

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING

October 14, 2014

The October Monthly Meeting of the Fairview Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Fairview Town Hall on Tuesday, October 14, 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.

Dechmann/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to accept the **Minutes of the September Monthly meeting** with the deletion of Ellie Dechmann as an appointed Election Judge for the General Election. She cannot serve since Tom Dechmann will be on the ballot.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon reported the following month-end balances in the Township accounts: \$7,233.60 in Checking and \$217,414.97 in Money Market funds. Road & Bridge CDs total \$79,212.55 and the Community Projects CD is \$43,101.65. **Revenues for September totaled \$101.78** (\$5.78 interest, \$96.00 Electricity Reimbursement); **Expenditures totaled \$91,143.73** (\$81,805.43 Road & Bridge, \$150.72 Fire; and \$9,187.58 General Gov't expenses).

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

Weizenegger/ Dechmann/ Unanimous: Motion to transfer \$40,000 from the Money Market account to Checking (\$20,000 for General Fund and \$20,000 for Road & Bridge) due to writing the large check to Anderson Bros last month.

Road Report:

Storm Damage: On Sept. 20th Tom received a call from the Sheriff's office about a tree down across **Rardin Rd**. Tom took his chainsaw and tried to cut it, but it was over 28" at the base so he had to call Jon Rardin, who came over with a front end loader. He was able to break it in half and push it off the road. There were only a couple of trees down in Fairview, but the Pillager Firefighters were called out due to downed power lines and ended up spending the whole day cutting trees to clear roads in Sylvan Township.

Ken LaPorte advised Tom that semis carrying large loads of silage were using **45th Avenue (Mayfair Rd)** on a constant basis. Tom went over and spoke with the driver as a truck was leaving. He told the driver that he was worried about the constant weight on the road, so the driver radioed all the other drivers and agreed to use an alternate route.

Orchard Park Lane: Tom and Marla met with Bryan Drown (Bolton & Menk) to evaluate the road condition at the end of Orchard Park Lane where the pavement meets the gravel road at the entrance to Rock Lake Campground. The road bed has been deteriorating over the years due to continued flooding caused by beaver dams blocking the culverts and floating bogs. Bryan suggested starting the repairs on the pavement about 100 yds. from the gravel/ culverts and going all the way to the park pay station. He discussed building the road up about one foot, removing the steel culvert and replacing it with a double plastic culvert. The deadline to apply for a grant through the State Park Account is November 1st. Bryan will provide an estimate of the cost and work required, but we will also need letters of support from the County Highway Engineer and the local DNR officer. Marla will be contacting both of them. There is some concern that Steve Bartz, local Forester, may not support the application since he recently said he thought the road looked acceptable after Jon Rardin had the pavement break-up filled with gravel and graded.

We may also reapply for a grant to do the work needed on Pillsbury Forest Road where the logging trucks caused the roadbed to break up.

Traffic Signs: Tom spent quite a bit of time this month putting up the rest of the retro-reflectivity traffic signs. Marla's husband will take the load of old signs up to Walker this week to turn them in for the sign blank rebate.

Pillager Lake Road: Rose Ann Brown called Tom to say the level of Pillager Lake has been rising significantly onto her property. Marla contacted Kris Lyttinen, Asst Road Engineer, to see if there was any situation they were aware of or if there was any action they could take. Kris spoke with Rose Ann also and had his men look at the problem. He said the problem appeared to be coming from private land on Rice Lake since their culvert under Cty Rd 1 was running freely. He suggested Rose Ann could possibly contact the DNR and they might do some investigating to see where the beaver dam might be. Rose Ann never called back and since she never called the office, we didn't have a phone number to follow up with her.

Fire Report:

East Gull Lake: Walt presented a copy of the signed contract between East Gull Lake and the Pillager Fire Dept. for our files. The contract covers Fire and Rescue services for the years of 2015 and 2016 at a cost of \$25,000 per year. Randy will meet with the Cass County Dispatchers to make sure that they are aware of the change and will be making the proper dispatches.

There are two new recruits who will be taking the Physical Agility test this month.

The 10,000 gallon fuel tank being donated from Pillager School won't be pulled out of the ground until next spring. The natural gas install in Pillager isn't going as fast as anticipated.

The big rescue boat will be stored at Sylvan Town Hall again this winter.

Les Fundine is retiring as Assistant Chief, but not as a firefighter.

The conversion of the furnaces in Station #2 from Propane to Natural Gas is scheduled for October 29th. Xcel Energy has already laid the new gas line. The existing propane tank is 65% full. There may be a per gallon charge for removing the propane. Marla will check with Colleen to verify if that is the case and will possibly have the conversion delayed until more of the propane is used up.

There was a very good turn-out for the Fire Open House last week, much better than in the past. The firefighters had demonstrations on cutting a car open with the Jaws of Life and removing an injured person, using the automatic defibrillator, showed how the LUCAS machine does chest compressions, and explained how the thermal heat camera works. Outside of the fire hall, children were allowed to shoot hoses and play on the fire trucks amongst other things. Everyone there seemed to be impressed with the equipment and the demonstrations.

There have been 27 runs since the last meeting, with one in Fairview (medical). 9 of the runs were on September 4th, the day of the storm. Y-T-D total is 198, which is 10 ahead of 2013.

Planning Commission: The Fairview Planning Commission attended a Field Inspection on October 6th at 9794 Cty Rd 77 SW, the home of **Joyce and Brandon Bentley**. They applied for a **CUP** to bring their home operated Detailing and Boat Storage business into compliance. They want to build a 96' by 48' storage building for performing winterizing and detailing work as well as storing some of their own equipment and some of the boats. There will also be a 12' by 56' overhang on one side. Other boats will be tucked behind the building. The proposed building will be fairly hidden from sight behind their home and many trees. The Planning Commission could not find any issues of concern. The business, which is amongst the other commercial properties at the north end of Cty 77, has been operated for several years without a CUP and without any complaints from the neighbors.

Tom attended the Cass County Planning Commission meeting on October 13th and the CUP was granted.

Building Permits: We received the 3rd-Qtr summary of Permits issued by ESD, which shows a year-to-date total of 12 Building Permits, 4 Shoreland Alteration Permits and 1 Conditional Use Permit. The building permits included 6 new homes, 5 septic systems, and 5 building additions.

Old Business:

Broadband Grant Application: According to Kristi Westbrook, the grant application is almost complete. They are due to the State of MN on October 28th, and it should be complete and ready by the 25th. They are very pleased with how the video turned out and will forward us a copy soon. Kristi asked Marla to convert all of the comments she made during the video recording session into a letter format to accompany the application. Marla has also solicited additional letters of support from Fire Chief Randy Lee and Sheriff Tom Burch to provide information on the Emergency aspect of broadband needs.

New Business:

Clerk's Report:

Marla and Tom attended the **CCAT Annual Meeting** in Hackensack on October 4th. There were 14 different speakers from various Cass County offices and MAT. The minutes of that meeting are attached.

Marla attended **CTAS Ver 8 Training** last week. Many of the Account and Object codes used in the current CTAS will have to be changed, but usage will be similar and should be easier overall. The new software should be ready for download about November 1st.

Marla attended a meeting at the MnDOT office in Baxter concerning the **TAP (Transportation Alternative Program) fund** grant application process. Applications are currently due for grant funds available in 2019. Lake Shore is using TAP funds for a large portion of their road and trail work. Letters of intent are due in mid-November which makes it too late for us to try to put anything together for trails for this year's applications.

Sharon Anderson will be delivering election materials and **testing our ballot counter machine** on Wednesday, October 22nd. Marla will be out of town, but Sharon Owen has been appointed Head Judge for this election and will be in charge that day. Marla will have the room converted over to election mode before she leaves and will be picking up the final roster at Sylvan Town Hall on November 3rd.

Today Marla received a letter from Sharon Anderson which advises that the **Board of Canvass** must be held on Nov. 10, 12, 13 or 14. It cannot be held on November 11th due to the Veteran's Day holiday. Rather than have two separate meetings with the **November Board Mtg** on the 11th and the Bd of Canvass on a different day, the Board voted to move the November Mtg and the Bd of Canvass to **Wednesday, November 12th**. Marla will post notices.

Both Marla and Sharon have new **Ex-Officio Notary Stamps** which indicate their "Indeterminate Term" status.

There was some discussion that no one on the west side of the township is hearing the new **weather warning siren** go off on the monthly test day. Marla will contact Scott Green at Frontline. The Board questioned if the pole is too short.

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

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| 11014 | Crow Wing Power | Electricity 7/15-8/15 | 121.00 |
| 21014 | CTC | Internet | 44.95 |
| 31014 | CenturyLink | Telephone | 74.58 |
| 41014 | PERA | PERA | 442.93 |
| 3777 | Bolton & Menk | Engineering | 100.00 |
| 3778 | The Office Shop | Notary Stamps | 65.90 |
| 3779 | MATIT | Property Insurance- Weather siren | 32.00 |
| 3780 | Rardin Excavating | Road Maint 8/1-9/8 | 8,887.50 |
| 3781 | Marla Yoho | Deposit on Xcel Gasline | 52.50 |
| 3782 | Ken LaPorte | Planning Comm. Oct Mtg | 62.32 |
| 3783 | Herb Richmond | Planning Comm. Oct Mtg | 60.08 |
| 3784 | Caleb Bermel | Mow Town Hall | 45.00 |
| 3785 | Tom Dechmann | Admin, Planning, Sign work | 1,056.12 |
| 3786 | Sharon Owen | Administration to 10/14 | 115.38 |
| 3787 | Walt Richmond | Administration, Fire to 10/14 | 233.87 |
| 3788 | Jim Weizenegger | Administration to 10/14 | 116.94 |
| 3789 | Marla Yoho | Administration to 10/14 | 1,640.89 |
| 3790 | Rardin Excavating | Tree Cleanup 9/20-9/24 | 405.00 |
| 3791 | Tom Dechmann | Mileage - to 10/14 | 297.36 |
| | | TOTAL | \$13,854.32 |

Dechmann/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to close the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marla Yoho, Clerk

Chairman, Jim Weizenegger