

## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING**

### **June 3rd, 2015**

The June Monthly Meeting of the Fairview Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Fairview Town Hall on Wednesday, June 3rd, 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.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Sharon reported the following month-end balances in the Township accounts: \$96,158.51 in Checking and \$177,450.87 in Money Market funds. Road & Bridge CDs total \$79,212.55 and the Community Projects CD, which matured on May 19th is now \$43,252.70. **Revenues for May totaled \$163.23** (\$43.91 interest, \$119.32 Electricity & Gas Reimbursement); **Expenditures totaled \$6,242.32** (\$2,797.50 Road & Bridge, \$160.58 Fire; and \$3,284.24 General Gov't expenses). Dechmann/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

#### **Road Report:**

##### **2015 Road Construction Projects:**

**Gregory Drive:** After the last meeting, Tom contacted Bolton & Menk to have them review **Gregory Dr** and analyze what work might be needed. Tom received a letter yesterday outlining work needed to patch existing deteriorated areas, install a 1-1/2" bituminous overlay and a 1-foot wide gravel shoulder on the first approximately 3,500 feet of the road, all to the north of the area that was reworked in 2011. Bryan Drown estimates the cost at \$70,000. Drown noted that the north half of this section is in relatively good condition, but the area south of **Rookery Dr** warrants patching deteriorated areas and placing the bituminous overlay. The north portion may as well be overlaid at the same time.

Bolton & Menk also provided an estimate of the cost of marking the **boundary between Fairview and Sylvan Townships on Gregory Dr**. If they can locate the original monument placed as part of the **Plat of Tamarack First Addition**, the cost will be about \$500. If they cannot find the original monument and must relocate based on other iron monuments, then the cost may be \$1,000.

The Board also discussed the conditions they had observed on **Green Bass Lake Ln**. Tom will ask Bolton & Menk for an estimate of the cost to patch Green Bass Lake and install an overlay on both Green Bass and **Forest View Ct**.

If the cost estimate is reasonable, Tom will direct Bolton & Menk to put both projects out for quote.

#### **Fire Report:**

Walt reported the apron in front of Station #1 will be replaced in mid-June with labor provided by volunteers. Hengels will donate some equipment and Greg Ringler has arranged for a deal on the concrete through his employer.

Yvette Dullinger presented three hypothetical scenarios outlining possible assessment formulas with East Gull Lake factored in. A couple of them would cut the Fairview assessment by up to 50%. If East Gull Lake joins the association and the formulas get changed, it would take a couple of years to get it all worked out. There is a possibility that fire assessments could be assigned to individual property taxes. The boat has been put in the water at Maddens. They have paid an electrician to put a charger on the boat battery.

The Fire Dept. will be standing by on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks at Maddens, at the Pillager Fair for the demolition derby and at Ski Gull for the Xtreme Mud Run.

There were 15 runs in May (none in Fairview), bringing the Y-T-D total runs to 101, compared to 112 in 2014.

**Broadband Update:** Marla had an opportunity to join in on a CTC Board of Director's meeting. Aside from the CTC Board, there was Danna MacKenzie (Exec Director of MN Broadband Dev), Josh Heintzeman (Dist 10A Representative), Brett VanDerBosch (Al Franken's Field Rep based out of Duluth) and the lobbyist that represents CTC/ rural cooperatives. She was able to explain the problem CTC is having as they try to get CenturyLink to "release" the homes on the three roads in the Gull Lake division of Timber Ridge so they can install fiber optic to those homes.

CTC investigated the situation on Gull Lane, which is in the Charter Cable area. Since CTC is not installing fiber optic in that immediate area, the estimate to bring it to that single road is about \$60,000. Installation at that cost is not very feasible. We can expect to hear more complaints and threats of lawsuits from the Braddy's and other residents on that road.

**Birch Bay RV Resort:** The Board's concerns in response to the EAW were sent to Paul Fairbanks before the May 13<sup>th</sup> deadline. A copy of the letter is included with these Minutes. There were 45 to 50 letters (a printout totaling 225 pages) sent to Fairbanks from local residents, the MPCA, and the DNR. Marla will compile a summary of the varying responses and provide them to the Board for their review before the CUP application hearing takes place. When Marla receives notice that a CUP application has been received and a Field Inspection date has been set, she will advise the Board members and post a special meeting date. After the Planning Commission has had an opportunity to meet and formulate their opinion, the Board of Supervisors will meet to discuss that opinion and compose a response letter for the CUP hearing.

On May 26<sup>th</sup> Jon Rardin and Marla participated in creating notarized "Affidavits in Support of Motion for Summary Judgement". Jon attested to his knowledge of the maintenance work done on that portion of Birch Drive/ S. Agate Shore Dr that is the subject of the lawsuit. Marla attested to her knowledge of the ongoing maintenance and vacation proceedings (past and present) since being elected as Clerk in 1994. The lawsuit is still on the Ninth District Court docket for June 25<sup>th</sup> at which time the judge will review the paperwork to see if there are any grounds for a Motion for Summary Judgement. Ken Bayliss has indicated that the attorney for the Birch Bay RV Resort has not yet submitted any motions to support the lawsuit. Bayliss has also indicated there is no need for any Fairview Board members to attend the Court date, but all of the other residents included in the lawsuit plan to attend with their attorney.

**Township Donations:** Dechmann/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to make the following donations to local groups: Pillager Fair (Cass County Ag Society) \$500; Cass County Historical Society \$200; Mount Ski Gull \$2,500. The check for the Pillager Fair was processed tonight; the check for the Historical Society will be processed at the July meeting and the check for Mount Ski Gull will be processed when it is most opportune, such as when they are eligible for matching funds. Marla will contact Dale Bosch (Ski Gull Exec Director) to find out when that might be. (Aye: Dechmann, Richmond, Weizenegger)

**Emergency Sheltering in Cass County:** The Cass County Emergency Management Dept is conducting a public seminar in Walker on June 18<sup>th</sup> to provide information on threats and hazards that could pose a risk in the county. It will provide information on facilities and resources that would be available in the event of tornado, extended power outage, forest fire, etc. Marla will attend on behalf of the township.

**Gull Lake Trail System:** Marla will be attending a meeting in Lake Shore to discuss the renewal of the Gull Lake Micropolitan Area Cooperative Agreement to create a trail system around Gull Lake. That agreement was originally signed in 2010. In order for Lake Shore to apply for a Legacy grant for their trail they must be part of an actual trail system. They want to re-sign the Co-op Agreement to create the Gull Lake Trail System. Dechmann/ Weizenegger/ Unanimous: Motion to sign the new cooperative agreement to create the Gull Lake Trail System.

**Population:** State Demographer estimates April, 2014 population to be 829 (down from 830 in 2013) and households to be 324 (same as 324).

**Little Free Library:** Jenny Gunsbury has asked for permission to install a “Little Free Library” (that Tom Bercher constructed) at the town hall. The Board agreed and suggested that it be mounted in the rock bed by the wood sign. That way it shouldn’t be hit by snowplows or piled snow.

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

10615	Crow Wing Power	Electricity 4/15-5/15	124.00
20615	CTC	Internet Access	44.95
30615	CenturyLink	Telephone (Estimate)	78.65
40615	Void	Not Received In Time	
50615	PERA	Retirement	268.93
60615	US Treasury	2nd Quarter Withholding	392.66
70615	Minnesota Revenue	2nd Quarter State Taxes	86.81
3879	Pillager Area Fire Protection Assn	1st Half Fire Assessment	34,643.00
3880	Tom Dechmann	2nd Qtr Mileage	188.03
3881	Sharon Owen	2nd Qtr Mileage	117.30
3882	Walt Richmond	2nd Qtr Mileage	123.05
3883	Jim Weizenegger	2nd Qtr Mileage	64.69
3884	Marla Yoho	2nd Qtr Supplies, Mileage, Internet,	491.55
3885	Rardin Excavating	Grading, Patching, Rardin MM Rd	3,132.50
3886	Tom Dechmann	Admin to 6/3	182.42
3887	Sharon Owen	Admin to 6/3	115.06
3888	Marla Yoho	Admin to 6/3	1,145.33
3889	Walt Richmond	Admin to 6/3	266.62
3890	Jim Weizenegger	Admin to 6/3	157.87
3891	Cass Cty Ag Society	Pillager County Fair	500.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$42,123.42</b>

Dechmann/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marla Yoho, Clerk

Jim Weizenegger, Chairman