

## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING**

### **September 9, 2014**

The September Monthly Meeting of the Fairview Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Fairview Town Hall on Tuesday, September 9, 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 August Monthly meeting** as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sharon reported the following month-end balances in the Township accounts: **\$98,280.91 in Checking** and **\$217,409.61 in Money Market** funds. Road & Bridge CDs total \$79,212.55 and the Community Projects CD is \$43,101.65. **Revenues for August totaled \$15,397.92** (\$6.37 interest, \$118.00 Electricity Reimbursement, \$1,088 in Forfeited Tax Settlements, \$14,183.55 as Payment In Lieu of Taxes, \$2.00 Filing Fee); **Expenditures totaled \$11,024.56** (\$4,682.50 Road & Bridge, \$125.00 Fire; and \$6,217.06 General Gov't expenses).

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

#### **Road Report:**

**Rockwood Rd:** Tom checked on the runoff water issue at the Dale Plutowski property at 3587 Rockwood Rd (Phone: 701-360-2476). Tom has asked Marla to check through past minutes to find out if the township originally created the bituminous berm across the driveway. If the township did it, then the township should build it up. If they didn't, then it is up to the Plutowskis to deal with.

**Ossego Road:** The new **mailbox** has been installed on the Kamstra property. Tom will follow-up to make sure that the bill is forwarded to Anderson Brothers and that they pay for it.

**Rardin Minimum Maintenance Road:** Tom moved the "Minimum Maintenance" sign at the north end of the road farther out of the roadbed. The Rardin crew did remove several trees to widen the driving surface. Rardins graded the roadbed and Tom followed up by removing several large boulders. He didn't have a chance to check on the berm that was to be created by the Leighton property.

**May Township / Mayfair Road:** Marla spoke with Bob Anderson, a May Township Supervisor, who indicated that the May Board discussed the letter from Fairview and decided to place two loads of fill on the Minimum Maintenance portion of the road themselves. They will be sending Fairview a letter to explain their decision.

**Pillager Lake Road:** Last week's storm took down trees on Gull Lake Dr (1), Birch Forest Rd (1) and many on Pillager Lake Rd. On Wednesday the Sheriff's office alerted Tom that the road was blocked. Tom called Rardins and the crew went out right away but when they got there they discovered an electrical wire down on the trees. Tom contacted Crow Wing Power and by Friday they had repaired the wire and cut a passage way through the trees. On Monday, the Rardin crew came in to clear the trees off the road and graded the roadbed.

The Board is in agreement that something more needs to be done with the surface on the first hill. The Class 5 that was put down last year has been worn off and it is all soft sand. Water is flowing through the culvert freely at this time.

#### **Fire Report:**

**East Gull Lake:** The Pillager Fire Dept. has signed a two-year contract with East Gull Lake to provide Fire and Rescue services for the years of 2015 and 2016 at a cost of \$25,000 per year. The Association is in discussions to decide if the revenues should be used to pay down the newest fire truck loan or to relieve some of the budget assessments.

**Propane vs. natural gas:** Marla spoke with Gerry Traut of Xcel Energy in Brainerd and contacted two plumbers for estimates on converting the two heaters and generator in the fire hall from LP to natural gas. Xcel Energy will need to install about 90 feet of new gas line from the road to the building. They will provide 75 feet of line for free, and the township would have to pay for 15 feet at \$3.50 a foot, for a total of \$52.50. There will not be a hook-up fee and there is a monthly base charge of \$25.00, which is offset by any gas usage. Gerry Traut explained that the cost of natural gas will run about \$.60 a pound opposed to the \$1.649 a gallon for LP gas.

The Pillager Fire Assn. has given approval for Fairview Township to switch the fire hall back to natural gas. The monthly charge can be billed back to the Fire Association monthly, just as the electricity is billed.

Dechmann/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to approve switching the energy usage from LP to natural gas and to hire Jibec Heating and Cooling to convert the two heaters and the generator at a cost of \$560.

Randy is getting bids for a fresh air compressor for filling their SCBA units.

The State Board of Firefighters has reimbursed \$2,619 to the Fire Association for training expenses (\$97 per firefighter).

There have been 22 runs since the last meeting, with four in Fairview (3 medical and 1 lift-assist). The Y-T-D total is 171, which is 2 ahead of 2013.

**Pillager Park:** Walt reported the Park Board had a major discussion about the situation with May Township and their decision to withhold \$1,800 of their dues. Some members of the Board met with the MAT attorney to discuss ways of dealing with the situation. Kent Sulem suggested they could send the partial payment back to May since they are not upholding their part of the original agreement, and explain they are no longer members if they don't meet the terms of the by-laws. That would mean that the other four government members of the Association would have to pick up the difference in the dues, or reduce the budget. Nothing has been decided yet.

The Porta-Potties have worked out very well this summer and the Board has signed a new contract for 2015. Bob Anderson has agreed to remove some overgrown trees. Also, he has installed some large rocks where cars drive off the edge of the road, causing a washout.

The Board has requested a bid from Anderson Brothers for paving a portion of the parking lot.

They are also checking to get a cost on gates to potentially close off the pavilion and picnic areas after the Park is closed, leaving open the fishing access area.

The Board is discussing the possibility of putting some sort of fencing along Cty Rd 1 to deter children from running out into traffic.

Lee Shade has spoken with the Host Campers at Rock Lake Campground. They would possibly be interested in moving to the Pillager Lake Park next year. They will be talking to the Board to clarify what duties would be required of them. Those duties would include light garbage removal, cleaning the bathrooms, etc.

#### **Old Business:**

**Broadband Grant Application:** About 60 to 75 people attended the Broadband Town Hall meeting held on August 19<sup>th</sup>. The mailings sent out by CTC and the Township generated 134 surveys and letters, and CTC was very pleased with the response. They held a session at the National Joint Powers Assn (NJPA) headquarters in Staples today in which they recorded various local people, including Marla representing the Township, giving testimonials about how broadband would improve the area. The video will be included as part of the grant application. CTC is hoping to have the application sent in by the 20<sup>th</sup> of September. After the application is reviewed there will be a 30 day period where someone such as CenturyLink could contest the application. Grants will be awarded by the end of this year. If we were to receive the grant, CTC said they would potentially be ready to turn soil as soon as the frost is out in the spring and people could be hooking up by the end of next year. For weighting purposes, Fairview Township is being combined with Ft. Ripley Township for the application, since we both have different needs and benefits.

#### **New Business:**

**Road Maintenance Agreements:** At the MAT Dist. 11 Annual Meeting, Tom and Marla met with Kent Sulem, MAT Attorney, to discuss the situation with Mayfair Road. In that meeting, Kent confirmed that unless there is a specific ending date on a Road Maintenance Agreement, the contract continues to be in effect as written until one or both parties to the contract wants to change the terms.

The Board reviewed the existing Road Maintenance Agreements and did not find any reason to request or negotiate changes of any of the terms, other than to revise the paperwork if necessary. Marla sent a message to the Sylvan Township Clerk, asking for confirmation of what, if any, changes Roland Anderson wanted to see on our existing contracts with them.

The existing Road Maintenance Agreements are:

**With Sylvan Township:** Pillager Lake Dr., West Lake Ridge Dr., Gregory Dr.

**With the City of Lake Shore:** Agate Lake Road, Sandy Point Road (Town Line Roads)

**With May Township:** Mayfair Road, Mayfair Minimum Maintenance Road (Town Line Roads)

Marla should talk to Jon Rardin to clarify who pays for the maintenance on Sandy Point Rd. and Agate Lake Dr.

**Agate Lake Rd. Sign:** Marla should contact the Cass County Highway Dept. and advise them that the street sign at the intersection of Cty 15 and 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave or Cty 107 should be changed. It currently reads Agate Lake Rd. but no one refers to that section of the road by that name and it could cause some confusion in the event of an emergency.

#### **Clerk's Report:**

**Election Judges for General Election:** *Richmond/ Weizenegger/ Unanimous:* Motion to appoint the following election judges for the General Election to be held on November 4<sup>th</sup>:

Ellie Dechman

Marilyn LePage

Nancy Wangstad

Allen Larson

Lola Nootenboom

Marla Yoho

Linda Larson

Sharon Owen

**CCAT Annual Meeting** to be held Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8 AM to 1PM.

**CTAS v8 Training:** The new CTAS Version 8 is ready to be released. There will be several training sessions held around the state. Marla will attend a session on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Crow Wing Town Hall.

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

10914	Crow Wing Power	Electricity 6/15-7/15	140.00
20914	CTC	Internet	44.95
30914	CenturyLink	Telephone	78.61
40914	PERA	PERA	400.96
50914	US Treasury	Federal Income Tax & Medicare	586.28
60914	Minnesota Revenue	State Income Tax	202.51
3753	Anderson Brothers Const	Ossego & Birch Bay Construction	76,385.43
3754	Bolton & Menk	Engineering	5,420.00
3755	First Impression Printing	Stationery	467.07
3756	Nancy Wangstad	Election Judge Primary	180.00
3757	Marilyn LePage	Election Judge Primary	90.00
3758	Allen Larson	Election Judge Primary	90.00
3759	Linda Larson	Election Judge Primary	90.00
3760	Lola Nootenboom	Election Judge Primary	90.00
3761	Ellie Dechmann	Election Judge Primary	90.00
3762	Sharon Owen	Election Judge Primary	90.00
3763	Tom Dechmann	3rd Quarter Mileage	356.16
3764	Sharon Owen	3rd Quarter Mileage	66.64
3765	Walt Richmond	3rd Quarter Mileage	73.92
3766	Jim Weizenegger	3rd Quarter Mileage	22.40
3767	Marla Yoho	3rd Qtr Mileage, Internet, Computer	412.24
3768	MATIT	Liability & Property Insurance	2,350.00
3769	Brainerd Dispatch	Mtg Date Change Notice	55.60
3770	Tom Dechmann	Administration to 9/9	432.09
3771	Sharon Owen	Administration to 9/9	115.38
3772	Walt Richmond	Administration to 9/9	383.55
3773	Jim Weizenegger	Administration to 9/9	149.68
3774	Marla Yoho	Administration to 9/9	1,719.25
3775	Caleb Bermel	Town Hall Mowing	90.00
3776	Marla Yoho	3rd Qtr Supplies, Postage	471.01
		TOTAL	\$91,143.73

Richmond/ Dechmann/ Unanimous: Motion to close the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marla Yoho, Clerk

Chairman, Jim Weizenegger