

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING

December 8, 2015

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 8th, 2015 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.

Dechmann/ Richmond/ 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: \$290,172.62 in Checking and \$12,463.43 in Money Market funds. **Revenues for November totaled \$531,451.31** (\$1.97 interest, \$110.72 Electricity & Gas Reimbursement, \$295 Fondie Lane Crack Sealing Reimbursements, \$530,738.17 HSEM Storm Reimbursement, \$305.75 Mkt Value Credit-Agriculture); **Expenditures totaled \$256,252.38** (\$255.00 Road & Bridge; \$151.72 Fire; and \$255,845.66 General Gov't expenses). Weizenegger/ Dechmann/ Unanimous: Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Road Report:

Westwood Shores & Rockwood Rd: Tom called Mike Rardin on Nov. 16th to discuss the berm that is needed on Westwood Shores Rd and the tree stumps that need to be removed from Rockwood Rd. Neither issue had been taken care of by November 30th. These items have been pending since September.

Fondie Lane Crack Sealing: There are still 4 checks outstanding on the Fondie Lane crack sealing project. Marla sent reminder letters on December 1st, but 2 have been returned as undeliverable. She will work with Justin Pape to see if he can provide better contact information.

Holmwig Excavating/ Gull Lake DR: There was a slushy snowfall on Nov 30th, which Rardins plowed. On the morning of Dec 1st there was a slushy covering on the road, not deep enough to plow, but slippery. A woman living on Gull Lake Dr called Holmwig Excavating (the company that does snow plowing for East Gull Lake) to have them sand the road so she could get up the grade on the road to get to work. Holmwig dispatched a truck from Crosby to sand the hill. The Holmwig owner then called East Gull Lake to where to find Gull Lake DR on their list of roads. Rob Mason (EGL) called Marla and asked her why our residents were calling their snow plow company for sanding. As it turns out, the woman was the sister-in-law of the owner of Holmwig, which is why they dispatched a truck from Crosby. Rob told the Holmwig owner to call Tom, who told them to send us a bill for the charges.

Birch Forest Rd: Gary Bluth called Tom to advise that logging had started on land owned by Maddens on the upper side of Birch Forest Rd. He was concerned about how it was going to effect the road and if there was a new development going in there. Marla contacted Ben Thuringer at Maddens who assured her that there was no development planned. They are just having the trees that blew down in the storm cleaned up on the 235 acres of land they own. Both Ben and Al Sharp, who is the forester handling the project, offered to meet with any of the residents to show them what work will be done. Since the area of the road near one of their staging areas has been the source of so many water runoff problems on that road, both Marla and Tom talked to Al about having a berm constructed along the upper side of the road when they are done, at least to prevent a major run-off problem in the spring. Al said he would have the bulldozer operator contact Tom before any work is done. He hasn't called yet. We will have to watch this road for damage caused by all of the big trucks, especially since it narrow and windy.

Shawn Fletcher Logging: The letter sent to Shawn Fletcher last month concerning the roadside restoration on Pinewood Dr where he was logging the Muehlbauer property has been returned due to a wrong address. Marla will resend it and incorporate the corrections Tom has made.

Fire Report:

The fire department held practice burns in two cabins at the Quarterdeck (Beach Club LLC), and will be burning 3 more. Two of the cabins are too close to the lake and had to be demolished professionally.

During the practice burn, Randy Lee and Bill (the man handling the renovation for Beach Club LLC) spoke about installing the 8,000 gallon oil tank from the Pillager School for use as a dry hydrant. The tank is being stored at Hengels currently. Bill said they would take care of the expense of burying the tank and Randy said the fire department will handle plumbing it. They have to come to an agreement on ownership and maintenance.

CTC has installed internet access and telephone service in Station #2.

The fire fighters had a training session on how to deal with propane fires. As per state requirement, Leaf River donated the propane for the training.

One firefighter has been terminated due to missing training hours and fire runs. They also have a new recruit.

Yvette Adelman-Dullinger is working on assessment numbers. Randy has proposed a 2017 budget with an increase of \$5,000. The proposed budget is \$175,450, which is still lower than the budget was in 2010, at \$178,800

The January Fire meeting date was changed from the 4th to the 6th.

There were a total of 25 runs in November with 4 in Fairview (2 medical, 1 car accident, 1 good intent call). The year-to-date total is 254, compared to 231 last year. (64% of all calls are to group homes.)

Planning Commission- Birch Bay RV Resort: The Cass County Planning Commission will hold a hearing on Monday, December 28th to make a resolution regarding whether an EIS will be required on the proposed Birch Bay RV Resort, or if the EAW has addressed all environmental concerns. The ESD has set a deadline for input and letters regarding the matter at noon on December 15th. The Fairview Board was in agreement that they don't have any specific knowledge that would warrant an additional response based on the information from the MPCA and various analysis. Marla will attend the hearing on behalf of the township.

OLD BUSINESS:

Storm Damage Assessment Update:

Homeland Security Emergency Management (HSEM): On November 20th the HSEM deposited \$530,738.17 into the township checking account. This is exactly 75% of the total costs incurred by the township for opening roads and cleaning up the roadsides (\$723,350.69). On November 30th Marla arranged to have the \$250,000 short term loan at Bremer Bank paid off. The total interest on that loan was \$2,416.67. Marla will do a financial analysis to move money back into the appropriate funds before the year-end.

CD's: At the September 8th Board meeting a resolution was passed to cash in the existing CDs to cover storm damage expenses and then to replace them at 75% value when HSEM reimbursed us. Marla contacted Bremer, Frandsen, Wells Fargo, US Bank and BlackRidge banks to get CD rate quotes. Messages were left at US Bank and Wells Fargo but they have never called back. None of the quoted rates are very favorable.

Frandsen offers .17% on 18 mos. and .25% on 24 mos.

On an 18 month CD BlackRidge offered .35% which could be increased to .60% and on a 24 month term they have .45 that could be increased to .70%.

Bremer offers .85% APY on 27 mos. or 1.60% APY on 57mos. Even though the quoted rates at Bremer are the highest, with checking and Money Market accounts the township would be carrying a total balance that would be in excess of the \$250,000 FDIC insurance coverage limits. The bank would have to purchase Pledged Collateral to cover the CDs, which would cause the interest rates to drop to about .40%.

The original four CDs were carried at Lakewood/ BlackRidge Bank. 3 were Road & Bridge (\$79,542.64 total value) and one was Community Projects (\$43,299.16). At 75% of original value there would be 3 Road & Bridge CDs at \$20,000 each and a Community projects CD at \$35,000 for a total of \$95,000.

Dechmann/ Richmond/ Unanimous: (Aye: Dechmann, Richmond, Weizenegger) Motion to purchase three 24-month CDs in the amount of \$20,000 each, and one 24-month CD for \$35,000 at BlackRidge Bank since their rates are ultimately more favorable and the original CDs were at that bank.

Timber Ridge Property Owners Assn/ Wilson Bay Dr: After the storm the township was contacted by a resident on Wilson Bay Dr asking the township for help in clearing the trees from their roads. Safety Tree Co. had a crew work on the road for 3 days (August 4th – 6th), during which time they removed 1,075 yards of tree debris from the roadsides at \$7.75 per yard for a total cost of \$8,176.25. Those costs were included in the amounts submitted to HSEM for reimbursement. The township cannot spend any public money on Wilson Bay Drive since it is a private road, but HSEM did not necessarily have that limitation. HSEM has reimbursed the township \$6,126.25 of the total, leaving a balance of \$2,050.

Weizenegger/ Richmond/Unanimous: Motion to bill the Timber Ridge Property Owners Assn. for \$2,050.

Town Hall Damage: We are still waiting for the repairs to the gutters and downspouts and are holding the check made out to Rardins (\$1,477.75) covering these repairs. Jill Rardin has contacted ABC Seamless to encourage them to do the work before the end of the year.

Donation to Ski Gull: In May the Board voted to make a donation of \$2,500 to Ski Gull, but that was before the storm hit and depleted some reserves. Now we have some funds but should consider reducing the amount.

Dechmann/ Weizenegger/ Unanimous: Motion to make a \$2,000 donation to Ski Gull for 2015.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Wages: There was some discussion about the prevailing wages being paid to Board members in the surrounding townships. During conversations with the Emergency Management crews after the storm it was apparent that Sylvan and May Boards are being paid \$20 per hour for their work outside the meetings.

Dechmann/ Richmond/ Unanimous: (Aye: Weizenegger, Richmond, Dechmann) Motion to increase the hourly wage to \$20.00 as of January 1st, 2016.

Sharon spoke about all of the work Marla did to coordinate the storm cleanup and all the hours that were never listed on her time sheet because they were done outside of normal office hours. Dechmann/ Richmond/ Unanimous: (Aye: Weizenegger, Richmond, Dechmann) Motion to make the raise retroactive to July 1st for Marla.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Meeting schedule for 1st Quarter of 2016: Due to travel and surgery schedules and the Annual meeting, the Board agreed to move the meetings for the first quarter of 2016 to the first week of each month.

Dechmann/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to hold January meeting on Tuesday the 5th; the February meeting on Tuesday the 2nd, and the March meeting on Wednesday the 2nd. The Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8th.

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

11215	Xcel Energy	Natural Gas	27.25
21215	Crow Wing Power	Electricity	114.00
31215	CenturyLink	Telephone	77.58
41215	PERA	Retirement	371.92
51215	US Treasury	4th Quarter Withhldg & Medicare	513.94
61215	Minnesota Revenue	4th Quarter Withholding	146.59
3970	MATIT Agency	Worker's Comp Insurance	283.00
3971	Pillager Area Fire Protection	2nd Half Fire Assessment	34,642.86
3972	Elite Detailing	Mowing and Fall Cleanup-Town Hall	365.00

3973	Tom Dechmann	4th Quarter Mileage	188.60
3974	Sharon Owen	4th Quarter Mileage	137.43
3975	Walt Richmond	4th Quarter Mileage	65.55
3976	Jim Weizenegger	4th Quarter Mileage	17.25
3977	Marla Yoho	4thQtr Mileage, Supplies, Internet etc	617.02
3978	Tom Dechmann	Admin to 12/8/15	157.86
3979	Sharon Owen	Admin to 12/8/15	211.71
3980	Marla Yoho	Admin to 12/8/15	517.78
3981	Walt Richmond	Admin to 12/8/15	233.87
3982	Jim Weizenegger	Admin to 12/8/15	116.94
3983	Mount Ski Gull	Donation	2,000.00
3984	Marla Yoho	Admin 7/1-12/8	1,256.54
		Total	\$42,062.69

Richmond/ Dechmann/ Unanimous: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marla Yoho, Clerk

Jim Weizenegger, Chair