

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING
May 13, 2014

The May Monthly Meeting of the Fairview Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Fairview Town Hall on Tuesday, May 13th, 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 April Monthly meeting** as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon reported the following month-end balances in the Township accounts: **\$42,708.07 in Checking** and **\$217,387.64 in Money Market** funds. Road & Bridge CDs total \$79,143.50 and the Community Projects CD is \$43,054.41. **Revenues for April totaled \$3,916.61** (\$5.74 interest, \$3,786.87 DNR Revenue-Pillsbury Forest, \$124.00 Electricity Reimbursement); **Expenditures totaled \$5,047.86** (\$125.00 Fire; and \$4,737.86 General Gov't expenses).

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

The Community Projects CD reaches maturity on May 20th at a value of \$43,054.41. Weizenegger/ Dechmann/ Unanimous: Motion to let the CD renew at the 12 month term. If any change is made we lose the ability to withdraw money without penalty. Current interest rate is .4500%.

Road Report: On Monday, Tom installed a new mailbox support at the new Stave residence located at 2179 100th St SW.

Tom and Marla made a visit to the new home being built on Lot 1 Block 1 of **Cottage Wood**. The new property owner, Emma Howe, questioned their need for a culvert underneath their driveway. Due to the placement of the home on the long lot, they will be exiting onto Rardin Rd opposed to Cottage Wood Dr. They will need a culvert.

Tom reported the following roads will need to be **crack sealed**: Cottage Wood, Hill Dr., Hines Circle, Maple Dr., Orchard Park Ln, Pillsbury Circle, Pillsbury Dr., Pinewood Dr., Quill Dr., Rardin Rd (to Jay Rardins driveway), Red Oak Dr., Red Oak Trail, Rookery Dr., White Pine Rd., Wood Dr., and Birch Forest Rd. Four of the roads (Hill Dr., Rardin Rd., Red Oak Dr. & Red Oak Trail) will need to be routed before they are sealed. Letters requesting bids will be sent out to Anderson Bros. and Rardins Excavating later this week.

Seasonal Road Restrictions ended in the South-Central zone today. There is no date for the North-Central zone yet, but it should be soon.

The Board discussed what road projects were to be prioritized for this summer. Marla spoke with Bill Klohn at LakeShore Lodge/ Quarterdeck, who said that the earliest they will start reworking the property will be 2016, if they pre-sell the number of units necessary by then. Since they will not have large construction/ demolition trucks in the area for at least two more years, work on Birch Forest Rd should probably not be held up any longer.

Tom will contact Bolton & Menk to provide some engineering specs on **Ossego Rd. and Birch Bay Rd.**

Marla sent a letter to Ron Miles concerning his encroachment into the R-O-W on **Ponderosa Ln.** He sent back an email in which he offered to provide pictures of the way the plow truck caused roadside damage, but not acknowledging the R-O-W issue. The Board will let the situation ride for now.

Fire Report: Randy Lee has ordered the new battery operated "Jaws-of-Life" and another (refurbished) thermal camera, at a total cost of \$34,000. The majority of the cost will be covered by the \$28,000 FEMA grant, with the balance covered by gambling proceeds from the Fireman's Benevolent fund.

Firefighter Greg Ringler works for Knife River, which has a charitable donation program. Greg has helped the Pillager Fire Dept. apply for a \$12,000 grant covering a new concrete apron and sidewalk at Station No.1. He feels fairly secure that the application should be approved.

The Fire Dept. was going to stage a mock car accident at the Pillager High School before the prom/ graduation, but the school Superintendent said he thought it would be too traumatic, so the plans have been put on hold.

There have been 14 runs since the last meeting, with 1 in Fairview (1-medical). The Y-T-D total is 84, 1 less than 2013.

Old Business:

The **Board of Appeal and Equalization** was held on August 25th. 7 different residents appeared before the Board and 6 letters were presented, covering 39 separate pieces of property. The taxable valuation on 6 parcels was reduced and 1 was increased due to re-alignment of a parcel. The valuation on 32 parcels had no change.

There will be a BAE training session held at the Crow Wing Land Services Dept. on July 28th from 1 to 4PM. Marla will register Walt for that class.

Weather Warning Sirens: The DNR has signed the lease for an easement covering ½ acre of land, for a term of 21 (twenty-one) years, at no cost to the Township.

Marla met with Steve Bartz and Al Sharp on Stark's Vista at the site approved for the placement of the siren. They had already arranged for the removal of several tall trees and will allow the removal of any other trees that may be necessary.

There is a power transformer in the R-O-W right at the site. Crow Wing Power quoted a cost of \$850 to have a line run from the transformer, a pedestal installed and a meter placement. This does not include the electrician to connect the siren to the meter. In addition, there would be a monthly charge of \$14 (base) to \$15 (depending on usage). This could amount to an approximate total cost of \$6,280 over the term of the lease.

The solar panels would cost \$2,500 and, according to Frontline, they should last at least 21 years. The Board was in agreement that, considering the cost and this being on DNR land, the siren should be powered by the solar panels.

Marla also met with Scott Green of Frontline at the site. He was very pleased with the access and location.

There may be a couple of weeks delay in installation due to the Leech Lake Band having to change two of their sites.

The money received over the last 4 years from the DNR has been held in the Checking account for deposit into the Community Project CD because if any deposit is made into the CD, the terms change and we would have a penalty on withdrawals. The amounts held for deposit are: \$2,388.88 in 2011, \$4,291.77 in 2012, \$2,511.65 in 2013 and \$3,786.87 in 2014, for a total of \$12,979.27. This money will be used from the checking account to pay for the new warning siren, which should total approximately \$12,200.

Marla will contact MATIT to add the new siren to the insurance policy.

New Business:

Jakes on Gull will be providing the food and bar service at the Quarterdeck/ LakeShore Lodge this summer. Rob Jacobs called to find out if they will need a different Liquor License for Jake's on the Beach. The Board has approved licenses for both Jakes on Gull and the Lakeshore Lodge so they should be covered. We will deal with a new resolution if the need arises.

Cass County Economic Development Corp.: MAT has raised some question about the contract the CCEDC has submitted for their agreement with townships. Fairview has been paying their yearly "contribution" as a membership. Marla will contact Gail Leverson to see what paperwork they can provide to support our participation.

Fondie Lane: Two residents have approached the Board about the possibility of turning Fondie Lane over to the township. The road was originally recorded as part of a subdivision, and was not deeded to the public. There are 13 lots along the road, which has a paved surface that measures 22 feet wide by approximately 1,600 feet in length.

Tom has checked the condition of the road and reported it would need to be routed and crack sealed, but otherwise it seems quite solid. The residents would have to take care of the crack sealing before the township can take it over. The plowing has previously been done by a resident, but he will be moving away this summer.

Not all of the lots have been developed so many of the property owners do not use the road at all. Marla will provide Justin Pape with a copy of the MAT recommended Application/ Petition and will verify the steps the township must take in this proceeding. Does it need to go before the residents at the Annual Meeting? The Board agreed it would consider the application if they can get all the necessary signatures.

AIS Donation: The AIS representative working with Kelly Condiff has asked at which lake the Board would like to have an AIS inspector? While the main lakes in the Township would be Gull, Rock and Pillager, the Gull Lake accesses are in East Gull Lake and Lake Shore, and the Pillager Lake access is in Sylvan Township. The Board agreed that an inspector should be placed at Rock Lake.

Clerk’s Report:

NATaT: Marla gave the Board a summary of the meetings she had in Washington DC as part of the **NATaT “Fly-In”**. Her group met with Senator Klobuchar and a Legislative Aide to Senator Franken as well as Representatives (or Aides to) Michelle Bachman, Erik Paulsen, Collin Peterson, John Kline, and Keith Ellison. Some of them, especially Keith Ellison and Amy Klobuchar, were not only engaged in township concerns, but had already co-sponsored or signed a letter of support on many of the issues under discussion. The NATaT groups shared anecdotal information and allowed the Senators and representatives to ask more specific questions. Bills discussed included the two Volunteer Incentive acts, transportation reauthorization and taxation reform.

Marla will sign up Tom and herself for the **Summer Short Course** session in Walker on June 25th. Tom will attend the Road Maintenance Workshop and Marla will attend the Clerk’s Election Training Workshop. She may also attend the Course in St Cloud on June 16th so she can take the CTAS workshop since she missed the spring session and will be a tester on the new CTAS under development.

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

10514	Crow Wing Power	Electricity 3/15/14-4/15/14	173.00
20514	CTC	Internet	44.95
30514	CenturyLink	Telephone	75.07
40514	PERA	PERA	255.14
3695	Rardin Excavating	Ice & Snow Removal 3/7-4/4	9,447.50
3696	Cass Cty Ag Society	Pillager Fair Donation	500.00
3697	VOID		
3698	Cass Cty Historical Society	2014 Membership	200.00
3699	Brainerd Dispatch	Legal Notices	334.60
3700	Marla Yoho	Supplies, Eqpt, Maintenance	379.99
3701	Tom Dechmann	Administration 4/16-5/13	385.32
3702	Sharon Owen	Administration 4/16-5/13	125.00
3703	Walt Richmond	Administration 4/16-5/13	428.58
3704	James Weizenegger	Administration 4/16-5/13	311.64
3705	Marla Yoho	Administration 4/16-5/13	1,064.50
3706	Rardin Excavating	Sweeping, Grading 4/21-5/7	2,605.00
TOTAL			\$ 16,330.29

Richmond/ Dechmann/ Unanimous: Motion to close the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marla Yoho, Clerk

Chairman, Jim Weizenegger