

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING

November 10, 2015

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 Tuesday, November 10th, 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 October Monthly Meeting** as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon reported the following month-end balances in the Township accounts: \$14,973.70 in Checking and \$12,463.12 in Money Market funds. **Revenues for October totaled \$448.56** (\$.59 interest, \$106.72 Electricity & Gas Reimbursement, \$295 Fondie Lane Crack Sealing Reimbursements, \$46.25 Copy fees); **Expenditures totaled \$26,589.15** (\$643.50 Road & Bridge; \$151.72 Fire; and \$25,793.93 General Gov't expenses). Weizenegger/ Dechmann/ Unanimous: Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Road Report:

Rardin Excavating: After Jon Rardins funeral, Tom called Jay Rardin and asked for a letter identifying who will be in charge at Rardin Excavating but he hasn't received one yet.

Fondie Lane Crack Sealing: Only 7 of the 13 property owners on Fondie Lane have sent in their checks. Marla will send reminder letters on December 1st, asking them to get their payments in before the year end.

East Gull Lake Plowing: EGL has signed a contract with Holmvigs from Deerwood to do their plowing this winter since Rardins didn't want to renew their contract with them. Marla spoke with Mike Rardin and he assured her they intend to keep plowing and doing road maintenance for Fairview Township as long as is conceivably possible. There are 5 small portions of EGL roads that connect with Fairview roads plowed by Rardins. Rob Mason spoke to Marla about possibly having Rardins plow the entire road and then billing EGL back for their portion. The roads in question are: Gull Lake Rd, which they cross over to get to Gull Lake Dr (1,270 feet), Norway Pine Rd, which they have to cross over to turn around (775 feet), Beaver Pond Dr, Fairview has the beginning of the road (715 feet), Red Oak Dr, which the plow must cross to turn around (1,855 feet) and Aspen Ln, which is at the end of the Fairview portion of Red Oak Dr. (483 feet). Tom stated he is strongly opposed to us entering into an agreement where we have to do any billing to EGL, especially since Rardins has ended their contract with EGL. Marla will talk to Rob and suggest that since the amount of road is larger than their original conversations (almost one mile total) that he contact Mike Rardin and discuss how it can be handled between them.

Fire Report:

Yvette Adelman-Dullinger is working on an assessment graph of how to revise the fire assessments, which she intends to submit at the January meeting. She listened to some suggestions Walt had and indicated she will take them into consideration and may incorporate them into the assessment budget presentation. They could have approval in January and conceivably put the new assessment plan into effect in February.

The date for the fire training at the Quarterdeck has been moved to November 19th. The asbestos has been removed from the buildings and the DNR has given approval.

Instead of B-Dirt doing the demolition it appears it will be Hy-Tec Builders.

The Fire Prevention Week presentation went well at the school. The Fire Dept. had trading cards printed again this year.

The firefighters took their physical agility tests this week and all passed. Three firefighters who didn't take the test are being put on probation. They have one new firefighter who was previously a firefighter in Motley. He passed the agility test.

There were a total of 14 runs in October with 5 in Sylvan, 4 in Pillager, 4 in Fairview (1 medical and 3 miscellaneous) and 1 wild fire in Rosing. The year-to-date total is 229, compared to 214 last year.

Pillager Park: Walt reported that Roland Anderson is trying to get bids to replace the pavilion that was crushed in the storm, but the project is fairly small and the builders are all very busy, so he's not having a lot of luck. He needs the bid to back-up his storm damage submission to the HSEM. They also need to replace one grill, a bench and a playground slide.

They are assessing what should be done with the south end of the park where so many trees were downed and had to be removed. They don't know whether to clean it and leave it, make it into more park area or let it grow back up.

Planning Commission: The Quarterdeck Resort has been sold again to Beach Club LLC and is again referred to as the Quarterdeck Resort on their proposal. The Fairview Planning Commission attended a field inspection at the Quarterdeck Resort on November 3rd to review a CUP application to remove: 8,700 cu yd of soil from the lakeside of the lodge in order to provide larger windows and additional light to the lower level of the building (Work A); 1,650 cu yd of soil from the south end of the lodge to create a wheel chair access/ walkway from the parking lot to lakeside (Work B); and 3,900 cu yd of soil from the lakeside of the new villa to create a walk-out area for safety egress (Work C). Ken LaPorte questioned Cindy Hidde (Stonemark Surveyors) on the calculations used to estimate the amount of soil being moved since it seems too high for the amount of excavating indicated, but she stood by her numbers. The excavated soil will not leave the property, but will be compacted into the well left after the removal of the old tennis courts.

The Fairview Planning Commission agreed that the excavating of the soil was for the betterment of the property and sent Paul Fairbanks a letter recommending approval of the CUP. Tom and Marla attended the Cass County Planning Commission meeting on November 9th in Backus. There were no residents or letters voicing concerns and the Planning Commission approved the CUP.

Work will be starting immediately. Travis Miller of W-M Architecture has drawn the plans, Backyard Reflections will be doing the landscaping, Rardins will be doing the excavating and Hy-Tec will be doing the construction. The Boathouse will remain to be used as a check-in desk and recreation room, all other buildings will be burned or demolished.

OLD BUSINESS:

Storm Damage Assessment Update:

Homeland Security Emergency Management (HSEM): Marla contacted Ryan Smith and asked if he could include the \$14,742.50 invoice we received from Rardins last month, after our claim had already been submitted and audited (for the first time). He agreed to accept it. On October 20th he sent a 51 page summary of our storm expenses and asked for approval. His Project Worksheet lists our total costs, after insurance reimbursement, at \$707,650.90. If this Worksheet moves through the next two audit levels without a problem it is conceivable we would receive a reimbursement of up to \$530,000. After paying the \$250,000 loan and about \$2,000 in interest, we would still have about \$278,000 to put back into CD's and operating funds.

Town Hall Damage: We are still waiting for the repairs to the gutters and downspouts and are holding the check made out to Rardins (\$1,477.75) covering those repairs. Marla called Jill Rardin and asked if there is a timeline for the repairs to be completed. If it won't be until spring, we will cancel the check and reissue it then.

Broadband: The broadband internet service has been installed at the town hall and is working well. CTC may redo the set-up when they install the phone and internet for the fire hall since they intended to provide a signal strong enough to allow people to use a hotspot in the parking lot.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Jon Rardin: Jon passed away, unexpectedly, on October 15th. We posted a memorial to him on Facebook, which was viewed over 5,000 times. The Rardin family sent a thank you for the memorial and donation to the Cancer Society.

Marla is participating as a judge in the Local Government Innovation Awards, where a prize of between \$5,000

and \$10,000 is awarded to a township who has made some far-reaching changes in how they conduct business. There are 11 entries this year.

The Governor's Border-to Border Broadband grant program has asked Marla to write a story for their website explaining how being awarded the broadband grant has improved our township.

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

11115	Xcel Energy	Natural Gas	26.72
21115	Crow Wing Power	Electricity	101.00
31115	CenturyLink	Telephone	76.00
41115	PERA	Retirement	286.25
3955	Cass County Recorder	Anderson Rd Affidavit	46.00
3956	Avenet, LLC	Register Township Domain Name	220.00
3957	Echo Journal	Subscription - 1 Yr	30.00
3958	Electric Etc	Electrical Outlet	95.73
3959	Victor Lundeen	Township Checks	297.12
3960	Tom Dechmann	Administration to 11/10	274.80
3961	Sharon Owen	Administration to 11/10	179.49
3962	Marla Yoho	Administration to 11/10	1,175.94
3963	Walt Richmond	Administration to 11/10	233.87
3964	Jim Weizenegger	Administration to 11/10	116.94
3965	Victor Lundeen	Receipt Book	39.95
3966	Herb Richmond	Planning Comm - Quarterdeck	60.17
3967	Ken LaPorte	Planning Comm - Quarterdeck	63.56
3968	Joe Fitterer	Planning Comm - Quarterdeck	69.78
3969	Rardin Excavating	Grading	255.00
		Total	\$3,648.32

Dechmann/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marla Yoho, Clerk

Jim Weizenegger, Chair