

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING

**April 9 2019**

The April Monthly Meeting of the Fairview Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Fairview Town Hall on Tuesday, April 9, 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.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** The following are the March 31st balances in the Township accounts: \$64,569.58 in Checking and \$402,596.84 in Money Market funds. **Revenues for March were \$1,503.19** (\$872.02 interest; \$631.17 Gas and Electricity reimbursement); **Expenditures totaled \$8,605.37** (\$0.00 Road & Bridge; \$422.45 Fire; and \$8,182.92 General Gov't expenses.)

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

### **Road Report:**

- Tom placed the **Weight Limit** signs on March 19<sup>th</sup> as weight limits went into effect at 12:01 am that date.
- Throughout the month he monitored the culverts that have had ice blockages. The culvert on Gregory Drive continued to run well, but Tom had to have the two culverts on **Birch Forest Road hydro-jetted** by Fyles on March 27<sup>th</sup>.
- The **French drain on Birch Forest Road** (near Wainwrights) has sunk at least 2 inches.
- Tom met with Harry Brodmarkle, the new owner of the home at the intersection of Rardin Rd and **Cottage Wood Dr.** Brodmarkle would like to construct a garage on the back portion of the property with a driveway exiting onto the Rardin Minimum Maintenance Rd. Tom explained that the road is only sporadically maintained and that there have been drainage issues. Brodmarkle has already applied for a permit from Cass Cty for the garage.

### **Fire Report:**

- Walt reported that Greg Ringler has met with **Rob Mason, East Gull Lake** City Administrator, and presented the two contract options. Mason will present the options to the City Council.
- The pumper truck from Station #2 has been sold to Great Plains Fire Eqpmt. for \$12,900. The fire dept. replaced the permanent gun on the new truck with the telescopic deck gun from the old truck.
- The Motorola radios will continue to work for a while (until they don't), so they will have a little time to start putting away money so they can phase into them.
- Sandy Youngblom has started a campaign on Facebook to enlist new firefighters. The firefighters would like to buy uniforms they could wear when they attend functions (2 shirts, 1 pr. of pants).
- There were 19 calls in March, with 2 in Fairview, Y-T-D count is 67 opposed to 62 in 2018.

### **Sheriff's Annual Report:**

- Lt. Brad Rittgers and Deputy Travis Collette attended the meeting to update the Board on activities in the Sheriff's Office and review any concerns they might have. The Sheriff's Dispatchers handled 20,859 **calls for service** in 2018, with 97% of those calls coming from cell phones. The busiest months are May through July and most 911 calls come in on Saturdays. Cass County participates in an alternative option to calling 911 called "**Text-to-911**". A person should use this service only when they can't make a voice call.

The department has **37 full-time patrol officers, including 3 sergeants and 2 lieutenants**. The old K-9 officer had an aggressive cancer and had to be put down. The department obtained a grant which has allowed them to get two new K-9 officers from the original agency.

The department dealt with **198 serious crimes**, including three homicides. Other serious crimes included 29 assaults, 115 burglaries, 4 criminal vehicular operation, 2 kidnappings and 45 criminal sexual conduct incidents.

806 files were submitted to the county attorney **leading to 236 convictions**.

They arrested 48 impaired drivers with an average blood alcohol level of .158.

**Motor vehicles crashes** include 266 crash with no injury, 180 crash vs. deer, 71 crash with injury, 4 crash vs. deer with injury 4, and 4 listed as just "crash".

Deputies conducted **899 random compliance checks** on predatory offenders. They booked 2,719 various offenders for a daily average of 7.45. These numbers are down from 2017. Cass County lowered their contract with Crow Wing County from 60 to 40 beds, starting January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Deputy Chad Emery has become the **Emergency Management Coordinator** and Deputy Dillon Bruns has become the **Sentence to Serve Supervisor**. STS crews spent 3,672 hours on county projects, 257 for the US Forest service, 240 for the DNR, and 715 for other non-profits. Examples of the work they performed included cutting brush over streets and sidewalks, removing illegal dump sites and decorating city streets for Christmas. They may be a good source for cleaning the trail once it is completed (and possibly cleaning asphalt gutters on township roads).

There were **298 "incidents" in Fairview last year**, but that doesn't mean they were crimes. These incidents usually include license plate checks, medical calls, vehicle vs. deer, or compliance checks, etc.

They issued 318 gun permits to purchase and 395 permits to carry.

826.3 pounds of unwanted medications were collected in the **"Take It To the Box"** program.

- The Sheriff's Department has been pleased with the turn-out at the "Community Outreach Day" held by the township and would like to participate again. *Dechmann/Richmond/Unanimous*: Motion to hold another **"Community Outreach Day" on June 18<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 2 pm**.

#### **Pillager Lake Park Board:**

- Walt Richmond reported they have found a new Park Host. They are currently performing the necessary background checks, and he may move in soon.

- They have analyzed the power bills and think the power to the pavilions cost about \$35 per month.

- Walt went to make an application to the DNR to remove weeds from the swimming area, but found out that the DNR will actually perform the service. They charge by the square foot, with an estimate of \$35 to clear the necessary area.

#### **Fairview Trail Update:**

- Marla has been working on the documents required to be submitted to the DNR before the grants can be formalized. The **"Joint Application Form for Activities Affecting Water Resources in Minnesota"** was submitted to the TEP Board last month, and was on the agenda for their meeting on Thursday (April 11<sup>th</sup>). Since they have to physically review the trail site and compare it with the Wetland Delineation report, in view of the pending snow storm, Kelly Condiff has moved the review up to Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

- The Natural Heritage application was submitted to the DNR in January, but we haven't received any information. Marla has called the woman in charge, but has not received any calls back.

-Renee Barnes of the DOT has requested a more extensive Archaeological Survey than the one that was completed by Frank Florin several years ago. That report was sufficient for the Crow Wing Power utility work last year. Marla has been working with Frank Florin to complete a

more specific review, but due to commitments to MnDOT, etc., he would not be able to complete the survey report until the end of October. That will be too late. The list Renee Barnes submitted of other people/ firms who could perform the proper survey included the name of Austin Jenkins, who works for Bolton & Menk in the Cities. Marla has provided him some in-depth information and shapefiles of the trail area. Jenkins indicated he would be able to complete the survey report by June/ July, and is supposed to get back to us with costs, timeline, etc. this week. Due to the impending time constraints, Marla asked the Board for permission to enter into an agreement with him if the dollar figure and time frame are acceptable. *Richmond/ Weizenegger/ Unanimous: Motion to enter into a contract with Bolton & Menk for an Archaeological Survey if they meet our criteria.* It was understood Marla would contact Jim Weizenegger before proceeding.

- The time constraints referred to above have become an issue because Dan Golner, DNR Grant Coordinator, advised Marla the Regional grant is not extendable. It expires on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Work being covered by that grant must be completed by then. The Federal grant may be extended if work is underway.

- Jenny Gunsbury has completed a flyer promoting the "Pints For a Purpose" event at the Jack Pine Brewery. We've had 700 full size flyers printed to include with the township newsletter that will be mailed out this week. In addition, about 750 half-sheet flyers will be printed for Papa Murphy's to insert into all pizza boxes during the two-week period before the event.

-The article Jenny wrote about the Gull Lake Trail is printed in the current issue of the Lake Country Journal. It looks very good.

- On Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, Marla, Rob Mason and Teri Hastings will be making a presentation to the GMRPT Board and Area Directors explaining how they have collaborated on planning the trail, getting a Regional Designation, and applying for grant funds. The presentation will be in MacIntosh, MN.

- Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, Marla and Jenny will be on WJJY's "Community Outreach" segment to talk about the trail.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Spring Short Course Summary:** Tom and Walt heard a presentation by a speaker from ISO, an independent company that rates fire departments and provides the ISO ratings.

Tom reported that townships aren't mandated to provide fire coverage, but if they didn't, who would? There was a discussion about the various factors that could be used when formulating fire assessments. They can include: Number of calls, Population, Total property value, and providing a building for housing fire equipment.

There was Board discussion about the legality of a fire department providing a list of all calls and how HEPA laws could come into play.

- The township can trespass up to 300-feet onto private property to dispose of a beaver that is causing damage or obstruction. They can be disposed of in any manner, such as shooting, they don't have to be just trapped.

-The DNR distributed colorful books that aid in identifying noxious weeds.

#### **Clerk's Report:**

- A newsletter covering the Annual Meeting will be in the mail to all township property owners by Friday

- Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup>: CCAT/ HSEM Damage Assessment Training 10am- 4pm, Walker

- Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup>: Spring Road Review 8am – 12:45pm (Weather Delay date: April 29th)
- Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup>: Board of Appeals and Equalization - 1pm Town Hall
- Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>: Fairview Trail Advisory Committee Meeting – 7 pm Town Hall
- Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>: WJJY “ Community Outreach”
- Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>: Trail collaboration presentation to GMRPT directors in MacIntosh, MN
- Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup>: Pints for a Purpose 5pm-8pm Jack Pine Brewery
- Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup>: Pillager School Referendum Vote 7am- 8pm
- Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>: May Monthly Board Meeting 6:30 pm

Dates to Save:

- August 21<sup>st</sup>: Noxious Weeds Training, Time ?, Walker Community Center
- August 21<sup>st</sup>: MAT Dist 11 Annual Meeting, 5:30 pm Walker Community Center
- August 29<sup>th</sup>: Salt I Training, 10 am-2:30 pm Walker Community Center

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

10419	CTC	Internet & Phone	97.49
20419	Xcel Energy	Natural Gas - Fire Hall	252.03
30419	Crow Wing Power	Electricity	197.00
40419	PERA	Retirement Fund	406.51
50419	US Treasury	1st Quarter Withholding	773.14
60419	Minnesota Revenue	1st Quarter Withholding	62.11
70419	Bremer Bank	Monthly Service Charge	7.50
4509	Cass County Sheriff	Lakes Area Dive Team	500.00
4510	Rardin Excavating	Snow Removal 2/6-3/10	18,645.00
4511	GovOffice	Website Hosting & Maint	525.00
4512	Cass County Auditor	Solid Waste Fee	66.00
4513	Fyle's	Hydrojet Culverts	195.00
4514	Rardin Excavating	Snow Removal 3/12-3/14	3,345.00
4515	Forum Communication	Published notices	438.87
4516	Tom Dechmann	Administration to 4/9	594.04
4517	Sharon Owen	Administration to 4/9	446.42
4518	Marla Yoho	Administration to 4/9	1,071.73
4519	Walt Richmond	Administration to 4/9	565.98
4520	Jim Weizenegger	Administration to 4/9	252.58

Total: \$28,441.40

*Richmond/ Dechmann / Unanimous*: Motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Marla Yoho, Clerk

Jim Weizenegger, Chairman