

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING

March 4, 2020

The March Monthly Meeting of the Fairview Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Fairview Town Hall on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 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.

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

Treasurer's Report: The following are the February 29th, 2020 balances in the Township accounts: \$145,086.67 in Checking and \$228,254.57 in Money Market funds. **Revenues for February were \$22,877.97** (\$246.49 interest; \$302.03 Gas and Electricity reimbursement, \$22,329.45 Gas Tax Allocation); **Expenditures totaled \$13,523.51** (\$10,052.50 Road & Bridge; \$375.47 Fire; and \$3,095.54 in General Gov't expenses).

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

Road Report:

- Tom reported the month was very quiet with less than an inch of snow. **He has not been aware of any problems.**
- The vacation of the platted road (Old White Pine Drive) in front of Tom Young's property will be on the agenda at the annual meeting. The property description has been approved by Katie Norby.

Fire Report:

- Walt reported they have received almost \$13,000 in donations from the calendar. This money will be added to the fund to buy new equipment for the firefighters, which must be updated every 10 years. It costs about \$80,000 (\$3,500 each) to equip the whole crew.
- There have already been about 175 requests for the **File of Life**. Marla has ordered more packets, stickers and personal size cards and will fulfill all the requests in April, when the requests slow down.
- The **East Gull Lake City Council** had their meeting on Monday and were expected to approve the **2021 contract with the Fire Dept. at \$57,500**. After that they will contract on a year-to-year basis with their contract increasing or decreasing in the same percentage as the budget.
- The fire department purchased 3 unsupported radios from the Sheriff's office to have as spares.
- Walt has asked the fire board to re-look at the assessment formula.
- The roof at the firehall is leaking which may require an expenditure.
- The fire department training retreat at Hunt Point went very well with several good speakers.
- The department had 17 runs in February, 9 less than in 2019.

Park Board Mtg:

- Park expenses were over-budget last year so the board has decided to increase dues to \$2,500.
- Walt will be making an application for a Crow Wing Power Round-Up grant. They need the money to repair the drop-off that has been created at the boat landing by boats revving their motor to get onto their trailers. They also need to do another weed treatment in the swimming area and buy some signs.

Trail Committee:

- The Jake's Gull Lake Grille sign is too close to the road to allow the proper placement of the trail. Since

it is located on a bend in the road it must be at least 10 feet from the roadbed. The Jacobs brothers were very agreeable to moving the sign, landscaping, rocks and electricity farther back onto their property. They will work with Bryan to make sure the spacing is adequate.

- Bryan said the plans should be ready to submit to Cass County within the next couple of weeks.

Old Business:

PNP Election: The election was slower than a normal election, with only 94 ballots cast (about 15% of our registered voters). The day was fairly issue free considering voters had to declare a party affiliation. As reported last month, there were some problems with the online training, but everyone did complete it before the election. We operated with a minimal staff since not many voters were expected.

New Business:

Sharon Owen resignation: After serving on the board from 1993 to 2006 as Treasurer and 2008 to 2020 as Deputy Treasurer, Sharon Owen has submitted her resignation. Jenny Gunsbury has agreed to accept her position. Sharon will be missed.

Clerk's Report:

- Annual Meeting, Tuesday, March 10th^h 6:30 pm
- MAT Short Course, March 23rd, 8 am (Sharon will attend the Treasurers session and report back)
- Road Review: Tuesday, April 21st 7:30 am
- Board of Equalization: Tuesday, April 21st 1 pm

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

10320	Xcel Energy	Natural Gas	189.22
20320	Bremer Bank Visa	Software	24.68
30320	Bremer Bank	Service Charge	7.50
40320	Crow Wing Power	Electricity	220.00
50320	CTC	Telephone, Internet	95.59
60320	PERA	Retirement Contribution	377.67
70320	US Treasury	1st Qtr Federal Withholding	1,399.02
80320	Minnesota Revenue	1st Qtr State Withholding	146.98
4643	MN-Assn-Township	Short-Course	50.00
4653	Clasen Stegner & Schiessl CPAs	2019 Audit	4,952.00
4654	Bolton & Menk	Trail- Engineering & Soil	14,981.00
4655	Minnesota Benefit Assn	Life Insurance	805.00
4656	MN-Assn-Township	Short-Course	50.00
4657	Tom Dechmann	Administration to 3/4	149.68
4658	Jenny Gunsbury	PNP Election	193.93
4659	Sharon Owen	Administration to 3/4	171.70
4660	Marla Yoho	Administration to 3/4	1,641.75
4661	Walt Richmond	Administration to 3/4	261.94
4662	Jim Weizenegger	Administration to 3/4	130.97
4663	Ellie Dechmann	PNP Election	170.00
4664	Angie Rardin	PNP Election	170.00
4665	Jerry Jensen	PNP Election	170.00

4666	Paul Cibuzar	PNP Election	170.00
4667	Tom Dechmann	1st Qtr supplies	44.54
4668	Sharon Owen	1st Qtr Mileage & Supplies	145.41
4669	Marla Yoho	1st Qtr Mileage & Supplies	97.75

Total \$26,716.33

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

Respectfully submitted,
Marla Yoho, Clerk

Jim Weizenegger, Chairman