

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING

JANUARY 9, 2018

The January Monthly Meeting of the Fairview Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Fairview Town Hall on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 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 January Monthly Meeting** as presented.

Treasurer's Report: The following are the year-end balances in the Township accounts: \$133,012.14 in Checking and \$322,761.68 in Money Market funds. **Revenues for December were \$141,304.97** (\$1,191.27 interest; \$144.86 Gas and Electricity reimbursement, \$2,189.79 Township Aid, \$137,779.05 Property Taxes); **Expenditures totaled \$5,948.09** (\$917.50 Road & Bridge; \$211.22 Fire; and \$4,819.37 in General Gov't expenses). \$40,000 General Funds and \$30,000 Road & Bridge Funds were transferred from Checking to MMI.

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

Road Report:

- Tom, Marla, Mike Rardin and Shorty Spohn met on S Agate Shore Dr at the end of the Birch Bay RV Resort property to determine how large of an area would be required for a turnaround if the vacation of the portion of the road within the RV Resort was to be approved. Creating a turnaround would require the removal of two large trees and the removal of lower limbs on a third.

Lee Wangstad attended the Board meeting to find out if the Board had already vacated the road since he has had some trouble with being accused of trespassing when he has still been on the public portion of the road.

- Walt spoke with Jim Ackerson (May Township Supervisor) who indicated they hope Fairview won't be budgeting any R&B dollars toward work on Mayfair Minimum Maintenance Rd since they have many other roads that need work worse.

Fire Report:

- Walt reported there is still a question about whether the Fire Relief Assn. will be able to sell pull tabs at the Corner Store. They must check with the state to see if there is a problem with tabs being sold to persons under 21 by workers in the liquor store portion of the store.

- The Fire Dept. is getting prices on new radios for the firemen. The radios they have are obsolete, and parts are no longer available. They currently have 14 radios but need at least 20 for all the firefighters. The current radios will still receive messages, but they can't send out emergency signals, which is a safety issue. The preliminary price is \$2,000 to \$2,500 each.

- Squad #1 had to be towed in for service. They are hoping it is still under warranty.

- There were 24 runs in December, with 7 in Fairview (4 medical, 1 search, 1 hazardous condition, 1 tractor fire), for a year-to-date total of 288 runs, compared to 275 last year. There was a total of 45 runs in Fairview in 2017.

Reorganizational Meeting:

Richmond/ Dechmann/ Unanimous: Motion to have all Supervisors remain in the positions they currently hold (White Ballot) as follows:

Chair: Jim Weizenegger;
Vice Chair: Walt Richmond;
Road Supervisor: Tom Dechmann; **Fire Liaison:** Walt Richmond
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Weizenegger/ Richmond/ Unanimous: **Motion to appoint Planning Commission: Board Liaison:** Tom Dechmann.

Weizenegger/ Dechmann/ Unanimous: **Motion to appoint the following Planning Commission Members:** Ken LaPorte, Walt Richmond, Herb Richmond, Joe Fitterer (Walt Richmond abstained)

Richmond/ Dechmann/ Unanimous: Motion to maintain all **checking and savings funds in Bremer Bank and all CDs in BlackRidge Bank.**

Weizenegger/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to designate the following **newspapers and posting places for public notices:**

Published: Brainerd Dispatch and Lake Country Echo

Posted: Jake's Grill and the Town Hall

Richmond/ Weizenegger/Unanimous: Motion to leave the stipend **paid to Board members for Township Board and Fire Board meetings at \$135. Planning Commission Liaison is \$125.00 plus Mileage.** (Ayes: Richmond, Dechmann, Weizenegger).

Weizenegger/ Dechmann/ Unanimous: Motion to leave the **hourly rate paid for office work and duties outside the regular monthly meeting at \$20.00 per hour**, which is in line with rates paid in the area for similar responsibilities. (Ayes: Dechmann, Richmond, Weizenegger).

Weizenegger/ Dechmann/ Unanimous: The rate paid for **Mileage reimbursement** will follow the 2018 IRS rate of \$.545 per mile. (Ayes: Dechmann, Richmond, Weizenegger)

Weizenegger/ Richmond/Unanimous: Motion to pay **Trail Committee Chair \$30** per organized meeting, as approved by the Board.

Conflict of Interest Resolutions: The elected board members (supervisors) signed Conflict of Interest Resolutions covering any wages they are paid for work done outside of the actual board meeting. Sharon Owen and Marla Yoho are employees and do not require resolutions. Even though Jim Weizenegger is retired as a firefighter, he does receive a pension from the Fire Dept. so he must sign a Conflict of Interest resolution to abstain from all matters concerning the Pillager Fire Dept.

Richmond/ Dechmann: Authorizing A Supervisors Interest in a Contract- Weizenegger: Weizenegger Abstained; Richmond Aye, Dechmann Aye. (Jim retired as Firefighter, but receives a pension.)

Dechmann/ Richmond: Authorizing Contract with Interested Officer- Weizenegger: Weizenegger Abstained; Richmond Aye, Dechmann Aye.

Dechmann/ Weizenegger: Authorizing Contract with Interested Officer- Richmond. Weizenegger Aye; Richmond Abstained, Dechmann Aye.

Weizenegger/ Richmond: Authorizing Contract with Interested Officer -Dechmann: Weizenegger Aye; Richmond Aye, Dechmann Abstained.

Trail Committee: Marla updated the Board on the progress made this last month.

- The fundraising session held at the Boathouse on December 13th was very well attended. A tally of the donations received is as follows:

Strands \$5,000 (received in November)

Vogt's \$10,000 (pledged \$2,00 per year 2018 thru 2022)

Quarterdeck \$4,000 (pledged \$2,000 in 2017 and 2018)

Birch Bay RV Resort \$2,000 (pledged \$1,000 in 2017 and 2018)

Maddens \$5,000 (matching funds committed on funds raised in December = \$6,100)

Cash donations: \$3,100 (Bercher, Duerr, Hastings, Mason, Owen, Yoho, Larson, Galassi)

- The DNR Federal Regional Trail Grant application is due 2/28 and the DNR Recreational Trail Grant application is due 3/31. Marla and Jenny will be working on the applications.

Weizenegger/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to approve resolutions giving the Fairview Trail Committee approval to apply for the DNR Federal Regional Trail Grant and the DNR Recreational Trail Grant.

- Marla reported on phone conversations she had with Tad Erickson and ?? from MNDot concerning the TA grant application for 2022. They both confirmed the TA grant is for non-motorized trails. There is some possibility that snowmobiles could use it in the winter, but definitely not golf carts.

Old Business:

September 20th Storm: The check for \$4,856 from the HSEM, which should have been deposited by 12/7 has not been received yet. Apparently, it was accidentally mailed to the Fairview Township in southern Minnesota. There has been a personnel change in the department that issues the check and there is some confusion about how they can get the money back and reissue the check. Marla will try to find someone who can follow through.

CD Renewal: All four of the township CDs will matured on December 18, 2017. BlackRidge still had the best rate at .7% for 24-month terms. The rate would go to .8% if we want to commit to 48 months.

New Business:

Board of Audit: The Board reviewed the checkbook, bank statements, financial reports (manual and CTAS generated) and claims from 2017.

Richmond/ Dechmann/ Unanimous: Motion to approve the finance and cash records of 2017 as presented to the Board of Audit. (Aye: Weizenegger, Richmond, Dechmann)

Clerk's Report:

Meeting Schedule: *Dechmann/ Richmond/ Unanimous:* Motion to move February Monthly Board meeting to **Tuesday, February 6th** due to the short time span between the February and March meetings.

Dechmann/ Richmond/ Unanimous: Motion to move to the **March Monthly Board meeting to Wednesday, March 7th** due to the Annual Meeting on March 13th.

LED Dusk to Dawn Lights: *Richmond/ Dechmann/ Unanimous:* Motion to have Electric, Etc. replace the light at the peak of the fire hall with an LED Dawn-to-Dusk. They should also replace the motion detector light above the town hall door with a smaller Dawn-to-Dusk light.

Cass County Auditor/ Treasurer: The state statutory duties of the auditor-treasurer to the county's chief financial officer (Sandra Norikane). Sharon Anderson will retain responsibility for election oversight.

Out of Office: Marla will be out of the office from January 11th through March 5th, but she will be monitoring all township responsibilities via the internet, and the township phone will roll to her cell phone for immediate response. Sharon will be collecting all township mail.

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

10118	CTC	Internet & Phone	99.58
20118	Xcel Energy	Natural Gas - Fire Hall	170.88
30118	Crow Wing Power	Electricity	190.00
40118	PERA	Retirement Fund	339.51
50118	Bremer Bank	Monthly Service Charge	7.50
4296	Cass Cty Assn of Townships	CCAT & MAT Dues	1,035.46
4297	Marla Yoho	Supplies, Postage	363.20
4298	Tom Dechmann	Administration to 1/9	145.00
4299	Sharon Owen	Administration to 1/9	151.88
4300	Marla Yoho	Administration to 1/9	1,555.82
4301	Walt Richmond	Administration to 1/9	252.58
4302	Jim Weizenegger	Administration to 1/9	126.29
4303	Rardin Excavating	Snow Removal 12/11-12/28	5,772.50

Total: \$10,210.20

Richmond/ Dechmann/ Unanimous: Motion to adjourn at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Marla Yoho, Clerk

Jim Weizenegger, Chairman