

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING
January 5, 2016**

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 5, 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 and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Owen.

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

Treasurer's Report: Sharon reported the following month-end balances in the Township accounts: \$53,162.13 in Checking and \$252,465.44 in Money Market funds. **Revenues for December totaled \$140,120.85** (\$4.84 interest, \$46.72 Electricity & Gas Reimbursement, \$590 Fondie Lane Crack Sealing Reimbursements, \$2,050 Timber Ridge Reimbursement, \$135,548.55 Property Taxes, and \$1,880.74 Township Aid); **Expenditures totaled \$137,129.74** (\$60,000.00 Road & Bridge; \$34,795.11 Fire; and \$42,334.63 General Gov't expenses). Four CD's were purchased from BlackRidge Bank, all with 24-month terms and a rate of .7 %. Three are Road & Bridge CD's at \$20,000 each. The fourth is a Community Project CD at \$35,000. Several inter-fund transfers took place to move the storm recovery reimbursement funds into their proper accounts and to move property tax receipts into the MMI savings account before year-end.

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

The year-end balances for all funds are as follows:

	Checking	MMI Savings	CD's	TOTAL
General Fund	\$20,570.09	45,787.07		\$66,357.16
Road & Bridge	\$29,171.77	190,330.43	60,000.00	\$279,502.20
Fire Fund	\$ 3,420.27	16,347.94		\$19,768.21
Community Project			35,000.00	\$35,000.00

Road Report:

Westwood Shores: According to the invoice received from Rardins, Mike has placed some sewer rock along the drainage ditch on Westwood Shores Rd. Tom will check it out this week.

Fondie Lane Crack Sealing: Two more checks have come in on the crack sealing project. The two outstanding are from Lance Fondie and new owners, Swenson – Rook.

Birch Forest Rd: On December 29th Carlson Logging called Tom to discuss the berm to be formed on Birch Forest Rd. The ground was hard, but the backhoe operator created a hole, about 2 ft deep, with a small berm in the area of Gary Bluths. Will have to wait until spring to see if the hole was deep enough to help.

Shawn Fletcher Logging: Shawn Fletcher has not responded to the letter sent last month concerning the roadside restoration on Pinewood Dr where he was logging the Muehlbauer property. Tom asked Marla to send a follow up letter asking for some response.

Abandoned Trailer: Roger Foxx, a resident near Sandy Point Rd has approached Marla about an abandoned travel trailer on the south side of Sandy Point Rd. The windows are broken, the door is hanging open and small boys have been playing in there. The Board directed Marla to try to find the owner and ask that it be removed or secured.

Fire Report:

The January Fire Mtg was postponed to January 6th.

Planning Commission

Birch Bay RV Resort: Marla attended the hearing concerning Birch Bay RV Resort on December 28th. There were only 5 P&Z commissioners in attendance. Several residents in the vicinity of the proposed resort were allowed to make comments, all requesting that an EIS be required and voicing concerns about the levels of Mercury and Chromium 4 found in the soil.

The P&Z commissioners noted that no major agencies (Dept of Agric, MPCA, DNR, etc) had recommended an EIS. Commissioners weren't sure that an EIS was any better than a focused investigation, such as concentrated soil borings, that could be specified through the conditions placed on the CUP. In the end, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the "Resolution for a Negative Declaration for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)". The conditions within that resolution include that the CUP application will only apply to Phase 1 (approximately 50 lots) and that subsequent applications will be accepted only after a two season interval between each phase. This will give all parties concerned an opportunity to evaluate the overall effects on the environment, roads, lake, etc. This resolution states the original CUP application they may not increase the number of existing mooring sites on the lake. Also, access to the boat launch area will be locked and monitored by office staff. There are additional conditions to the resolution which refer to waste water and water treatment. A copy of the resolution will be included in the Minutes book.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Hall Damage: ABC Seamless made the final repairs to the gutters and downspouts. They said we should be making an effort to clean out the gutters, especially on the upper level, since they are packed and can't function as they are.

NEW BUSINESS:

Reorganizational Meeting: *Richmond/ Weizenegger/ 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

Weizenegger/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to maintain all checking and savings funds in Bremer Bank and all, CDs in BlackRidge Bank.

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

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

Weizenegger/ Dechmann/ Unanimous: Motion to leave the hourly rate paid for office work and duties outside the regular monthly meeting at \$20.00 per hour, which is in line with rates paid in the area for similar responsibilities. (Ayes: Dechmann, Richmond, Weizenegger).

Dechmann/ Richmond/ Unanimous: The rate paid for Mileage reimbursement will follow the new IRS rate of \$.54 per mile. (Ayes: Dechmann, Richmond, Weizenegger).

CLERK'S REPORT:

Board of Equalization Certification: The County Assessor's Office sent a reminder that Board members must be certified for the upcoming Board of Review in April. Tom Dechmann: certified to 7/1/2016; Walt Richmond certified to 7/1/2017; Jim Weizenegger certified to 7/1/2016. We are covered for this spring, but Tom and Jim will have to plan on taking the training sometime this summer or fall.

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.

The Cass County Commissioners recently approved the adoption of a one-half cent sales tax for county road improvements and repairs.

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

10116	Xcel Energy	Natural Gas- Firehall	76.23
20116	Crow Wing Power	Electricity 11/15-12/15	156.00
30116	CTC	Internet	67.05
40116	PERA	Retirement Deposit	317.51
50116	CenturyLink	Telephone	
3989	Rardin Excavating	Snow Removal to 12/26/15	10,552.50
3990	Tom Dechmann	Administration to 1/5/16	145.00
3991	Sharon Owen	Administration to 1/5/16	161.08
3992	Marla Yoho	Administration to 1/5/16	1,430.23
3993	Walt Richmond	Administration to 1/5/16	233.87
3994	Jim Weizenegger	Administration to 1/5/16	135.65
		Total	\$13,275.12

Dechmann/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marla Yoho, Clerk

Jim Weizenegger, Chair