

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING November 12, 2014

The November Monthly Meeting of the Fairview Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Fairview Town Hall on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 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 October Monthly Meeting** as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon reported the following month-end balances in the Township accounts: \$33,749.95 in Checking and \$177,419.96 in Money Market funds. Road & Bridge CDs total \$79,212.55 and the Community Projects CD is \$43,101.65. **Revenues for October totaled \$375.66** (\$5.21 interest, \$76.00 Electricity Reimbursement, \$50.00 CCAT photocopy charges, \$244.45 Market Value Credit-Agriculture); **Expenditures totaled \$13,854.32** (\$10,066.25 Road & Bridge, \$125.00 Fire; and \$3,663.07 General Gov't expenses).

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

Road Report:

Traffic Signs: Tom spent eleven hours this month putting up the rest of the retro-reflectivity traffic signs, including Minimum Maintenance and Dead End signs on **Anderson Rd**. Tom used the measuring wheel to measure off 825 feet from the road before the road curved onto the golf course. Marla will try to confirm the actual length of road still belonging to the township. We should consider doing some trimming along the road this winter and possibly grading next spring.

Cass County Highway Dept. will be issuing a check in the amount of \$875 as a rebate on the load of old, **used sign blanks** turned in to them for reworking.

Tom checked the culverts on **Gregory Drive and Birch Forest Rd**. The culvert on **Gregory Dr** was filled with rip rap and debris. He had Jon's guys clean it out. The culvert on Birch Forest Rd was clogged by beaver dams, so we had Jim set some traps. He has already taken 2 beaver and saw 4 more.

Tom received our first **snow plowing complaint** of the season yesterday from a resident on Beaver Pond Dr. who actually lives in East Gull Lake. Jon Rardin explained that they had an equipment problem.

Orchard Park Lane: Bryan Drown of Bolton & Menk provided a letter summarizing the work needed to improve the end of Orchard Park Ln. This letter was written to support the proposed application for a grant through the State Park Account. The letter included an estimated cost of \$95,000 for the project, with a projected cost of \$19,000 for engineering, which the township would be responsible for. Tom put the application on hold until the Board could review the estimates and decide if the township wanted to allocate \$19,000 to that small portion of the road. There are no township properties beyond the culverts, only the Rock Lake Campground.

Bryan assured Tom there would be no billing for the engineering estimate he compiled. He also questioned whether the culverts and portion of the road that has flooded in the past are actually within the recorded easement of the township. The entire Board was in agreement that they were not in favor of spending \$19,000 on that portion of Orchard Park Lane at this time.

Marla will check the files to see if a survey was done when the road was paved in 1997.

Birch Forest Rd Culvert/ Drainage Issue: Dave Enblom forwarded a copy of a letter he received from Dennis Madden concerning the water drainage issue on the Chloe Moran property. Mr. Madden feels the water that flows across the Moran property is actually caused by a County culvert dumping onto their property. Since Birch Forest Rd is a township road, Dave asked us to provide any history or relevant information.

Marla sent Dave a summary of the meeting we had with Mr. Madden last year, as well as the maps provided by Kelly Condiff, which support our understanding that the water flow is caused by springs within the hill across the road.

Dave has written a letter to Mr. Madden in which he explains that in his professional opinion, the township has done all it can do to control the flow of water, and suggesting that Ms. Moran contact an engineering consultant to propose possible remedies.

Fire Report:

Walt reported that two firefighters have declined to take the physical agility tests so they will be resigning from the fire department.

One new recruit took and passed the agility test. He already holds the Firefighter #1 and Firefighter #2 certifications and has worked as an EMT for Crosby Ambulance.

Randy has ordered the fresh air compressor for filling the SCBA equipment.

Homebrook Township would like to have the 10,000 gallon holding tank from the Pillager School installed in their township on Cty Rd 29 or by the Pleasant Hill Church.

Kerry Swenson, Cass Cty Emergency Management Director, is working on a county wide mutual aid agreement between all cities and townships, so all emergency agencies are on stand-by in the event of an emergency. The agencies would be on-alert but not paged unless needed.

Les Fundine is working on the budget for next year.

There are no immediate needs so the Fire Dept. is not applying for a new 2015 FEMA grant.

Maddens has invited the Firefighters to tour the resort to familiarize themselves with the buildings and the layout in preparation for when Pillager takes over emergency coverage for East Gull Lake. Craguns and Kavanaughs may follow suit.

There is a new federal law that all fire departments be trained to deal with railroad emergencies, such as derailments. They are making preparations for this new additional training.

There have been 17 runs since the last meeting, with two in Fairview (1 wildfire and 1 car rollover). Y-T-D total is 215, which is 15 ahead of 2013.

Old Business:

Broadband Grant Application: The grant application was sent to the State on October 28th and was registered in at 10:15 on the 29th. We have been told that 40 applications were received within the first couple of days. The grants will be awarded by December 31st.

Fire hall Conversion to Natural Gas: When Jake Niggeler came to convert the heaters; the LP tank was still 65% full. He agreed to delay the conversion until most of the LP has been used up since Beaudry will charge the Fire Dept. \$3.00 a gallon to empty the tank. Marla will contact Jake when the tank is down to 30% and will do the conversion whe it is down to about 20% full.

Weather Warning Siren: Scott Green from Frontline Plus came up to monitor the new weather warning siren during the November monthly test. He explained that during emergency use the siren horns actually revolve for 3 minutes at a time. During the monthly test the siren stays in one place and only sounds a tone for a few seconds. Tom was able to hear the siren in two separate places and Linda and Al Larson and Sharon Owen all called in to say that they heard the siren also. Tom spoke to Scott about the height of the pole. Scott explained the pole installed for the siren by the town hall is higher because it was actually ordered for installation by the Tribe, and since they were using a federal grant for the other sirens they had to meet federal specs.

New Business:

Board of Canvass: The Board of Canvass convened to confirm the votes cast in the General Election on November 4th, 2014. There were 566 voters registered at 7AM with 27 new registers during the day. There were a total of 421 ballots cast during the election, including 71 absentee ballots. For the office of Township Supervisor, Seat 1, there were 311 votes for Walt Richmond and 2 write-ins. For the office of Township Supervisor, Seat 3, there were 306 votes for Tom Dechmann and 3 write-ins. Walt Richmond and Tom Dechmann were declared the winners. The results of the Board of Canvass are filed in the 2014 Election folder.

Election Update: The 421 ballots cast in the Fairview Township precinct equated to a 71.2% voter turn-out. The day went smoothly with no outstanding problems. 350 votes were cast at the town hall precinct and 71 were cast as absentee ballots. 25 voters registered on Election Day.

Clerk's Report:

Fondie Lane: The Township received a petition signed by all of the property owners in the Hilltop View and Hilltop View First Addn. developments requesting the Township accept Fondie Lane as a Township road. The road was originally paved to county spec by the developer, Lance Fondie, in 2003. The road is in good condition, but does have a couple of cracks that would require routing and sealing.

According to MN. Stat.164.15, the township must respond to this petition or dedication within 10 days of receipt.

Richmond/ Dechmann/ Unanimous: Resolution to accept the dedication of Fondie Lane into the Township.

It is too late in the season to have the road crack sealed, so the Township will have the road crack sealed in the spring as part of their contract, then will provide the Fondie Lane property owners with the bill for their portion of the project. The bill will be sent to property owner Justin Pape who will assure that the bill is paid.

Tom will contact Jon Rardin tomorrow and advise him to include the road on any snow removal routes.

A copy of the resolution will be sent to the County Recorder and will revise the addendums to the Road Maintenance Contract to include Fondie Lane.

Pillager Lake Road: Marla and Rose Ann Brown have been in contact concerning the Pillager Lake water situation. A

property owner on a southern portion of the lake had been unaware of a problem on his property that was causing the water to back up and rise. He has taken action to remedy the problem and as of October 31st the water level had dropped by 4 to 6 inches.

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

21114	Crow Wing Power	Electricity 9/15-10/15	103.00
31114	CenturyLink	Telephone	73.62
41114	CTC	Internet	44.95
51114	PERA	PERA	312.31
3792	Cascade Computers	Computer Advice	71.25
3793	Echo Journal	1 Yr Subscription	30.00
3794	Allen Larson	Election Judge	102.00
3795	Linda Larson	Election Judge	108.00
3796	Marilyn LePage	Election Judge	102.00
3797	Lola Nootenboom	Election Judge	108.00
3798	Sharon Owen	Election Judge	198.00
3799	Nancy Wangstad	Election Judge	186.00
3800	Tom Dechmann	Administration	321.58
3801	Sharon Owen	Administration to 11/12	131.52
3802	Walt Richmond	Administration, Fire	233.87
3803	Jim Weizenegger	Administration	149.68
3804	Marla Yoho	Administration	1,354.75
3805	Rardin Excavating	Road Work & Snow Removal	3,782.00
3806	Marla Yoho	Supplies and Internet Security	249.32
		TOTAL	\$7,661.52

Dechmann/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to close the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marla Yoho, Clerk

Chairman, Jim Weizenegger