

## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING**

### **October 13, 2015**

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 13th, 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 September Monthly Meeting** as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sharon reported the following month-end balances in the Township accounts: \$41,114.60 in Checking and \$12,462.81 in Money Market funds.

The Road & Bridge (final values \$26,379.09, \$26,379.09 and \$26,784.56) and Community project (final value \$43,299.16) CDs were cashed in and deposited into the checking account. **Revenues for September totaled \$379,939.23** (\$1.72 interest, \$109.80 Electricity & Gas Reimbursement, \$5,215.81 Final Insurance Pymt, \$250,000 Short-Term Loan proceeds, \$1,770 Fondie Lane Crack Sealing Reimbursements, \$122,841.90 CD Proceeds); **Expenditures totaled \$415,742.59** (\$1,864.50 Road & Bridge; \$154.80 Fire; and \$413,723.29 General Gov't expenses: Total includes \$400,762.94 in storm damage). \$40,000 was also transferred from MMI to Checking. Weizenegger/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

#### **Road Report:**

**Pillager Lake Rd:** Tom reviewed the hole on Pillager Lake Rd near the Roseanne Brown residence. Jon had his crew dump 6 yds of fill in the hole, using a skid steer to get in there, at a total cost of \$346. Roseanne called to thank us for doing that, but still would like a formal opinion on the status of the road since she believes the township used to maintain that portion of the road on a regular basis and that the road or cartway should be opened up to make the access more passable.

Marla explained that the township would like to get a legal opinion on the status of the road, especially in view of the court actions of many years ago. However the township will need to hold off discussing the issue with an attorney due to limited funds at this time. Roseanne will contact us again in the spring.

**Westwood Shores:** Tom and Jon Rardin reviewed the situation with the splash way at the top of the road. Jon plans to fill the wash out with Class 5 and increase the height of the asphalt berm. That hasn't been done yet.

**Rockwood Rd:** Marla received a call from Rockwood Rd resident Dale Plutowski, who asked when the township would be removing the partially uprooted tree stumps from the right-of-way near his home. Tom reviewed them with Jon Rardin, who was going to take an excavator over to move them, but that hasn't been done yet.

**Jon Rardin:** Jon has had a relapse of his cancer within the last couple of weeks and hasn't been able to follow up on some of these projects.

**Fondie Lane:** Seven property owners on Fondie Ln have sent in their \$295 checks. Marla will wait until the end of November to send reminder letters to those not paid. If the money hasn't been paid after the first of the year, she will send letters explaining our options for collecting.

The County Recorder's Office was able to officially record the road this month.

**Mayfair Minimum Maintenance Road:** Walt mentioned the "Pavement Ends" sign on Mayfair Road was turned by 180 degrees by the winds. He will take a wrench over and correct the sign.

#### **Fire Report:** (Covers the September and October meetings)

The Knox Box has been installed on the new Dollar General store and the fire hydrant has been installed just where Randy wanted it located.

During an inspection, asbestos was detected in the putty around the windows on the Quarterdeck cabins, causing them to fail. There was no problem with the 8-plex. The fire department is moving ahead with plans for the practice burn.

The annual inspection of the pumps on the trucks went well and all passed.

The Fire Assn. received three grants this month: \$3,800 from the MN Fire Training Dept; \$3,000 from Region 5; and up to \$2,500 from the DNR as a 50/50 match for water moving apparatus, such as water pumps or hoses.

They are installing a new sign on Station #1.

There will be Fresh Air Training taking place at the Quarterdeck on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>.

B-Dirt will be involved in the tear-down and rebuild of the Quarterdeck buildings.

The Fire Dept. phone service will be switched from Integra to CTC.

Bob Jackson reported that the Firemens Relief Assn. had their annual audit and the outcome is that the retirement fund is very well funded. Right now retiring firemen would receive \$2,300 for each year of service.

There were a total of 55 runs over the last 2 months with 6 in Fairview (2 car accidents, 1 horse rider thrown, 3 medicals). The year-to-date total is 215, compared to 195 last year.

**Pillager Park:** They have found a camper host who has indicated he will come back in 2016.

Insurance is paying up to \$7,000 to rebuild the pavilion, which should cover the anticipated cost of reconstruction. There has been more vandalism, including a fire built in the men's toilet building. They hope the host camper will prevent this ongoing problem.

The storm took down a big Norway pine. As part of the clean-up, they cleared more area. Lee Shade will till it and lay some seed.

The docks and playground equipment are being taken in for the season.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Storm Damage Assessment Update:**

**Homeland Security Emergency Management (HSEM):** On September 23<sup>rd</sup> Marla sent a summary and copy of all invoices and loggers truck sheets to Ryan Blake Smith at the Homeland Security Emergency Management Dept. In that summary the clean-up and repair costs totaled \$691,817.50, which broke out as follows:

Emergency road clearing after the storm: \$23,467.50

Roadside debris removal: \$665,850.00

Town and fire hall repairs: \$19,290.69. We have received insurance checks totaling \$16,790.69 which cover all costs except the \$2,500 deductible.

Ryan Blake Smith called yesterday to clarify why some bills from Rardin Excavating were under the \$7.75 storm damage contract and others were under the standard road maintenance contract pricing. Marla explained the difference between the grapple/ haul and the more finite clean-up processes. He also questioned the Northern Tree bill for tree cutting and stump grinding. Ryan seemed to understand and accept the explanation.

They also discussed the hourly timesheet Marla submitted and he explained that some hours would not be covered. She said that her hours were such a small part of the overall costs that we wouldn't worry about them.

He was completing his report and intended to pass it along to the next level of auditing. Unfortunately, today we received an unanticipated invoice from Rardin Excavating covering storm clean-up costs of \$14,742.50 which were not included in the September billing. According to what Tom and Marla were told at the meeting with Ryan, we are only allowed to submit the one billing already submitted, and will only receive one check.

If the state approves all of the expenses submitted on 9/23, the township could receive as much as \$518,863, which is 75% of the \$691,817.50 submitted.

**Town Hall Damage:** All of the repairs have been made to the town and fire hall with the exception of the downspouts. Rardin Construction provided us with the complete invoice for submission to the insurance company, but the payment is being held until the work is completed. As listed above, the insurance company has reimbursed all costs except for the \$2,500 deductible.

**Road Right-of-way Cleanup:** The roadside clean-up has been completed. Northern Tree & Landscape cut several large trees that were overhanging the R-O-W and ground stumps at a total cost of \$5,400.

**Birch Bay RV Resort:** Steve Karnowski, a Lake Shore resident who lives on Agate Lake, sent Marla an email in

which he questioned the definitions being used by the Cass County ESD in their review of the proposed Birch Bay Resort. He asked that the Board review his letter and take it into consideration. There has been no update from Cass County as to when another hearing on the campground may take place.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Letters of Appreciation: Richmond/ Weizenegger/ Unanimous:** Motion to have Marla compose letters of appreciation to the Cass County Sheriff’s Office and the Cass County Highway Dept. expressing our gratitude for all they did before and after the storm to prevent death and injuries, and to facilitate the clean-up process.

**CLERK’S REPORT:** Walt presented a letter from a resident (Erwan Callies) expressing their appreciation for the follow through and help they received from Marla in the aftermath of the storm.

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

11015	Crow Wing Power	Electricity	113.00
21015	Xcel Energy	Natural Gas	26.72
31015	CTC	Internet	44.95
41015	CenturyLink	Telephone	76.64
50915	PERA	Retirement	422.93
3944	Rardin Construction	Siding & Soffit Building Repairs	1,477.75
3945	Northern Tree & Landscape	Tree & Stump removal	5,400.00
3946	Cass County Recorder	Fondie Lane Recording	92.00
3947	Tom Dechmann	Administration to 10/13	321.58
3948	Sharon Owen	Administration to 10/13	115.06
3949	Marla Yoho	Administration to 10/13	1,961.15
3950	Walt Richmond	Administration to 10/13	233.87
3951	Jim Weizenegger	Administration to 10/13	116.94
3952	Rardin Excavating	Storm Cleanup, Grading, Mowing, Fill	15,386.00
3953	Marla Yoho	Supplies, Eqpmt, Mileage, Internet	795.51
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26,584.10</b>

Dechmann/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marla Yoho, Clerk

Jim Weizenegger, Chair