

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING

December 12, 2018

The December Monthly Meeting of the Fairview Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Fairview Town Hall on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 by Chairman Jim Weizenegger with the Pledge of Allegiance. Other Board members in attendance were Supervisors Walt Richmond, Tom Dechmann, Deputy Clerk Sharon Owen, and Clerk-Treasurer Marla Yoho.

Dechmann/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to approve the **Minutes of the November Monthly Meeting** as presented.

Treasurer's Report: The following are the November month-end balances in the Township accounts: \$34,478.83 in Checking and \$325,017.31 in Money Market funds. **Revenues for November were \$583.90** (\$492.57 interest; \$91.33 Gas and Electricity reimbursement); **Expenditures totaled \$44,229.07** (\$1,845.50 Road & Bridge; \$37,002.02 Fire; and \$5,381.55 General Gov't expenses). The October/ November Settlement of property taxes, \$123,678.11, was received from Cass County on December 3rd. Dechmann/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Richmond/ Dechmann/ Unanimous: Motion to move \$35,000 from the Fire Fund and \$40,000 from the General Fund into the appropriate MMI accounts since the interest rates have been favorable and these excess funds will not be needed for a few months.

Road Report:

- November 16: After some confusion over which culvert was the problem, Mike Rardin unplugged the culvert on **Birch Forest Rd.**, and the water was flowing freely. Mike Rardin reported the bottom of the culvert was rusted out. Tom feels the culvert is intact, but the end has been damaged by the back hoe used to open it. He will contact Anderson Bros. in the spring to see if they can just add an extension.

- November 16: Tom closed off **Pillager Lake Rd** with the padlocked chain and a Closed sign. Tony Buettner had called last month to request the road be closed off again.

- While Tom was out there, he measured **Pillager Lake Rd**, with the following results:

Maintained portion: 2,415 Ft, Minimum Maintenance portion: 793-1/2 Ft

Cty Rd 1 to the turn-around: 2,415 Ft

Turn-around to the Minimum Maintenance Rd: 60 Ft

Beginning of Minimum Maintenance road to the Fairview Townline: 733-1/2 Ft

- November 21st: Culvert on **Birch Forest Rd** was plugged again. Tom had Mike Rardin open it up again.

- Tom had Marla send another letter to Jon Thomas about the work truck parked in the **ROW on S Agate Shore Dr**. The truck has been removed.

- Homeowners at **2535 Birch Forest Rd** had some landscaping done and there were **large boulders** left in the ROW. In response to a letter explaining dangers to plow trucks and drivers, the rocks were immediately removed.

- There have only been two small snowfalls so far. Mike Rardin sent a note about the strikes causing a **road salt shortage**. Salt is normally delivered to Duluth via lakers (boats), but now it has to be trucked in from southern sources. The price of salt has gone from \$100 a ton to \$158 a ton, which has caused a price increase of \$5 per yard (\$50 up to \$55 a yard).

Fire Report:

- Walt reported all **SBCA tanks** have been tested and passed inspection. Greg is doing some preliminary work on rotating out the oldest units.

- The manifold on **Engine 1** has been reinforced and the deck gun was reworked.

- The **run-reimbursement to the firefighters** for 2018 totals \$11,780 (at \$5 per man, per run).

- The **East Gull Lake assessment** is going up to \$46,000 next year, where it will remain for the last 2-years of the contract. They are planning additional conversation with EGL about becoming a member of the association, but it unlikely they will do it.

- Brent Mathiason, the Pillager mayor, will ask their clerk to do some checking with other townships to see what **their fire assessment formulas** are. Marla will also send out an inquiry to the townships in Cass County.

- There is **no representative from May Township** at this time.
- The fire department is interested in doing a **fund raiser with the calendar**, but it will be a lot of work.
- There were 16 runs in November with 4 in Fairview, bringing the year-to-date total to 243 runs (258 in 2017). They are attributing the reduced number of calls to the closing of one of the group homes in Pillager.

Park Board:

- Walt reported the **“Park Hosts”** left two weeks ago. They left 6 large cans of garbage.
- Someone tried to move one of the **fishing piers** before the lake froze, but it’s not in a good place and is partially blocking the ramp.

Trail Committee:

- Marla received a phone call and follow-up letter from Renee Mattson, the Executive Director of the **GRMPT advising that our funding application was successful**. They will be forwarding the entire \$1,206,319 Fairview Trail grant application to the Minnesota legislature and the DNR Commissioner for funding in the 2019 session. We cannot expend any funds, either grant or matching, until we have a full contract with the DNR. Our application was scored as one of the top two grants.
- Walt reported we can have more **Gull Lake Trail mugs** engraved at a cost of \$5 each. Marla has already placed an order for 36 blank mugs. There is no rush since we probably won’t need more until the Pints for a Purpose in April.

Richmond/ Dechmann/ Unanimous: Motion to reimburse Marla for the first batch of mugs purchased a couple of months ago.

Old Business:

- **Shirts Plus of Aitkin** has forwarded a preliminary logo based on the sign out front of the town hall. The board liked the logo and discussed changing the colors to green trees with the yellow or gold sun behind it and the words underneath them. The men would **like tan polo shirts (with a pocket) and brown soft-shell jackets**. The women may get lt. green shirts. Marla will work with them to establish some costs.

New Business:

-**Resolution to Designate Polling Place:** The Minnesota Legislature requires all town boards to designate its local polling place for elections on an annual basis. Weizenegger/ Dechmann/ Unanimous: Resolution to designate the Fairview Town Hall as the local polling place for 2019.

Clerk’s Report:

- Marla will be attending an **“Administrators Meeting”** at East Gull Lake on December 13th. Attendees include city administrators from all of the surrounding cities for the purpose of discussing and sharing issues of community interest. One primary subject will be how to deal with the increasing number of Air BNB and temporary rentals in the lakes area.
- Susan Scheissl and Christopher Classen, of Justin Clasen, will be at the town hall on January 3rd **to start the 2017 audit**. Marla has a long list of items to get ready before that date. She will make every attempt to get the CTAS system updated with year-end figures before then.

Dechmann/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to approve payment of all Claims as submitted. (Aye: Weizenegger/ Richmond/ Dechmann). Total: \$12,540.55

11218	CTC	Internet & Phone	100.18
21218	Xcel Energy	Natural Gas - Fire Hall	65.87
31218	Crow Wing Power	Electricity	179.00
41218	PERA	Retirement Fund	194.12
51218	Bremer Bank	Service Charge	7.50
61218	US Treasury	4th Qtr Federal Withholding	1,096.79
71218	Minnesota Revenue	4th Qtr State Income Tax	129.18
4458	Northern Tree & Landscape	Brushing S Agate Shore Dr	4,750.00
4459	Bolton & Menk	Engineering- S Agate Shore Dr	187.50
4460	Rardin Excavating	Drainage, Snow Plowing	2,330.00

4461	Cass County Highway Dept	Mailbox Support Post	35.00
4462	Kennedy & Graven	Legal Fees - S Agate Shore DR	57.00
4463	MATIT Agency	Worker's Comp Insurance	403.00
4464	Tom Dechmann	Administration to 12/12	205.81
4465	Sharon Owen	Administration to 12/12	218.91
4466	Marla Yoho	Administration to 12/12	588.07
4467	Walt Richmond	Administration to 12/12	252.58
4468	Jim Weizenegger	Administration to 12/12	126.29
4469	Tom Dechmann	4th Qtr Expenses	170.05
4470	Sharon Owen	4th Qtr Expenses	135.71
4471	Marla Yoho	4th Qtr Expenses	426.83
4472	Justin Clasen	2017 CTAS Adjustments 2nd Quarter Correction to Soc	560.00
81218	US Treasury	Sec	321.16

Richmond/ Dechmann/ Unanimous: Motion to adjourn at 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Yoho, Clerk

Jim Weizenegger, Chairman