

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING January 7, 2014

The January Monthly Meeting of the Fairview Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Fairview Town Hall on Tuesday, January 7, 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 December Monthly meeting** as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon reported the following year-end balances in the Township accounts: **\$59,443.79 in Checking** and **\$217,366.20 in Money Market** funds. Road & Bridge CDs total \$79,055.60 and the Community Projects CD is \$43,005.63. **Revenues for December totaled \$132,324.04** (\$6.43 interest, \$189.00 Dehumidifier Recall Reimbursement, \$268.09 Market Value Credit –Agriculture, \$131,860.52 Property Taxes); **Expenditures totaled \$169,460.99** (\$126,275.87 Road & Bridge; \$38,010.64 Fire; and \$5,174.48 General Gov't expenses).

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

Marla presented an analysis of the 2013 receipts, expenses and year-end balances broken out by General, Road & Bridge and Fire funds to aid the Board in budget and levy discussions.

Road Report:

It was a rather quiet month again for Township roads except for snow removal issues. Dan Lewandowski, a resident on **Gregory Drive**, called to report that his mailbox had been broken by the snowplow. He also said he had witnessed a Rardins truck with its' snowplow up, going about 40 mph up their road and then back down. By the time Tom spoke with Mr. Lewandowski he had already contacted Rardins and they had agreed to repair the mailbox.

Mike Baumer, a **Hines Circle** resident, called to complain that the plows were not coming close enough to his mailbox, the snow was too heavy for he or his wife to shovel and the mailperson would not deliver his mail. He was especially annoyed since they purchased and installed one of the approved mailbox supports. Tom went over to check it out but his wife had already shoveled it out. Tom talked with Rardins about it.

A resident on **Gull Lake Dr** called to request the road be sanded. It was so slippery that he couldn't get his car over the lower hills so he had to call Turner Towing to pull him out to Cty 77.

Tom noted that the snow removal bill for this past month was \$9,072.

Road projects to be considered in 2014 are the widening and improvement of the Rardin Minimum Maintenance Road; gravel and additional work on Pillager Lake Road; mill and pave our portion of Pillsbury Forest Road/ Pillager Truck Trail; and the overlay and work needed on Birch Bay Drive, which has been delayed due to the prospect of construction at LakeShore Lodge (Quarterdeck).

Fire Report:

The Fire Association agreed to take out a **7 yr loan at 5-1/2% interest** with Pine River State Bank in the amount of \$156,000 for the new truck. The loan carries no penalty for any early pay-off. The factory is running about 6 months ahead of production and the truck may be delivered as early as February 1st.

There is apparently a rule that 501.3(c) status must be renewed with the IRS yearly. That hasn't been done or there has been a problem with the paperwork, and the status has expired. The Fire Association is reapplying for the status.

The Fire Department is using \$2,500 in gambling proceeds to purchase a new flatbed trailer for the 4 X 4.

The firefighters had an occasion to try out the new Lucas II chest compression machine on a lady, but it was too late.

They have just learned that the Secretary – Treasurer will have to start deducting State and Federal Withholding and Social Security from any checks issued to Randy, Les and Colleen.

The Department received a \$500 donation from Land 'O Lakes on behalf of Scott Eastman. Apparently, if you are a member of the Land 'O Lakes and donate hours as a firefighter or to the Scouts, they donate money to the local charity of your choice.

There were a total of 213 runs in 2013, which was 15 more than the busiest year they have ever had. The firefighters received a total of 1,261 Training Hours in 2013. There have been 22 runs since the last meeting, with 19 falling in 2013 and 3 in 2014. The 3 runs covered 2 medical calls and 1 car fire.

The Fire Department received their first formal complaint ever. The first firefighter arrived at a garage fire directly from his home (at 1:00 AM) without any equipment, in anticipation of other men arriving with the truck and other equipment. The roof of the garage collapsed and the owner feels that if the first man had come with equipment the damage wouldn't have been so bad.

Pillager Park Board:

The City of Pillager has copied the Township on a letter to the Pillager Park Board in which they state their opposition to the installation of power in Pillager Lake Park.

Old Business: A letter of appreciation was received from Bart Taylor, the Chair of the Mount Ski Gull Board of Directors, in which he thanked the Township Board for the donation to their "matching funds" drive. They have also posted a mention of the donation on their website and have indicated that it will be used to fund the new High Speed Tow Rope.

New Business: There was none.

Reorganizational Meeting:

Richmond/ Dechmann/ Unanimous: Motion to have all Supervisors remain in the positions they currently hold as follows:

Chair: Jim Weizenegger
Road Supervisor: Tom Dechmann
Fire Liaison: Walt Richmond
Planning Commission Liaison: Tom Dechmann
Weed Inspector: Tom Dechmann

Richmond/ Weizenegger/ Unanimous: Motion to adopt the following **schedule of meetings** for the coming year:

January 7, 2014	July 8, 2014
February 11, 2014	August 11, 2014 (Monday, Due to Primary Election on the 12 th)
March 5, 2014 (Wednesday)	September 9, 2014
March 11, 2014 – Annual Meeting	October 14, 2014
April 15, 2014	November 11, 2014
May 13, 2014	December 9, 2014
June 10, 2014	

Dechmann/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to designate the following newspapers and posting places for public notices:

Published: Brainerd Dispatch and Lake Country Echo
Posted: Jake's Grill and the Town Hall

Richmond/ Dechmann/Unanimous: Motion to leave the stipend paid to Board members for meetings at \$125. (Ayes: Richmond, Dechmann, Weizenegger)

Richmond/ Dechmann/ Unanimous: Motion to leave the hourly rate paid for office work and duties outside the

regular monthly meeting at \$17.50 per hour, which is in line with rates paid in the area for similar responsibilities. The rate for Election Judges will remain at \$12.00 per hour. The rate for the Deputy Clerk will remain at \$100 per meeting and/or \$12.00 per hour. (Ayes: Dechmann, Richmond, Weizenegger).

Dechmann/ Richmond/ Unanimous: The rate paid for Mileage reimbursement will follow the new IRS rate of \$.56 per mile. (Ayes: Dechmann, Richmond, Weizenegger).

The **Spring Short Course** will be held on March 24th at the Breezy Point Resort.

Clerk's Report:

Marla placed calls and left messages for both Kathy Brown and Kathy Williams to ask if they had an interest in participating in the joint trail committee with the Brainerd Community Foundation. Neither of them called back. Marla will attend the meetings alone to begin with.

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

20114	Crow Wing Power	Electricity 11/14-12/14	124.00
30114	CTC	Internet	44.95
40114	CenturyLink	Telephone	80.28
50114	PERA	Retirement Deposit	150.88
3653	Cass Cty Assn of Townships	MAT & CCAT Dues	983.50
3654	Cass Cty Economic Dev Corp	2014 Membership	1,000.00
3655	Rardin Excavating	Snow Removal	9,072.50
3656	Tom Dechmann	Administration 12/11-1/7	149.68
3657	Walt Richmond	Administration 12/11-1/7	233.87
3658	Jim Weizenegger	Administration 12/11-1/7	116.94
3659	Marla Yoho	Administration 12/11-1/7	867.70
	TOTAL		12,824.30

Richmond/ Dechmann/ Unanimous: Motion to close the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marla Yoho, Clerk

Chairman, Jim Weizenegger