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Clerk Susan Krasaway, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 5, 2020

ATTENDING: Chair Kurt Brooks, Supervisor Kevin Comnick, Supervisor Dan Golen, Clerk Susan Krasaway, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal, Road Foreman Gary Oswell, Fire Chief Gene Stevens, Assistant Chief Clyde Mortinsen, Rec Director Mike Ellingson, and eight residents.

Chair Brooks called the meeting to order at 7 p.m., and the pledge of allegiance was recited. Brooks attended the meeting remotely for medical reasons; therefore he asked Vice-chair Golen to chair the meeting.

AGENDA, MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT & BILLS

- A. **AGENDA**: Motion by Comnick, seconded by Brooks, to approve the agenda as written: Motion carried unanimously 3-0, via roll call vote (Brooks: aye, Comnick: aye, Golen: aye)
- B. **MINUTES**: Motion by Brooks, seconded by Comnick, to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting (7/1/2020) with a few minor changes under PLAWCS and Town Hall Well. Motion carried unanimously 3-0, via roll call vote (Brooks: aye, Comnick: aye, Golen: aye)
- C. **TREASURER'S REPORT**: Motion by Golen, seconded by Comnick, to approve the Treasurer's Report (1/1/20 – 7/31/20). Motion carried 2-0, via roll call vote (Comnick: aye, Golen: aye, Brooks: abstain since he had not reviewed the documents)
- Treasurer Borndal confirmed we have received our CARES act funding (\$54,800+) and she is updating the account numbers in CTAS to capture our Covid-related expenditures in line with the state recommendations. We will also be able to use CARES funding for the Q2 unemployment costs for the recycling attendant.
 - We are still waiting on a few more well-related bills before we can submit the final report to the state for our well grant reimbursement.
- D. **PAY BILLS**: Motion by Comnick, seconded by Golen, to pay bills #20908 - 20955 and EFT-2020-8.
Discussion: The date is incorrect on the payroll checks (July instead of August), but has been updated correctly in CTAS. Motion carried 2-0, via roll call vote (Comnick: aye, Golen: aye, Brooks: abstain since he had not reviewed the documents)

PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. **Proctor Area Educational Foundation (REA³D)**: Sherm Carlson explained how the foundation raises money to distribute grants for athletic, art and academic projects within the community. He encouraged the board to apply for grants, typically \$1,000 and under.
- B. **Pike Lake 10K/Half Marathon**: Clint Agar and Alisha Bradley presented their proposed safety protocols and procedures for the upcoming race. This includes staggered small group start times, no post-race awards/pancake breakfast, etc. Agar also apologized for any previous miscommunication and emphasized that he wants this to be a long-term partnership between the race and the township; if the town does not want the race to happen, they will cancel it. Motion by Comnick, seconded by Brooks, stating the township has no

objection to the race as long since the updated rules/protocols are followed and the Fire Chief/FD support it.
Discussion: Agar & Bradley will plan on attending the meeting in September with any updates. Golen also stated it was important to have a plan for when to cancel depending on the covid spread; the organizers agreed. Motion carried unanimously 3-0, via roll call vote (Brooks: aye, Connick: aye, Golen: aye)

- C. **Waste Wood Recycling Concerns:** David & Karla Kukowski read a statement outlining their concerns about noise and potential safety issues/CUP violations at Waste Wood. They also provided a list of dates/times when they witnessed trucks operating in the middle of the night/early morning hours. Jim Gilmore also presented a statement with his concerns.

Motion by Connick, seconded by Golen, to send a letter to SLC asking them to formally investigate the alleged violations/issues and then have a meeting between SLC, the township and concerned parties to review their findings and determine a path forward. A SLC complaint form and the statements provided by Gilmore and the Kukowskis will be attached to the letter. Motion carried unanimously 3-0, via roll call vote (Brooks: aye, Connick: aye, Golen: aye)

OLD BUSINESS

A. FIRE DEPARTMENT

2020 FIRE DEPT. RESPONSES			
Call Type	July #'s	Notes	Total for 2020
EMS	14		89
Medical MUA	0		10
Twp Fire	2		17
MUA Fire	4		13
Service	1		1
TOTAL	21		130

Training: pump operations, shuttles, drafting, driving. Cleaned out the fire hall/meeting rooms and attic.

B. ROADS

Crack repairs will happen soon. The parking lot seal coat/stripping is complete. The ROW mowing is complete. Connick is looking into the best pricing for brush cutting.

Cemetery Road Seal Coat & Crack Repair: Motion by Connick, seconded by Golen, to accept the \$1,160 quote from Asphalt of Duluth to seal coat and crack repair the cemetery road; the work will take place this fall or in the spring. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

There is a truck parked in the ROW at the end of Tomak. The supervisors discussed sending a letter or perhaps having the sheriff ticket it. No decision made.

C. RECYCLING

The recycling center will stay open for the August primary, but will be closed for the November election. As soon as we get the seal coat invoice from Asphalt of Duluth, the Treasurer will send it to WLSSD for the Improvements Grant reimbursement.

D. RECREATION AREA

Rec Director Ellingson has sanitized the playground four times so far (once per week). Next season the board will have to make a plan for the pickleball court (improve or abandon).

- E. **PIKE LAKE:** Pike Lake inspections going well. The dock is in.

F. TRAILS

There is still one load of appliances left at the Industrial Road site.

Garret Campbell has offered a truckload of wood chips for the Loop trail. Spreading these out would be a great job for the Boy Scouts next year. Comnick once again stated he does not want to spend township money on trails. Brooks stated that so far the costs have been conservative thanks to generous volunteer labor. Moving forward, the costs will be minimal and limited mostly to mowing once or twice a year. All agreed the usage should be monitored, especially once its in great shape for hikers/bikers.

The DNR has opened the CWMA trails again, but there are no trees.

G. CEMETERY

The plaque has been updated with five names; Ellingson will get some mulch for the memorial. There will be one burial on the 19th.

H. TOWN HALL WELL

Golen will get a testing kit to re-test the well water most notably the elevated arsenic levels.

I. AIRPORT ZONING

The draft ordinance was sent to MnDOT. Township Attorney Michael Orman has been tasked with protecting our interest in a current JAZB debate involving Hermantown and Rice Lake. Orman also reminded Comnick about potential annexation concerns.

J. BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Cub Cadet Mower: Motion by Golen, seconded by Brooks, to advertise the Cub Cadet lawn mower and after-market snowblower attachment on Facebook Marketplace for \$300. *Discussion*: The mower has not been used in years and currently does not run. Brooks said the township cannot just give it away or sell it to an employee; rather there should be an opportunity for others to see it/buy it. The clerk will list it at \$300 and see what type of response we get; it will be sold as is. Motion carried 2-1, with Comnick voting against it because of safety concerns about selling it on Marketplace.

NEW BUSINESS

A. DUMPSTERS

Comnick got a quote from Hartel's for garbage dumpsters at the town hall and landing. He does not like the look of the A&B dumpsters or the service the company provides. The board will compare the prices and decide next month.

B. TOWN HALL CLEANING

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Golen, authorizing the clerk to find a cleaning company to service the town hall weekly on an interim basis until Pinewood is back up and running. *Discussion*: Comnick volunteered to do the cleaning, but Brooks felt this was not an appropriate or fair duty for a supervisor and instead wants to contract with a licensed, professional company. Motion carried 2-1 via roll call (Brooks: aye, Comnick: nay, Golen: aye).

C. PIKE LAKE GOLF & BEACH CLUB

Roger Anderson asked if there had been any negative feedback regarding his property; the township has not heard anything. He is in the process of getting the permit for the storage units at the site.

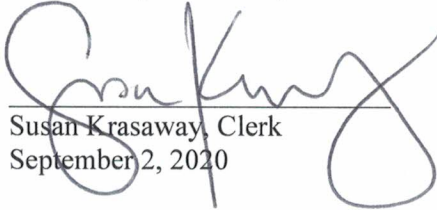
CORRESPONDENCE

- Notice of the MAT district 10 meeting notice on August 27; will be held via zoom at 6 p.m.
- Advertisement letters from Miller's Roof Coatings and Eagle Waste Recycling.
- Notice that Midway Township's National Night Out has been cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT

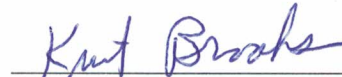
Motion by Connick, seconded by Golen, to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 p.m. Motion carried unanimously 3-0, via roll call vote (Brooks: aye, Connick: aye, Golen: aye).

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Krasaway, Clerk
September 2, 2020

APPROVED:



Kurt Brooks, Chair
September 2, 2020