

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING

June 11, 2019

The June Monthly Meeting of the Fairview Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Fairview Town Hall on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 by Chairman Jim Weizenegger with the Pledge of Allegiance. Other Board members in attendance were Supervisors Walt Richmond, Tom Dechmann, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Sharon Owen and Clerk-Treasurer Marla Yoho.

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

Treasurer's Report: The following are the May 31st balances in the Township accounts: \$23,402.11 in Checking and \$404,0331.25 in Money Market funds. **Revenues for May were \$3,237.19** (\$804.33 interest; \$223.86 Gas and Electricity reimbursement; \$2,209.00 Fairview Trail Donations); **Expenditures totaled \$28,441.40** (\$22,185.00 Road & Bridge; \$387.03 Fire; and \$5,869.37 General Gov't expenses.)

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

Road Report:

- May 18th Tom went with Jerry Beckman of Anderson Bros. to **count cracks on Pinewood Ln.** since they are easier to identify after a rainfall. Counted 840 cracks, which equates to 16,800 lineal feet of crack sealing. Jerry counted **1,050 cracks on Orchard Park Ln (21,000 lineal feet)** but he determined the road surface is so poor that the township would be wasting their money with crack sealing.
- May 21st Tom met with Bryan Drown to review **Gregory Dr., Quarterdeck Rd., and Birch Bay Dr.** to review this years' proposed road project. Tom decided to go with Class 5 shouldering since most residents on these roads do not mow out to the road.
- May 29th Met with Marla to inventory placement and coordinates of **15 culverts under township roads** (list included). Marla sent the inventory and appropriate maps to Kelly Condiff at Cass County ESD.
- June 8th Tom placed a "locate stake" for **installation of mailbox post** for Dan St. Pierre on Orchard Park Ln.
- On May 28th and 29th (Tues & Wed), Rardin Excavating cleared the inlet on a culvert on **Birch Forest Rd.** Mike advised there were beavers living there. On Friday Jim went to trap the **beaver and it was completely clogged.** The Board discussed the replacement of the end on the culvert, but since this blockage does not affect any property, they agreed to just have Rardins clear it out periodically since the backhoe damages the culvert.

2019 Road Project: Proposals were received from Anderson Bros. and Knife River Corp. for the overlays on **Gregory Dr., Quarterdeck Rd., and Birch Bay Dr.** The proposals were as follows:

Anderson Brothers Construction: \$153,375.75

Knife River Corp. – North Central: \$151,365.00

Dechmann/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to accept the proposal from Knife River Corp. for the project.

Fire Report:

- Walt reported a representative from the Lakeshore Conservation Gun Club (Tom Longnecker) attended the association meeting and asked the Chief if there should a plan filed with the fire department describing where they store all the ammunition? Greg thought that was a good idea.
- Greg talked with Rob Mason again and it sounds as though East Gull Lake is more in favor of having their assessment go up in the same percentage as the overall budget.

- There are 6 new firefighter applicants. Three have already taken and passed their agility tests. The other three will take them when they are offered again. One of them lives over in Fairview and will be assigned to this station. When they all pass they will have 24 members, which is about where they would like to be.
- The fire department received a donation of \$350 for stationing a truck at the Maddens Air Show.
- The department is writing up a policy on where and when they should wear their uniforms and badges.
- Yvette Dullinger has gotten information from Reno Wells on how the Hackensack Fire Dept. handles the printing and marketing of their calendars. She still needs to gather more information, but the Pillager Fire Dept. is interested in pursuing the project.
- There were 20 runs in May, with 2 in Fairview, Y-T-D count is 116 opposed to 112 in 2018.

Planning Commission:

On June 4th Tom Dechmann, Ken LaPorte, Walt Richmond, Herb Richmond, Joe Fitterer and Marla Yoho attended a field inspection with the Cass County Planning Commission members for a **Conditional Use Application**. **Ryan Weigert** has applied to operate a home-based small engine repair shop and locate two signs on a property near the intersection of County Rd 77 and Beauty Lake Rd., currently owned by Mary Lou Wesp. The property is 5.44 acres.

The Fairview Planning Commission submitted a letter in favor of the CUP application with the following considerations:

- 1) A 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/proposed trail.
- 2) Protocols should be in place to assure that all fluids (oils, chemicals, etc.) are disposed of in a manner that meets state guidelines.
- 3) If there should be any lawnmowers, boats, etc. stored or held on the property, they should be placed within a fenced area with a height of at least 6 feet.
- 4) Any approved signage should be located solely on the legally described property (PID 14-123-4200).

At the hearing on June 10 there were 10 letters from residents and two residents in attendance, all opposed to the CUP.

The Cass County Planning Commission approved the CUP with several conditions including all those submitted by the township (minimum 20-ft vegetative buffer; privacy fencing around all outside storage; no boats, ATV's etc. to be in the right-of-way; all hazardous substances to be removed from site and disposed of appropriately). Weigert will only put up one sign, if any at all.

Pillager Lake Park Board:

- Walt Richmond reported the new **Park Host** is doing a good job of policing the park. They are very pleased.
- The DNR is no longer going to take care of **removing the weeds from the swimming area**, so the Board will have to hire someone or purchase the proper herbicide.
- There are several **birch trees that are dying**. One of the board members will take them down and remove them for the firewood.
- A park user has complained about people parking their boat trailers in the way of boats trying to get into or out of the water. The board will have to **install NO PARKING** signs.

Fairview Trail Update:

- Jenny reported we've received confirmation from Renee Mattson at the GMRPT that the **Governor did sign off on the Legacy Bill**. The GMRPT grant coordinator will be contacting her soon to advise of their grant requirements. We are assuming they will be much like those of the DNR.
- Bolton & Menk has completed the physical part of the **Archaeological Survey**. The woman doing the work

advised Marla that she didn't find anything of significance, which should mean that the price will remain at the original quote of \$9,350. Austin Jenkins will be writing up the report and submitting it to the Natural Heritage Board for their review.

- Marla reached out to **Christine Herwig of the Natural Heritage Board on their concerns about the old "rookery"** on Cty 77. They were going to require a 1,500-ft buffer during construction and a permanent 330-ft buffer after completion. Marla told her the rookery was dying off years ago, but that the trees were all destroyed in the 2015 storm. Herwig had a colleague check the area out and they agree the rookery will not be an issue as we move ahead.

- Marla has reached out to Josh Stevenson, the Cass County Administrator, to **start creating a "Memorandum of Understanding" (MOU) to cover how the county and township will work together** with them functioning as our "fiscal agent". Josh has asked that we request some guidelines from the DNR.

- Marla and Bryan Drown visited **the area near Forest Hills Ct.** to see where the trail would best be placed and if it would be better to try to purchase a small easement from Tom Steffen. The areas in front of and behind the road both have wetlands. It was decided to ask Darrick Anderson to walk the area with Bryan and Marla to confirm what Cass County will allow us to do in some of the questionable areas. He will be down here on Wednesday, June 19th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Outreach Day: Preparations are moving along. Most of the food and supplies have been purchased. Marla will clean out the fire hall and set up an area for food and seating in the event it starts to rain. Marla normally brings her grill and gas tank from home but asked the board for permission to purchase a small tabletop Char-Broil grill that is on sale at Menards for \$69.99. She will bring the propane tank from home so there won't be a propane tank to store in the fire hall.

Dechmann/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to purchase a tabletop grill for \$69.99.

NEW BUSINESS:

Extreme Mud Run at Ski Gull: Walt asked if we knew if Ski Gull is going to need the fire department trucks to stand by during the Mud Run. Marla will try to contact Ski Gull.

CLERK'S REPORT:

- The State Demographer advised the 2018 estimated township population is 876 and the number of households in the township is 347. This is an increase of 21 in population and 10 households over 2017.

- We've received thank you letters from the CCEDC, the Cass County Historical Society and Support Within Reach for the donations made last month.

- Cass County will doing the following roadwork in the township in 2023: 5.2 miles of CSAH 1 from Hwy 210 to CSAH 34 and on to the county line, 3.5 miles of CSAH 15 from CSAH 1 to CSAH 77, and 1.8 miles of CSAH 70 from CSAH 77 to the Gull Dam.

-Future Dates of interest:

June 18th: Community Outreach Day

July 9th: Township Board Meeting

July 16th: Cass County Commissioners will meet at the East Gull Lake City Hall 5:30 p.m.

July 30th: 3rd Quarter Emergency Management Meeting Backus 1-3 p.m.

August 13th: Township Board Meeting

August 21st: Noxious Weed Training, Walker, Afternoon TBD

MAT Dist 11 Annual Mtg, Walker, 5:30 p.m.

August 29th: Salt I Training/ Winter Road Maintenance, Walker 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

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

10619	CTC	Internet & Phone	102.28
20619	PERA	Retirement Fund	407.12
30619	Crow Wing Power	Electricity	149.00
40619	Xcel Energy	Natural Gas	82.04
50619	Bremer Bank	Service Charge	7.50
60619	US Treasury	2nd Quarter Federal Withholding	1,578.03
70619	Minnesota Revenue	2nd Quarter State Withholding	210.60
4523	Pillager Area Fire Association	1st Half Fire Assessment	36,949.57
4540	Minnesota Assn of Townships	Summer Short Course -Marla	50.00
4541	MN Dept of Natural Resources	Natural Heritage Review	140.00
4542	Frontline Warning Systems	Yealy Maintenance Contract	800.00
4543	Joe Fitterer	Planning Commission	57.54
4544	Herb Richmond	Planning Commission	50.00
4545	Walt Richmond	Planning Commission	50.00
4546	Tom Dechmann	Administration to 6/11	383.55
4547	Sharon Owen	Administration to 6/11	107.31
4548	Marla Yoho	Administration to 6/11	1,686.61
4549	Walt Richmond	Administration to 6/11	290.00
4550	Jim Weizenegger	Administration to 6/11	135.65
4551	Cass County Recorder	Cartway Recording	46.00
4552	Tom Dechmann	2nd Qtr Expenses	292.90
4553	Sharon Owen	2nd Qtr Expenses	99.76
4554	Walt Richmond	2nd Qtr Expenses	81.21
4555	Jim Weizenegger	2nd Qtr Expenses	11.60
4556	Marla Yoho	2nd Qtr Expenses	1,229.18
4557	Ken LaPorte	Planning Commission	50.00
4558	Rardin Excavating	Road Maintenance to 6/6	677.50

Total: \$45,724.95

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

Respectfully submitted,
Marla Yoho, Clerk

Jim Weizenegger, Chairman