

2020 FAIRVIEW TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the residents of Fairview Township was called to order at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, March 10th, 2020 in the Fairview town hall by Clerk Marla Yoho with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Walt Richmond/ Tom Dechmann/ Unanimous: Motion to appoint Jim Weizenegger as moderator.

Walt Richmond/ Ken LaPorte/ Unanimous: Motion to approve the Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sharon Owen/Ellie Dechmann/ Unanimous: Motion to waive the reading of all checks written during the year since the monthly expenditure reports are posted on the wall.

Walt Richmond/ Ellie Dechmann/ Unanimous: Motion to accept the 2019 Treasurer's Report as approved at the Board of Audit on January 7, 2020. Year-End Financial Report is attached (Pg 3)

ROAD REPORT:

Tom Dechmann presented the Road Report, which is attached to these minutes as a separate document (Pg. 4)

Old White Pine Drive Vacation: The Birch Bay on Big Gull plat was drawn in 1958 with a road, White Pine Drive, providing access to lots 1 through 34. That road was never developed or accepted by the township. In 1977, the landowners of Lots 3 through 10 went to court and were able to have the adjacent White Pine Drive vacated. Currently, the balance of the platted road is still sitting on the Cass County records as being a Fairview road, even though it is not a road. The current property owners have asked the township to abandon this piece of "road" to allow room for an additional septic site since it is not used as an access road.

Sharon Owen/ Ken LaPorte/ Unanimous: Resolution to authorize the town board to initiate the road vacation procedure for the portion of the road adjacent to lot 2.

Orchard Park Ln: Discussion about the township and DNR culverts under the end of the road as it accesses the campground. The pavement on the entire road is in poor condition but there is no point in resurfacing it unless something can be done about building the road up over the culverts. The township will pursue applying for a grant through the DNR to rework the road.

FIRE REPORT:

- Walt Richmond reported the Pillager Area Fire Dept. **responded to 268 calls in 2019** (8 more than 2018). They included: 29 fires, 215 rescue/ medical, 5 hazardous conditions, 11 good intents and 8 false alarms.

- They currently **have 23 members**. They will start a recruitment drive in the spring to bring the roster up to 25.

- The **2020 budget is \$212,710**, with a 7% increase to **\$228,360 planned for the 2021 budget**. This increase is primarily due to 1) raising the stipend paid to the firemen from \$5 per call to \$7.50 per call, which hardly covers the cost of their gas to respond; and 2) building a reserve to replace their "turn-out" gear, which has to be replaced every 10 years at approximately \$80,000.

- **The radios** used by the firefighters have become obsolete and can no longer be supported. The cost of replacing 25 radio sets (at \$2,500 each) is \$62,000.

- To help fund some of these expenses, the fire dept. published their first addition of a **fund raiser calendar**. The revenues from selling ads on the calendar were sufficient to cover the cost of production and mailing them to all property owners in the areas serviced by the fire department. They have had an overwhelming response to the calendar and have so far received almost \$13,000 in donations. In addition, the back of the donation letter includes a description of the **File of Life** and provides a place for respondents to order the packets for their homes.

- **East Gull Lake** has signed to continue contracting their fire and emergency coverage from Pillager. Their contract payments will increase by the same percentage as the increases in the fire budget.

FAIRVIEW TRAIL REPORT:

- A summary of the trail activities over the past year is attached as Pg 5.

- The **trail construction plans** are moving along. The 200 pg. 11x17 proposed construction plan has been sent to the Cass

Cty Highway Dept for preliminary approval. It will also be sent to the State Aid Highway Dept, the DNR and the Corps of Engineers for their approval (if necessary). Once approved by these agencies, the plan may be let out for bids.

- The owners of **Jake's Gull Lake Grille** have kindly agreed to move their sign, landscaping and electricity from the roadside which will prevent having to route the trail onto their property and buying an easement.

PILLAGER PARK REPORT:

- The Park Board must raise the dues for the park maintenance from \$2,000 to \$2,500 in 2020 to cover the cost of garbage removal, electricity, and pumping the septic system, all due to increased use. The cost of running electricity to the pavilion has been minimal, at about \$350.
- The DNR issued a permit to treat weeds in the swimming area. In 2019 they treated the area twice at a cost of \$1,600. In 2020, they plan to treat it once in June to see if a later treatment is necessary.
- Walt Richmond will be applying for a Round-Up grant through Crow Wing Power to repair the rock in the boat landing, which has gotten washed out and created a drop-off. The DNR put in the ramp about 40 years ago, but the park board is responsible for maintaining it.
- They had a good park host for most of last year, but they aren't sure if he will return this year.

PLANNING COMMISSION: - Summary of variances and CUP applications submitted in 2019 is attached as Pg 6.

DONATIONS: Family Safety Network: Jeri Sargent made a presentation to explain the services provided by their agency, specifically to victims of intimate partner violence. They help with Orders for Protection, emergency transportation, free legal clinics, support groups, referral and financial aid. They currently have 68 active cases in Pillager, 5 in Pequot Lakes and 3 in Nisswa.

Ken LaPorte/ Tom Dechmann/ Unanimous: Motion to authorize the Board of Supervisors to, at their discretion, **make the proper donations and expenditures** in 2020 to support non-profit organizations benefitting the township residents, **up to a total of \$5,000**. In the past, the Board has approved donations to Mount Ski Gull, the Pillager County Fair, the Cass County Historical Society, Faith In Action, Support Within Reach, the Cass Cty Economic Development Corp. and the area Dive Team (works in conjunction with the Cass County Sheriff's Office), which all provide services within our area.

2021 LEVY: The 2020 levy is \$315,000. The Fire assessment will be increased substantially and the reserve for this fund is already low, the park board dues will be increased by \$500, and the Road & Bridge fund needs to increase their reserves to cover future road projects. **Sharon Owen/ Ken LaPorte/Unanimous:** Motion to increase the 2021 Levy by approximately 3.2% (\$10,000) to **\$325,000**. The new levy will be allocated as follows: **Road & Bridge \$130,000, Fire & Safety \$95,000 and General Fund \$100,000**.

LIQUOR LICENSES: **Walt Richmond/ Tom Dechmann/ Unanimous:** Motion to approve the following Liquor Licenses: Jake's Gull Lake Grille, Both On- and Off-Sale; Mount Ski Gull, On-Sale: Quarterdeck, Both On- and Off-Sale.

OTHER ISSUES:

Retirement: Sharon Owen has officially retired from the board after serving from 1993 to 2006 as Treasurer and 2008 to 2020 as Deputy Clerk-Treasurer. She will be missed!

2021 Fairview Township Annual Meeting: **Tom Dechmann/ Ken LaPorte/ Unanimous:** Motion to approve holding the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 9th, at the Fairview Town Hall at 6:30 pm.

2020 Board of Review will be held on Tuesday, April 21st at 1 pm at the town hall.

2020 Annual Road Review will be held on Tuesday, April 21st starting at 7:30 am. Residents are welcome to participate but must provide their own transportation. Weather alternate date: April 28th.

Travis Collette/ Tom Young/ Unanimous: Motion to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Yoho, Clerk

James Weizenegger, Moderator

2019 FAIRVIEW TOWNSHIP FINANCIAL STATEMENT

BEGINNING CASH		1/1/2019	
	Adjusted Cash	73,852.52	
	Money Market	<u>400,599.54</u>	
ADJUSTED BEG. CASH		474,452.06	<u>BUDGET</u>
REVENUE	Interest	7,899.28	8,000
	Cass County	308,126.81	310,000
	PILT/ Market Value Credit	11,754.41	12,000
	Township Aid	4,503.00	4,500
	Gas Tax Allocation	21,793.88	20,000
	DNR - Pillsbury Forest Funds	0.00	5,000
	Utility Reimbursement/ Misc	<u>4,728.86</u>	<u>4,750</u>
	TOTAL	<u>358,806.24</u>	364,250
TOTAL CASH		833,258.30	
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ROAD & BRIDGE			
	Road Projects	188,726.50	188,725
	Paved Maintenance	23,578.61	25,000
	Gravel Maintenance	7,215.00	7,000
	General Rd Maintenance	15,586.71	15,500
	Snow Removal	<u>52,875.00</u>	<u>50,000</u>
	TOTAL	287,981.82	286,225
FIRE & SAFETY			
	Mtgs & Utilities	2,999.15	3,000
	Pillager	<u>73,899.14</u>	<u>74,000</u>
	TOTAL	76,898.29	77,000
GENERAL			
	Administration	35,329.99	35,000
	Elections	0.00	0
	Planning Comm	844.14	850
	Medicare/FICA (Employee Pd)	-3,897.08	-4,000
	PERA (Employee Share)	-2,256.82	-2,250
	IRS/MN Revenue	6,025.24	6,000
	PERA	4,795.28	5,000
	Supplies	2,940.07	2,500
	Utilities	3,226.03	3,250
	Mileage	2,355.01	2,000
	Public Notices	1,879.81	2,500
	Dues & Subscriptions	1,888.29	2,500
	Insurance	3,846.00	3,900
	Bldg/Equipmt Maintenance	3,503.86	2,500
	Legal, Audit & Special	7,872.66	8,000
	Parks & Recreation	4,500.00	4,500
	Trails	37,345.73	37,500
	TOTAL	110,198.21	109,750
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		475,078.32	472,975
ADJUSTED ENDING CASH 12/31/2019		165,755.46	
INVESTMENTS		<u>289,333.38</u>	
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE		\$ 455,088.84	
			INVESTMENTS
			Rd & Bridge CDs \$ 61,596.09
			Money Market Funds \$ <u>227,737.29</u>
			\$ 289,333.38

Note: Community Projects CD was cashed in to cover trail disbursements

FAIRVIEW TOWNSHIP ROAD REPORT FOR 2019

Total expenditures for Road Maintenance and Construction in 2019: \$288,996

Snow Removal: \$ 52,875

Blacktop Maintenance: \$ 25,719

Includes:

Sweeping: \$2,800

Patching, Shouldering, Drainage, Wash-Outs: \$1,487

Crack Sealing & Patching: \$21,432

Birch Bay Dr	Hines Circle	Ossego Rd	Rockwood Rd
Forest Ln	Hunters Pt Rd	Pinewood Dr	Sandy Point Rd
Gull Ln	Mayfair Rd (45 th Ave SW)	Quarterdeck Rd	Ski Gull Ln
Gull Trl		Richmond Rd	S Agate Shore Dr
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Gravel Road Maintenance: \$ 2,815

Grading, Patching, Fill: \$ 2,815

General Road Maintenance: \$ 18,861

Mowing Roadsides: \$ 8,880

Roadside Clean-Up: \$ 7,655

Legal Fees, Signs, Surveys & Miscellaneous: \$ 1,467

Road Projects- Construction & Engineering: \$ 188,726

Gregory Dr, Quarterdeck Rd, Birch Bay Dr

SNOW REMOVAL COMPARISON

	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Nov	1,838			2,370		
Dec	5,182		13,748	670		9,035
Jan	2,493	9,800	8,840	5,773	9,940	13,460
Feb	5,720	9,760	7,290	5,565	9,360	10,052
March		5,756	2,540	7,078	18,645	
April	<u>4,333</u>	<u>375</u>		8,790	3,345	
May			<u>1,135</u>	<u>895</u>	<u>2,550</u>	
TOTAL	19,566	25,691	33,553	31,141	43,840	

2019 Road Review:

The date for the annual road review has been set for Tuesday, April 21st. Township supervisors will leave the town hall at 8:00 AM. Any township resident may participate but must provide their own transportation. The tour is expected to last until 1:00PM.

Note: This date is dependent on weather and snow cover. An alternate date will be determined.

2019 Road Issues:

Crack Sealing:

- Jerry Beckman of Anderson Bros. Construction advised the cost of crack sealing in 2019 were going to be much higher since the extreme temperatures and snow took a big toll on the roads. After a rainfall, Tom Dechmann and Beckman counted 840 cracks on Pinewood Ln (equating to 16,800 lineal feet) and 1,050 cracks on Orchard Park Ln (equating to 21,00 Lineal feet). It was determined the Orchard Park road surface is so poor that crack sealing could be a waste of money.

Gregory Dr, Quarterdeck Rd, and Birch Bay Dr:

- Gregory Dr is 8,955 ft long, with 7,520 ft in Fairview and 1,435 ft in Sylvan Township. In 2015, the township had Bolton & Menk draw up plans, went out for bids, and entered into a contract to have the Fairview portion of Gregory Dr resurfaced. At that time Sylvan had declined to have their portion resurfaced due to a budget constraint. When the big windstorm hit in July of 2015, road funds had to be diverted for clean-up and the project was tabled.

In 2014, the township had Birch Bay Dr and Quarterdeck Rd resurfaced. That project did not include the portions of the roads in the immediate vicinity of the Quarterdeck Resort in anticipation of extensive construction traffic at the resort. Those areas now required the patching and resurfacing that had been delayed.

Specs covering all three roads were sent out for bid, with Knife River Corp. submitting the lowest bid of \$151,365. Before work was to begin, Sylvan Township approached Knife River to get a quote on their portion of Gregory Drive. The roads were patched and re-paved in mid-September. During the process, it was determined that Gregory Dr required more extensive patching than had been in the original plan. This extra patching, and overlaying an additional 500 ft of roadway, which was not in the original bid, added \$31,402, bringing the total Knife River payment to \$182,768.

Gregory Dr/ West Lake Ridge Dr Road Agreement:

- For efficiency and cost savings, Fairview maintains the 1,435 ft of Gregory Dr that lies in Sylvan Township, and Sylvan maintains the 300 ft of W Lake Ridge Dr based on road agreements signed in 2000. Fairview paid to construct the township's portion of W Lake Ridge Dr in 2009, while Gregory Drive was paved at the expense of the residents with a too-small turn-around at the end of the mile and a half long road. The Board approached Sylvan concerning the disparity in the maintenance requirements. An analysis was done in which the estimated cost of plowing and mowing on W Lake Ridge Dr (300 ft) was deducted from the amount estimated for the same services on 1,435 ft of Gregory Dr. After discussions with the Sylvan Board, new road agreements were signed between the townships for W Lake Ridge Dr and Gregory Dr in November. The Gregory Dr agreement includes a compensation clause in which Sylvan Township agrees to compensate Fairview Township \$50 per mow (two times per year) and \$17.25 per snowplow.

Culverts:

- Cass County SWCD is working closely with townships and other LGU's to locate and inventory existing culverts. They are trying to create and complete a county-wide database showing all culvert locations and to identify any and all issues associated with them, especially when these culverts alter the flow of water. The SWCD will make cost sharing available for engineering and replacement when these culverts are involved. At least 18 culverts have been inventoried under Birch Bay Dr, Birch Forest Rd, Pinewood Rd, Orchard Park Ln, Pillager Lake Rd, Red Oak Dr, Ossego Rd, Cottage Wood, Gregory Dr and Richmond Rd. Most of these culverts have been in place for countless years and have not been documented until now.

- Culverts under Birch Forest Rd and Gregory Dr are prone to freeze during the winter. In the early spring these frozen culverts block the flow of the water as it melts, which then causes water to flood across the Gregory Dr roadway. When that happens, the township has the culverts "hydro-jetted" to melt the ice in the culvert and allow the water to flow through. Sometimes these culverts "sink" as much as 2" in the spring, but then return to their original elevation after the ground is thawed. During the summer and fall, beavers can also clog some culverts.

There are two large culverts under Orchard Park Ln near the Rock Lake Campground to allow water to flow between Rock Lake and Rush Brook. The large plastic culvert is the responsibility of the DNR, and the metal culvert belongs to Fairview Township. These culverts continue to be a problem. In October beaver dams clogged them, causing water to flood the road. The DNR was able to clear theirs but the township culvert is still clogged with large rocks. The township has tried to find a diver who is willing to go into the culvert to remove the rocks, but they consider it to be too hazardous.

Pillager Lake Rd:

- The Minimum Maintenance portion of Pillager Lake Rd was closed off for the winter by Board action on November 25th. A locked chain is placed across the road with the permission of the property owners.
- The township paid Northern Tree & Landscape \$4,400 to remove encroaching trees and shrubbery along the road.

Noxious Weeds:

- The township has continued to spray for weeds in the road right-of-way of Rardin Rd, Pinewood Dr and Cottage Wood Dr. Cass County offers a program where the township can contract for their weed spraying service, but the weed issue hasn't been significant enough to warrant that contract.

Birch Bay Dr (south end):

- We had Bolton & Menk perform a survey on the south end of Birch Bay Dr, which determined the township road ends at Lot 7, at the top of the hill. The township has not been plowing or maintaining the section of road in front of lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 33 and 34 since it is extremely narrow and there is nowhere for plows or maintenance vehicles to turn around. That portion of the road has been marked with PRIVATE road signs. Since this is a public road, those signs are against the law. The township contacted the property owners, explaining the problem and giving them the option of having the road vacated by the township and making the road private. The property owners responded, saying that they want the road to remain public and they will remove the signs. Rardin Excavating does not have the equipment to plow this narrow road since there is nowhere to push the snow. Dave Rasinski, who already provides snow removal work for the property owners, has agreed to contract for the snow removal on this small portion of the road since he has equipment that can blow the snow away.
- In a separate instance, a resident near the lower turn-around has used the township asphalt road surface for the purpose of burning leaves. The surface in this area will be monitored and if there is sufficient surface degradation, the property owner will be billed for any repairs.

2019 GULL LAKE TRAIL SUMMARY

- As part of the environmental application to SWCD, Cass County Environmental Service, US Corp of Engineers and the DNR, the township entered into a contract with Aitkin County to purchase up to 2.2 acres of wetland credits to compensate equally for the sq. ft./ acres of wetlands the trail may impact. Wetland credits, which will cost up to \$42,100, do not qualify as a reimbursable expense under either DNR or Greater Minnesota Regional Parks & Trails (GMRPT) grant. That application was approved in April.
- Article about the Gull Lake Trail, written by Jenny Gunsbury, appeared in the April/ May issue of the Lake Country Journal.
- In May the Fairview Township Advisory Trail Committee (FTATC) held a "Pints for A Purpose" fundraiser at the Jack Pine Brewery. Papa Murphy's donated pizzas, Jake's Grille donated chicken wings. Marla and Jenny interviewed on WJYJ to promote the event. Encouraged donations with "Get Hooked on the Trail" mugs for \$100 donation, plush throws for donations of \$1,000 or more. Proceeds for the night totaled \$4,179, including donations to the Community Giving account. Another \$620 was donated at the Community Outreach Day. Private donations for the trail now total over \$40,100.
- Natural Heritage application was submitted to the DNR in January. In May the Endangered Species division of the DNR reported concerns about the Blanding Turtle and birds that hibernate in the vicinity of the proposed trail site, especially near the old rookery. The township provided evidence the rookery is no longer active and the DNR removed it as a constraint to the trail placement.
- MnDOT requested an extensive Archaeological Survey. The township contracted with Bolton & Menk for a 7.8-mile survey at cost of \$9,350, another non-reimbursable expense. In July, MnDOT submitted the survey for review by three Indian tribes and the MN Indian Affairs Council and received approval mid-August.
- \$1.2 million GMRPT grant signed off as part of the Legacy Bill by Gov. Walz in June, but contracts with the DNR couldn't be signed until mid-Sept. That delay held up signing agreement with Bolton & Menk to start the planning and permitting process by almost 2 months. Pre-contract requirements took one full year for approval: Aug. 16, 2018 to Aug. 16, 2019.
- Dan Golner, DNR Grant Coordinator, advised the DNR Regional grant expires June 30, 2020 and is not extendable. Work specifically being covered by that grant must be completed by then, which could be a problem. Other grants run into 2021.
- All grants are reimbursement based. All work must be completed, invoiced, and checks issued for payment must be cleared before reimbursement can be requested. The township is responsible for direct payment on \$100,000 and \$150,000 grants. Cass County will be fiscal agent for GMRPT grant, but they must be paid back immediately. The township does not have reserves to cover these amounts. Bremer Bank approved a \$1.2 million Line of Credit at 4.75% interest rate, to be used as necessary until proper billing can be submitted to the DNR and GMRPT for reimbursement.
- Board approved a Bolton & Menk proposal for Phase 3 Trail Construction with the following timeline: Preliminary Engineering and Layout Development: August 2019 - October 2019; Final Design and Plan Development: November 2019 - February 2020 (This phase includes Permitting); Bidding: March 2020; **Construction: June 2020 – August 2020.** Bolton & Menk Proposal Cost Estimate totals \$283,511, including \$236,720 for engineering and management; \$10,140 for Soil Investigation and \$36,651 for Construction Material Testing.
- Survey work and soil borings were completed in Sept and Oct. Bolton & Menk worked with Cass Cty Hwy Dept and took all ADA and DNR requirements into consideration as they created very preliminary plans, which were presented to the Board in December. More specific plans should be presented to the township in March 2020, then will be submitted to DNR, Cass County Environmental Services and MPCA for permits and approval in March and April. The trail will lie completely within the Cass County ROW and no permanent easements will need to be purchased, however there are several areas where temporary, or construction easements may be necessary for the purpose of altering backslopes.
- Board approved proposal to allocate Forfeited Tax Settlements, PILT payments (money the state pays as compensation for the taxes not received for forest land) and Pillsbury Trust Fund payments into the Community Projects Fund to accumulate for trail maintenance (approximately \$12,000 per year) to assure that no township levy dollars are used for maintenance.

Fairview Planning Commission Variance and CUP Reviews in 2019:

Birch Bay RV Resort: PLS Location: NW ¼, Section 5, Township 134 N., Range 29 W.

Application submitted for Phase 3 of the RV development. Phase 3 will contain 47 RV sites as well as the construction of a wastewater treatment system. The property contains 49.74 acres riparian to Agate Lake (RD) classified Water Oriented Commercial (WOC).

The Cass County Board approved the CUP application for the implementation of Phase 3 of the Birch Bay RV Park noting that the operators have satisfactorily complied with the conditions imposed upon Phase 1 and 2 of the development. There is no evidence or information to conclude that Phase 1 or Phase 2 of the development have adversely affected adjoining property.

Peter & Kathy Green: PID: 14-447-0110 Lot 2 and Part of 3, Timber Ridge 7th Division

Application to construct a new guest quarters with attached garage, workshop and basement in excess of 700 sf of potential living space or area. The property contains 1.06 acres riparian to Gull Lake.

The Fairview Planning Commission was not comfortable with the configuration of the proposed accessory structure and did not believe it met the intent of the criteria for a guest quarters structure. They suggested the Greens work with the Cass County staff to come up with an alternate plan.

The Cass County Board denied the application as submitted.

The lot is a member of the Timber Ridge Property Owners Association. Their covenants cannot be enforced by the Planning Commission, but the covenants do not allow three buildings on a lot.

The applicant has the potential to rebuild the existing residence at footprint and volume or remove and restore the area to allow for a larger residential structure which meets structure setbacks. There are other options on the property that do not require a variance.

Lynden E & Kathleen M Johnson: PID: 14-007-4309 Lot 5, Block 1, Section 7 134 29

Application to remove an existing residence and build a new residence in the same vicinity. New building would encroach into lake setback approx. 117 sq ft. at 67.7 from the OHWL. Property contains 1.06 acres riparian to Gull Lake.

The Fairview Planning Commission wasn't comfortable with the necessity for encroaching into the lake setback and recommended the county Planning Commission deny or table the variance until the property owners can either reconfigure the structure or reposition it to meet the proper setback.

The Cass County Planning Commission voted to approve the application to construct a new residence with a closer lake setback of 67' from the OHWL of Gull Lake.

George & Mary Jayne Tschida: PID: 14-018-2119 Lot 1, Section 18 134 29

Application to construct a 12' wide access path and a 20' x 30' parking area within the bluff impact zone. The property contains 2.77 acres riparian to Gull Lake.

The Fairview Planning Commission was in favor of approving the Tschida's variance but felt the width of the path should be less than the 12 feet requested, and they should limit the usage of mechanized earth moving equipment within this steep and delicate bluff.

The Cass Cty Planning Commission approved the application to clear vegetation and grade an 8' access corridor and create a parking area in a bluff to access an existing boathouse. The width of the proposed access shall not exceed 8' and shall not extend any closer to the lake than what was submitted in the 01/23/19 application submittal.

Ryan Weigelt: PID: 14-123-4200 Intersection of County Rd 77 and Beauty Lake Rd

Application to operate a home-based marine and small engine repair shop and locate two signs on the property. The property contains 5.44-acres.

The Fairview Planning Commission is in favor of the CUP application with the following considerations: sufficient foliage buffer should be maintained around the proposed work area to diminish noise and separate that portion of the property from the surrounding homes, properties and highway r-o-w; protocols should be in place to assure that all fluids (oils, chemicals, etc.) are disposed of in a manner that meets state guidelines; lawnmowers, boats, etc. stored on the property, they should be placed within a fenced area with a height of at least 6 feet; any approved signage should be located solely on the property.

The Cass County Planning Commission approved the application including all of the conditions the township requested.

FAIRVIEW TOWNSHIP EXPENDITURES COMPARISON

EXPENDITURES COMPARISON

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 <i>(budgeted)</i>
ROAD & BRIDGE						
STORM DAMAGE CLEAN-UP	704,060					
SNOW REMOVAL	12,545	39,439	22,845	31,300	52,875	50,000
BLACKTOP MAINTENANCE	16,337	34,290	19,891	28,383	23,579	50,000
GRAVEL ROAD MAINTENANCE	3,154	6,722	2,848	3,301	7,215	7,000
GENERAL ROAD MAINTENANCE	3,823	25,362	20,669	26,798	15,587	15,000
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	7,104	65,088	70,321	94,530	188,727	25,000
TOTAL	747,023	170,901	136,574	184,312	287,983	147,000
FIRE & SAFETY						
PILLAGER FIRE ASSN	69,286	73,840	74,061	73,950	73,899	78,000
MEETINGS, SIGNS, MAINT.	3,280	2,249	2,550	2,887	2,999	3,000
TOTAL	72,566	76,089	76,611	76,837	76,898	81,000
GENERAL						
ADMINISTRATION	30,103	31,080	31,985	35,745	35,329	36,000
SUPPLIES	1,982	1,166	1,809	1,867	2,940	2,500
PUBLIC NOTICES	1,044	906	2,119	3,922	1,879	2,250
INSURANCE	3,740	3,766	3,817	3,860	3,846	3,900
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,057	1,257	1,063	1,105	1,888	2,000
MILEAGE	2,292	2,617	2,312	2,442	2,355	2,250
UTILITIES	3,397	3,458	3,295	3,501	3,226	3,250
ELECTIONS		2,773		2,665	-	3,750
TOWNHALL MAINTENANCE	1,593	1,896	963	2,968	3,504	2,250
LEGAL & SPECIAL	356,736	1,835	16,468	8,472	7,873	8,000
PARKS & RECREATION	2,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,500	4,500
PLANNING COMMISSION	319	292	572	1,106	844	850
IRS (TOWNSHIP SHARE)	459	487	500	1,825	2,128	2,250
PERA (TOWNSHIP SHARE)	2,125	2,151	2,350	2,553	2,539	2,500
STORM DAMAGE- BLDG	19,291	TRAIL	7,907	8,060	37,346	1,650,000
TOTAL	426,138	57,684	79,160	84,091	110,197	76,250
						1,700,000 Trail
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,245,725	304,674	293,402	345,915	475,078	304,250
FAIRVIEW LEVY	284,200	310,000	319,950	303,950	310,000	315,000

Road and Bridge Reserve CD:

\$61,596

FAIRVIEW TOWNSHIP TAX RATE COMPARISON

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
TAXABLE MARKET VALUE	295,234,100	290,814,700	290,530,324	300,446,183	308,535,127	335,964,118
INCREASE (DECREASE) AMT.	1,854,970	(4,419,400)	-284,376	9,915,859	8,088,944	27,428,991
INCREASE (DECREASE) %	0.67%	-1.50%	0.10%	3.30%	2.70%	8.95%

TOWNSHIP ROADS: 24 M 21.23 Miles Paved, .72 Miles Gravel, 1.03 Mile Gravel-Shared Maint

TOTAL ACREAGE: 23,367

POPULATION /Households: **828** (323) **835** (321) **830** (324) **828** (331) **857** (337) **876** (347)

Approx. 52% OF TOTAL TAX CAPACITY COMES FROM SEASONAL/ RECREATIONAL PROPERTY