

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING July 12, 2016

The July Monthly Meeting of the Fairview Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Fairview Town Hall on Tuesday, July 12, 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.

Richmond/ Dechmann/ Unanimous: Motion to approve the **Minutes of the June Monthly Meeting**.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sharon reported the following month-end balances in the Township accounts: \$95,027.34 in Checking and \$252,528.39 in Money Market funds. **Revenues for June totaled \$113,113.87** (\$10.87 interest; \$259.46 Gas and Electricity Reimbursement; \$112,843.54 May/June Advance on Property Taxes); **Expenditures totaled \$43,227.06** (\$680.00 Road & Bridge; \$37,085.65 Fire; and \$5,451.03 General Gov't expenses). The May/June Property Tax Settlement payment also came through on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The money will be left in the checking account for the next couple of months in anticipation of large bills coming through from Anderson Brothers for road construction.

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

### **Road Report:**

On June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, Anderson Brothers had a crew of 4 workers applying the PolyPatch crack seal to 94 deep cracks on **Pinewood Drive**.

Mike Rardin stopped at the town hall this afternoon and said they would be starting the regular crack sealing process tomorrow (the 13<sup>th</sup>).

On June 20<sup>th</sup> Tom installed a "No Parking, Fire Lane" sign on **Hunter's Pt Road**, at the point where the road divides to become **Perch Ln**. He installed it on the same post as the No Outlet sign. On the 21<sup>st</sup> he met with Tom Bercher and gave him the same sign to be posted on Bluebill Ln (private road). Randy Lee ordered the signs and posts. The sign for **Bluebill Lane** will be billed to Tom Bercher.

During the last week Rardins has been dispatched to remove fallen trees on **White Pine and Norway Pine Roads**, and on Orchard Park Ln. When they got to the one on Orchard Park Ln, it had already been cut up and removed.

Contracts covering the proposed work on **Green Bass Lake Ln** were never officially signed last year due to the timing of the storms that hit and then caused the work to be delayed till this year. Bryan Drown of Bolton & Menk is currently drawing up the contracts and will create a Change Order to remove Forestview Court from the Quote and to reduce the price on Green Bass Lake Ln. by \$3,500 due to the lower bituminous price. The contracts should be ready for signature this week.

**Orchard Park Lane:** Mike Rardin did not have to add any Class 5 to the area on Orchard Park Ln where there were such deep potholes. There was enough Class 5 pushed out to the shoulders to fill the holes. Now, due to the inordinate rainfall yesterday, there is at least 2" of water flowing across the road, cutting off the entrance to Rock Lake Campground. Mike Rardin checked it out and said the culvert is open, but the water is just too high. It's hard to know what work will be needed there after the water recedes.

**Pillager Lake Rd:** Marla received a call from Jason Vig asking why Pillager Lake was down at least 3 feet, leaving his boat stranded on the lift. She made several calls to the Cass Cty Environmental Services Dept. and the two different divisions of the DNR, but couldn't find anyone with an answer. Then the heavy rainstorms came. Today she went to check the water level on the lake, but the road was partially washed out. Mike Rardin will have his crew there tomorrow morning to see what needs to be done.

**Gull Lake Drive:** Holmwig Construction never came to fill the holes in the road at the entrance to Timber Ridge –

Gull Lake Dr., so after getting two more complaints, Rob Mason had his road supervisor buy some cold patch and temporarily fill them. Rob says the entrance will be receiving a more permanent repair at a later date.

**Road Maintenance and Mowing Contracts:** Legal ads ran in the Brainerd Dispatch and the Echo Journal on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, and letters were sent to area excavating companies requesting Mowing and Road Maintenance quotes, but the only quote received was from Rardin Excavating. There are a few slight increases from the old contract, but nothing significant. The quotes are attached.

Dechmann/ Weizenegger/ Unanimous: Motion to approve the awarding of the 2016-2018 Mowing and Road Maintenance Contracts for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018 to Rardin Excavating. (Ayes: Weizenegger, Richmond, Dechmann)

### **Fire Report:**

Walt reported the Fire Department is getting the (new) Rescue Rig ready for placement at Station #2. The Grass Fire rig was returned to Willow River since it was here on a government loan out program.

One of the firefighters has moved out of the area, leaving the department one man down. Randy has had to fill out paperwork as part of the investigation into the recent near-drowning in Pillager Lake at the Park. There is no question about the services provided by the department, just an investigation into what lead up to the event.

Madden's Resort invited the firefighters out for a full tour of their resort, especially the new facilities.

The department received a new, improved ISO Rating that will go into effect on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Bob Jackson reported the Relief Association (Retirement Fund) has about \$670,000 on deposit, which is about \$100,000 more than is required.

There were 21 runs in June, with 2 in Fairview, bringing the year-to-date total to 137, compared to 112 last year.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION:**

No report this month.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Logs in the R-O-W:** The logs in the R-O-W along both sides of Red Oak Trail were all removed on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Marla sent a letter of appreciation to Nathan Sauvageau of Outdoor Specialties, who removed the logs on the left side of the road, even though he didn't leave them there. She also sent a letter to Douglas Depyper acknowledging they had removed the several piles on the right hand side of the road. Tom asked Marla to contact Dave Enblom to see if Cass County plans to do anything about the mounds of dirt left in the Cty 77 R-O-W by the Sunne loggers. He asked Marla to write Sunne (Cloquet?) a letter asking that they clean up the R-O-W on the township road in the Rookery.

**Abandoned Trailer:** The nuisance trailer located on the lot at Cty 15 and Cty 77 was removed by Rardin Excavating last week. Roger Fox, the original complainant, has already called with a message of appreciation. There will not be a billing to the township.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Muskie Stocking in Gull Lake:** Three representatives of GCOLA (Gull Chain of Lakes Assn) attended the meeting to make a presentation about the proposal by the DNR to stock muskies in Gull Lake. A copy of their presentation is attached.

The DNR is proposing to stock the lake with 11" muskies every other year for the next 10 years. There was an extended discussion about the current delicate ecological situation in the lake, including the Zebra Mussels and Curlyleaf Pond Weed. They questioned why the DNR would introduce a fish that is predatory to walleye and other fish when they should be addressing the currently existing ecosystem problems. There were amendments

approved in both the House (proposed by Mark Anderson) and in the Senate (proposed by Paul Gazelka) which would have opposed the Muskie stocking, but there wasn't time to get the two bills combined before the session ended.

East Gull Lake recently passed a Resolution requesting that the DNR put a 4-year moratorium on the stocking, until a qualified panel of stakeholders can review scientific evidence regarding the proposal and anticipated effects.

Dechmann/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Resolution to read as follows: Therefore, be it resolved that the Fairview Board of Supervisors is opposed to the DNR proposal to stock muskies in Gull Lake and requests that the DNR not stock muskies in Gull Lake. (Ayes: Weizenegger, Richmond, Dechmann)

**Administrative Policy:** At the MAT Summer Short Course, they spoke about the importance of townships having an Administrative Policy in place to insure that township affairs are handled properly. The Board discussed the specific points of the sample proposed Administrative Policy. Marla will revise the policy as discussed and submit it for approval at the August meeting.

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

**Election Judge Appointment:** Marla submitted a roster of Election Judges who have completed training with the Cass County Auditor's Dept. There will be 5 completely new Judges between the Primary and General Elections.

Weizenegger/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to appoint the following Election Judges for 2016:

Ellie Dechmann	Mary Hietala	Gerald Jensen
Vickie Kettlewell	Allen Larson	Linda Larson
Marilyn LePage	Sharon Owen	Angie Rardin
Rhoda Swanson	Marla Yoho	

The Board reviewed a summary of Election Judge wages submitted by the Auditor's office and agreed that wages should be raised to keep on a par with the surrounding precincts.

Weizenegger/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to raise the Election Judge wages to \$15.00 per hour. Tom Dechmann abstained since his wife is an appointed Election Judge.

**November Board Meeting:** The date of the November Board Meeting was originally moved to Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> due to the General Election on November 8<sup>th</sup>. However, the Board of Canvass can't be held until at least November 15<sup>th</sup>. Rather than holding two meetings in November, the Board decided to move the November meeting date again.

Richmond/ Dechmann/ Unanimous: Motion to move the date of the November Board Meeting to November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Election Schedule:** Marla will be assisting in Election Judge training sessions in Backus on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

The election equipment will be delivered on Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. All Election Judges are encouraged to attend to familiarize themselves with the operation of the new machine. It should take about one hour. Sylvan and Fairview Township precincts are also getting a new machine that will alert the judges if a disabled voter needs to summon 2 Election Judges for Curbside Voting.

The Election Roster will be ready for pickup on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Primary Election will be held on August 9<sup>th</sup>, with Judges at the town hall from 6 AM until at least 9 PM, even though the Primary ballot will only have one judicial contest on it.

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

10716	CTC	Internet & Phone	97.00
20716	Xcel Energy	Natural Gas - Fire Hall	27.78
30716	Crow Wing Power	Electricity	113.00
40716	PERA	Retirement Fund	385.11
4058	Elite Detailing	Mowing Town Hall & Signs	195.00

4059	Tom Dechmann	Administration to 7/12/16	481.78
4060	Sharon Owen	Administration to 7/12/16	133.47
4061	Marla Yoho	Administration to 7/12/16	1,640.00
4062	Walt Richmond	Administration to 7/12/16	233.87
4063	Jim Weizenegger	Administration to 7/12/16	116.94
4064	Forum Communications	Legal Ads- Road Maintenance	319.20
4065	Anderson Bros. Const	Poly-Patch: Pinewood Dr	15,522.46
4066	Sharon Owen	Election Judge Training	72.00
4067	Ellie Dechmann	Election Judge Training	72.00
4068	Rardin Excavating	Mowing, Tree Removal, Patching	5,260.00
4069	Sylvan Township	Pillager Park Dues	2,000.00
		Total	\$26,669.61

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Marla Yoho, Clerk

Jim Weizenegger, Chair