

## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING**

### **September 13, 2016**

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 13, 2016 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 approve the **Minutes of the August Monthly Meeting.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Sharon reported the following month-end balances in the Township accounts: \$118,436.94 in Checking and \$252,549.84 in Money Market funds. **Revenues for August totaled \$19,159.28** (\$11.74 interest; \$87.31 Gas and Electricity Reimbursement; \$722.00 Worker's Comp Dividend; \$15,813.86 "In Lieu" Taxes; \$2,522.37 Forfeited Tax Settlement; \$2.00 Filing Fee); **Expenditures totaled \$21,020.06** (\$15,990.65 Road & Bridge; \$152.31 Fire; and \$4,877.10 General Gov't expenses).

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

#### **Road Report:**

**Green Bass Lake Ln:** Anderson Brothers paved Green Bass Lake Ln on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Since most of the lawns extend all the way up to the road edges, Tom asked them to shoulder with black topsoil rather than gravel except where the 5 driveway connect with the road.

**Birch Bay Drive:** Dave Rasinski called on behalf of Kari Rihm, who lives at the very end of the road. The new residents to the south of her have had major landscaping done in the R-O-W which includes large Blue Spruce with branches that extend right up to the road edge. She is concerned that when her portion of the road is plowed there will not be anywhere to push the snow. Apparently the township is supposed to be plowing all the way to her driveway.

Tom and Marla went to investigate and discovered that several trees and large river rocks have definitely been placed in the right-of-way. Mala wrote a letter to the owners, who live in California, explaining the problem. Last week the landscaper called and said they needed to put in the landscaping like that to prevent runoff and rain flowing across the yard and filling the basement. The landscaper (who was not someone local) said he would stop by the town hall the next day so he could meet with Tom and discuss the issue. He has not come by yet.

**Birch Forest Rd:** Yesterday Anderson Brothers started reclaiming the area on Birch Forest Rd. that needs to be reworked. They aren't sure when it will be paved, but the road is passable. They started their reclaiming at a different spot (about 50 ft away) than the area identified when Tom met with Loren Benson. Also, there is a deep crack that must still be dug out.

**Pinewood Dr:** Tom purchased 6 bags of cold patch to fill holes on Pinewood Dr. There is still one large hole by Pecks that needs to be filled.

**Orchard Park Ln:** Todd, from the Minnesota Dive School, inspected the metal culvert in the township's portion of the road to advise if they could remove the rocks that are blocking it. He reported there is so much muck in each end of the culvert that he can't gauge the situation with the rocks. Also, the collar on one end of the culvert is crushed down. Tom spoke with Mike Rardin and asked him to see what they can do about removing the muck.

**County Land on Mayfair MM Road:** Scott Mudgett called to question why the County was logging the piece of land along Mayfair Minimum Maintenance Rd that was purchased in 2011 with money from the Lessard-Sams Fund. At the time of the purchase the county said they would never clear-cut it, but Mr. Mudgett thought that was happening. Marla contacted Pat Bundy of the Cass Cty Land Dept. who went to meet with Mr. Mudgett. They took a tour of the land and Pat explained how much damage had been done to the trees during the July 2015 storm, and that they were only clearing what was necessary to encourage regrowth. After reviewing the situation with Pat, Mr. Mudgett was satisfied and said he would advise the neighbors of the damage situation.

**Hengel Gravel Pit EAW:** Hengels has purchased 300 acres of land on a section west of Mayfair Road in May Township. In anticipation of putting a gravel pit on 120 acres of that land they are in the process of completing an EAW. Marla spoke with Paul Fairbanks who said that if the gravel pit is approved he believes Hengels specifically identified using Cty Roads 104 and 34 for their transportation rather than our Mayfair Rd.

**Fire Report:**

Dave Kavanaugh and Rob Mason attended the meeting as representatives of East Gull Lake. They questioned what lead up to the \$20,000 increase from \$25,000 to \$45,000 for their new contract. They proposed signing a 4-year contract extension with an increase of \$5,000 a year, which would bring it up to the proposed \$45,000. The Association proposed an increase of \$7,000 for 3 years, bringing the total to \$46,000 and then leaving the 4<sup>th</sup> year at the \$46,000 level. East Gull Lake then suggested they sign a longer contract at the \$46,000 level, but the Association would prefer to leave the contract at a 4-year length. Mason and Kavanaugh both indicated East Gull Lake is very pleased with the service they have been getting.

The “new” used replacement truck should be here in October.

The place originally selected for placement of the water storage tank near the Quarterdeck will be a problem since the resort’s septic tank is in the same area. The Association didn’t receive the grant this go-around so they will keep the tank stored at Hengels and will apply again. When they get a grant they will look for a better location.

They received \$4,800 from State Training Funds and \$3,700 from the Firemen’s Benevolent Assn. They have also received \$535 as memoriam for Graiden Miller. Sharon Owen indicated there should be more to come.

There were 27 runs in August, with 6 runs in Fairview, bringing the year-to-date total to 189, compared to 187 last year.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**4-Way STOP on Gull Lake Dr:** Marla spoke with Dave Enblom about the feasibility of installing a 4-way Stop at the intersection of Gull Lake Dr and White Pine Rd. Dave advised that the township consider other solutions before making that a 4-way stop. He suggested the township consider putting up 35 mph Speed Limit signs first to see if they can slow down the traffic a little. The Board discussed other signage but didn’t have a better idea. Tom will review the hill vs. intersection situation when he goes over there to work on the R-O-W at the Sachs residence.

**Weather Warning Sirens:** Walt asked Marla for an update on her communications with Frontline Plus concerning the possibility of raising the height of the pole on the west side of the township. She spoke with the owner of the company in April and he said he would have a worker contact her when he was in the area. In July or August, she sent a follow-up email but has not received a response. She told Walt she would contact them again and keep Walt in the loop on their response.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Storm Damage:** Kerry Swenson contacted Marla to advise that Cass County made a storm damage declaration to the State concerning the August 4<sup>th</sup> windstorm. She then attended a meeting with the representatives of the HSEM at the Lake Shore City Hall on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. At that meeting the total township storm related expenses were estimated at about \$7,500. Tonight we received a billing from Rardin Excavating with total clean-up costs at \$5,287.50, but it is all listed as one lump sum. Mike Rardin said he will break out the costs to comply with the HSEM reporting requirements.

**CLERK’S REPORT:**

**Emergency Management:** At the meeting with HSEM, Kerry Swenson told Marla he will be retiring at the end of the year (in addition to Bob Yochum, Reno Wells and Dave Enblom). There is no specific plan yet, but there has been conversation about possibly moving Emergency Management from the under the Sheriff’s Office to the Public Health Dept. After our experiences with the Emergency Management Dept. over the last couple of years,

leaving it with the Sheriff's Office seems to make so much more sense.

**Election Schedule:** Marla will be assisting the County Auditor's office with Ballot testing in Hackensack during the weeks of September 26<sup>th</sup> through October 7<sup>th</sup>. Also, the CCAT Annual Meeting will be held in Hackensack on October 6<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8AM.

The Election supplies, including ballots, will be delivered to the town hall on Wed., October 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. All of the Election Judges are invited and encouraged to attend to help test the machines. Marla will be out of town that day, but Rhoda Swanson, Head Election Judge, will be in attendance. Marla will have the room set up for voting before then.

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

10916	CTC	Internet & Phone	107.28
20916	Xcel Energy	Natural Gas - Fire Hall	26.85
30916	Crow Wing Power	Electricity	98.00
40916	PERA	Retirement Fund	416.92
50916	US Treasury	3rd Qtr Withholding	645.68
60916	Minnesota Revenue	3rd Qtr Withholding	199.29
4089	Anderson Bros. Construction	Green Bass Lake Ln Construction	30,849.30
4090	MATIT Agency	Liability & Property Insurance	2,652.00
4091	Tom Dechmann	3rd Qtr. Expenses	397.07
4092	Sharon Owen	3rd Qtr. Expenses	33.48
4093	Walt Richmond	3rd Qtr. Expenses	72.36
4094	Jim Weizenegger	3rd Qtr. Expenses	21.60
4095	Marla Yoho	3rd Qtr. Expenses	870.13
4096	Tom Dechmann	Administration to 9/13/16	570.65
4097	Sharon Owen	Administration to 9/13/16	115.06
4098	Marla Yoho	Administration to 9/13/16	1,768.21
4099	Walt Richmond	Administration to 9/13/16	233.87
4100	Jim Weizenegger	Administration to 9/13/16	135.65
4101	Rardin Excavating	Grading, Mowing, Storm Damage	13,547.50
4102	Pillager Area Fire Protection	Graiden Miller Memorial	50.00
		Total	\$52,810.90

Richmond/ Dechmann/ Unanimous: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marla Yoho, Clerk

Jim Weizenegger, Chair