

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING February 2, 2016

The February Monthly Meeting of the Fairview Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:10 PM in the Fairview Town Hall on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 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 (via Skype) and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Owen.

Dechmann/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to table the approval of the **Minutes of the January Monthly Meeting** to the March meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon reported the following month-end balances in the Township accounts: \$43,551.14 in Checking and \$252,476.16 in Money Market funds. **Revenues for January totaled \$3,751.50** (\$11.13 interest, \$156.23 Electricity & Gas Reimbursement, \$295 Fondie Lane Crack Sealing Reimbursements, \$3,289.14 Property Taxes); **Expenditures totaled \$13,351.77** (\$10,127.50 Road & Bridge; \$201.23 Fire; and \$3,023.04 General Gov't expenses).

Requirements for reporting to the State Auditor via CTAS have changed and Money Market funds must be recorded as an investment. This will change how the month-end reports generated by CTAS look. Rather than a Cash Control Statement the Board will receive a Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Balances which lists cash and total investment amounts by fund. In order to move the Money Market into Investments Marla had to reenter every transaction for the entire year of 2015.

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

Road Report:

Tom reported there was only one snowfall during the last month that was deep enough for plowing. He had not received any phone calls or heard of any problems.

Marla received a call from Matt Atkinson, 2535 Birch Forest Rd, who reported his mailbox was lying in the middle of the road after the plow truck went through last week. He has it propped up in the snow, but the post is broken off at the ground. She sent a message to Mike but hasn't heard anything in response. Tom will check on it.

Abandoned Trailer: Marla sent two letters to the home and office addresses of the property owner (Helping Hands Investments) asking that something be done to secure or remove the trailer. The letter sent to the home address was returned as "undeliverable" and there has not been any response to the other letter.

Fire Report:

Walt reported the Fire Dept burned 3 more cabins at the Quarterdeck in January. They are set to burn the hotel on March 12th. This practice burn will be promoted with the media, politicians and other fire departments possibly attending.

The Quarterdeck has accepted the (10,000 gallon) water tank storage agreement.

At the February meeting, Yvette Dullinger-Adelman passed out scenarios on the various ways the change in assessments could affect the budgets of the members. They discussed the scenarios extensively, but finally just approved the 2017 budget with an increase of \$3,500 over this year. They will continue to review how to allocate the budget over the next couple of months.

The Fire Association is discussing a way to start reimbursing the firefighters, either for their mileage or a per run stipend.

The Fire Dept. will be replacing their old set of "Jaws of Life" so they can carry a newer set in each of the trucks. They will cost about \$24,000.

There were 25 runs in December including 4 medical runs in Fairview. The total number of runs for 2015 is 279, which is 33 more than 2014.

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Planning Commission

Birch Bay RV Resort: Paul Fairbanks told Marla that Lee Wangstad has filed suit against the Cass County

Planning Commission, appealing their decision to deny the need for an EIS. The Birch Bay RV Resort owners have decided to go ahead with the CUP application despite the appeal.

In 2015, Cass County ESD received 33 Building Permit applications; 1 Variance application; 15 Shoreland Alteration applications and 1 CUP application for projects within Fairview Township. The Building Permits include 6 new homes, 6 septic and drainfields (2 were refunded), 7 additions to existing structures, 10 storage buildings and garages and 4 decks.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Marla sent a letter to Pete Mohs, the new Editor of the **Brainerd Dispatch**, asking what we can do to get Fairview Township recognized or identified as a township in their newspaper articles. In a recent article about the Birch Bay RV Resort EAW, the Dispatch article referred to the “proposed recreational vehicle park on Agate Lake near Lake Shore”. It could easily have read “on Agate Lake in Fairview Township, near Lake Shore...”. Mr. Mohs has not yet responded.

“Blow Down Tree Package”: The Crow Wing County SWCD (CWSWCD) recently announced their annual tree and plant sale. As a courtesy to area residents who lost so many trees in the July storms, they are offering a special “Blow-Down Kit” that includes 100 Trees and Shrubs (25 each Red Oak, Red Pine, Paper Birch and Juneberry) at a reduced price of \$100. These bare root seedlings will measure about 12-18” when they are picked up in May at the Arboretum in Brainerd. Tasha Lauer, CWSWCD director, assured Marla that all Cass County residents are welcome to place orders for the Blow-Down package as well as any other trees or shrubs that they offer. They have advertised they offer in the newspapers and on the radio. Marla has placed the information on the Fairview website and Facebook page.

John Ringle indicated that since the CWSWCD already does such a good job with this tree and shrub program, the CCSWCD doesn’t need to duplicate their efforts. However, the CCSWCD is working on a cost-sharing offer that may be announced at the end of February. That offer would involve 24” containerized pine trees. These trees come from the program where Cass County sends pine cones to Canada to have them planted and matured, then buys them back for planting. The trees spend 2 years in the ground and 2 years in a container, with a 90% survival rate. They would be distributed out of Pine River, possibly in May. Marla will follow up with John (or Ken LaPorte, our district SWCD Director) as February progresses.

Community Centered Runoff Mini Grant Program: The CWSWCD sent information and grant application for their Runoff Mini-Grant. This program provides clean water legacy funds to local groups and citizens to improve water quality and reduce storm water volume runoff. The funding may be used through December 1, 2018. These proposals are due by March 31, 2016.

This grant could be used to replant and rework areas disrupted by the storm. It could possibly be considered for the area along Birch Forest Road where runoff is always a problem.

CLERK’S REPORT:

Board of Equalization: The County Assessor’s Office sent notice our Board of Assessment is scheduled for 1:00PM on Friday, April 15th.

Road Review: The annual Road Review will begin at 7:30AM on Friday, April 15th. If the Review isn’t done by the time the Board has to meet for the Board of Assessment at 1:00, the Review will reconvene afterwards.

Broadband Article: Marla circulated a copy of a story CTC requested she write concerning the impact that receiving the broadband grant had on the township. The article is published on the state’s Broadband Grant Program website as a success story.

Emergency Preparedness Meeting: Last week Rob Mason and Marla participated in an Emergency

Preparedness Meeting coordinated by Kerry Swenson. Attendees included representatives from the Salvation Army, the area Red Cross, the Initiative Foundation, the county Public Health Dept., some local township and city boards, and Sgt. Brad Rittgers. The presentation included a summary of how the city of East Gull Lake and Fairview Township dealt with the disaster and what could have been done better. One big concern was communication. It was hard to share information of importance (such as debris disposal and emergency aid) with residents when not everyone had electricity. It would have been more helpful if the NIXLE system could have shared more emergency information or if we could have had some way to input information directly since most people could have accessed their cell phones.

The Board will have to consider changing the meeting schedule for the months of August and November due to the Primary and General elections. That should be decided at the March Board meeting.

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

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| 10216 | CTC | Internet | 67.05 |
| 20216 | Xcel Energy | Natural Gas - Fire Hall | 113.77 |
| 30216 | Crow Wing Power | Electricity | 247.00 |
| 40216 | CenturyLink | Telephone | 76.44 |
| 50216 | PERA | Retirement Fund | 194.22 |
| 3995 | Cass Cty Assn of Townships | CCAT & MAT Dues | 1,027.27 |
| 3996 | Tom Dechmann | Administration to 2/2/16 | 116.94 |
| 3997 | Sharon Owen | Administration to 2/2/16 | 197.90 |
| 3998 | Marla Yoho | Administration to 2/2/16 | 742.60 |
| 3999 | Walt Richmond | Administration to 2/2/16 | 233.87 |
| 4000 | Jim Weizenegger | Administration to 2/2/16 | 116.94 |
| 4001 | Rardin Excavating | Plowing & Sanding to 1/30 | 9,760.00 |
| | | Total | \$12,894.00 |

Dechmann/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marla Yoho, Clerk

Jim Weizenegger, Chair