43,101.65. **Revenues for November totaled \$929.64** (\$4.64 interest, \$50.00 Electricity Reimbursement, \$875.00 Road Sign Rebate (70 signs) ); **Expenditures totaled \$7,661.85** (\$3,782.00 Road & Bridge, \$147.00 Fire; and \$3,732.85 General Gov't expenses).

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

#### **Road Report:**

Tom will be requesting a quote from Rardins and Ted Sullivan for trimming the trees along the **Anderson Minimum Maintenance Rd** where it runs along the back edge of Birch Bay golf course.

Marla received calls requesting help on **Norway Pine Dr.** The first call concerned a dead deer in the ditch by the Metz residence. The township has no way to dispose of dead animals, but the DNR may have a suggestion. The second call was for salt/sand on the icy roadway following the recent thaw.

#### **Fire Report:**

Walt reported that Les Fundine provided a preview of the **2015 budget** at their last meeting. There was an increase due to a sizeable increase in the Worker's Comp Insurance premium. However, that premium is being reassessed and the budget may not increase as much as first anticipated, if at all.

The firefighters took an extended tour of the **Maddens** property, reviewing all of the buildings and out structures. Jim W. said they took a tour of **Craguns and Kavanaughs** too, but they were quite brief and perfunctory. One recruit hasn't made all of his training or runs and has been terminated.

There have been 17 runs since the last meeting, with four in Fairview (all medical). Y-T-D total is 232, which is 1 run ahead of all of last year.

There will be new members at the January meeting since there have been new Supervisors elected in Pillager, May and Sylvan.

#### **Old Business:**

**Fire hall Conversion to Natural Gas:** The LP gas tank is down to 30% full. Marla has contacted Jake Niggeler (Jibec Plumbing) and has set up the conversion to take place on January 2nd.

**Weather Warning Siren:** The Board discussed the siren on the west side of the township. There is some concern that the siren can't be heard inside homes. The original intent of these sirens is to alert people who are on the lake, in the forest or working outside to eminent danger. The assumption is that people inside their homes have access to television, radio, internet and/or NIXLE to alert them to changes in weather or other emergencies.

They discussed the possibility of having the siren installed on a taller pole if they continue to receive reports that it can't be heard.

**Fondie Lane:** Marla has received the paperwork back from the Cass County Recorder to have Fondie Lane recorded. The Recorder has requested more specific legal descriptions for each property in the development.

#### **New Business:**

**Elite Detailing** has submitted a quote of \$40 per mow to provide **mowing services for the town hall** in 2015.

Dechmann/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to accept the quote and to contract with them for the 2015 season.

#### **Clerk's Report:**

The Board discussed the payments for membership made to the **Cass County Economic Development Corp.** Marla will talk to Reno Wells concerning the contract situation. MAT attorneys had advised Townships to avoid signing the old contracts since they didn't hold the Townships free of liability.

The CCEDC has sent a new invoice for 2015 membership and it has increased from \$1,000 to \$1,050. The Board questioned whether the Township actually receives any benefits from their allegiance with the CCEDC. There is very little potential for business growth in this area. They ultimately decided to table the decision on whether to send a check to CCEDC in 2015.

Dechmann/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to make a 2014 donation of \$1,000 to **Mount Ski Gull** since they have expanded, provide several paying jobs throughout the winter, are a non-profit organization and provide a well-used service to the community.

Dechmann/ Richmond/ Unanimous: to hold a **Board meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup>**, 2015.

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

11214	CTC	Internet	44.95
21214	CenturyLink	Telephone	73.64
31214	Crow Wing Power	Electricity	142.00
41214	PERA	PERA	153.16
51214	US Treasury	4th Qtr Withholding	457.31
61214	Minnesota Revenue	4h Qtr Withholding	157.67
3807	Tom Dechmann	Administration to 12/9/14	125.12
3808	Sharon Owen	Administration to 12/9/14	212.28
3809	Walt Richmond	Administration to 12/9/14	233.87
3810	Jim Weizenegger	Administration to 12/9/14	116.94
3811	Marla Yoho	Administration to 12/9/14	486.88
3812	Rardin Excavating	Snow Removal	5,182.50
3813	Cass County Highway Dept	Mailbox Support Posts	140.00
3814	Cass Cty Auditor-Treasurer	Ballots& Election Support	335.00
3815	Elite Detailing	Fall Lawn Clean-Up	185.00
3816	Caleb Bermel	Lawn Mowing 8/30 & 9/15	90.00
3817	Pillager Area Fire Protection	2nd Half Assessment	37,389.12
3818	Tom Dechmann	4th Qtr Mileage	72.24
3819	Sharon Owen	4th Qtr Mileage	119.84
3820	Walt Richmond	4th Qtr Mileage	63.84
3821	Jim Weizenegger	4th Qtr Mileage	21.28
3822	Marla Yoho	4th Qtr Mileage, Computer, Internet	312.00
3823	MATIT Agency	Worker's Comp Premium	319.00
3824	Brainerd Dispatch	Board of Canvass Notice	136.00
3825	Mount Ski Gull	Donation	1,000.00
		TOTAL	\$47,569.94

Weizenegger/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to close the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marla Yoho, Clerk

Chairman, Jim Weizenegger