**Minutes: Regular Meeting**

**February 5, 2020**

ATTENDING: Chair Kevin Comnick, Supervisor Kurt Brooks, Supervisor Dan Golen, Clerk Susan Krasaway, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal, Fire Chief Gene Stevens, Road Foreman Gary Oswell, Rec Director Mike Ellingson, and four residents. Chair Comnick called the meeting to order at 7 p.m., and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Agenda, Minutes, Treasurer’s Report & Bills**

1. AGENDA: Motion by Golen, seconded by Comnick, to approve the agenda with one addition: add BVP Boundary & Annexation Map Corrections under New Business. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.
2. MINUTES: Motion by Brooks, seconded by Comnick, to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting (1/2/2020), with some wording changes to the Outstanding Check Policy paragraph. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.
3. TREASURER’S REPORT: Motion by Comnick, seconded by Golen, to approve the Treasurer’s Report (1/1/20 –1/31/20). Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Insurance Deductibles: Motion by Brooks, seconded by Comnick, to increase our MATIT insurance deductibles to the highest possible amount across the board. *Discussion*: the supervisors felt the relatively minor deductible increases, and the resulting $900 in annual savings, were worth the risk. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

CD’s: Motion by Comnick, seconded by Brooks, to purchase a 13-month, $100,000 certificate of deposit from North Shore Bank. *Discussion:* Our existing CDs come up for renewal or removal in June. the board will make a concrete plan in the next few months after reviewing interest rates and timing options. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.

Fire Aid: We have not yet received our state fire aid payment.

1. PAY BILLS: Motion by Brooks, seconded by Golen, to pay bills #20703-207378 and EFT-2020-2. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

**Special Topic: Pike Lake Golf & Beach Club**

Roger and Diane Anderson updated the board on their plans for thePike Lake Golf & Beach Club (former AAA property): The Andersons are assuming the purchase will move forward as planned in April and have been working with St. Louis County on their development plans; this includes housing units, seasonal camper sites, a clubhouse/grill and/or a potential event center options (either permanent or seasonal). The community will be notified of relevant public hearings. The hope is to have the golf course and beach operational to some extent this spring/summer.

Liquor License Request: Motion by Comnick, seconded by Golen, approving the request for a new combination On/Off sale (Sunday On-Sale) Liquor License for the Pike Lake Golf & Beach Club. *Discussion:* This is a county license, but township approval/denial is taken into consideration by SLC when considering the application. There will not be a dedicated liquor store on the premise, but some off-sale options will be available to patrons, Monday-Saturday. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

**Old Business**

1. **PLANNING & ZONING**

At Supervisor Brooks’ request, SLC’s Donald Rigney sent us a summary of the permits issued for the year.

* Land use permits issued: 25
* Total valuation: N/A
* Variances approved: 2 (Broman, Carlberg)
* Variances denied: 0
* Conditional use permits approved: 3 (Peterson Landscaping, Geoff Parsons, Aaron Lewis)
* Conditional use permits denied: 0
* Subdivision permits: 9
* Performance standard permit: 1

This information will be available to residents at the Annual Meeting.

Note: Steve Oswell (Sign Decisions) will remove the reference to township P&Z meetings on the sign at our posting spot at the Lavaque & Martin intersection.

1. **FIRE RELIEF:** Quarterly meeting dates will be posted by the clerk
2. **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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| 2020 FIRE DEPT. RESPONSES | | | |
| Call Type | **January #’s** | **Notes** | **Total for 2020** |
| EMS | 18 |  | 18 |
| Medical MUA | 0 |  | 0 |
| Twp Fire | 1 |  | 1 |
| MUA Fire | 1 |  | 1 |
| Service | 0 |  | 0 |
| TOTAL | **15** |  | **18** |

The Chief also provided year-end numbers for 2019: 189 total calls last year, including 149 township medical, 8 MUA medical, 12 Twp fire, 16 MUA fire calls, 4 service calls.

FD Activities/Training: driver training (side by side), truck cleaning, SBCA compressor repair attempts; if the compressor cannot be fixed, a new one would cost an estimated $40,000. This past month they bought treads and a rescue sled to go with the new side by side and have already used it for a Pike Lake medical emergency. They may need a trailer to haul the side by side around. It will be stored in the main garage once the lawn mowers are moved to the recycle shed. Other potential upcoming purchases: a rescue saw and a couple sets of gear.

Stepping Stones False Alarm Issue: the clerk and Comnick will draft a letter to Stepping Stones, asking for their help in limiting false alarm medical calls coming from a local group home. The chief said there were 13 false alarms over a 6-week period; this has been putting a frustrating strain on our volunteers. The letter will respectfully ask for Stepping Stones’ ongoing help solve this issue.

1. **ROADS**

In response to some snowplowing complaints from some Pike Lane residents, Comnick had some accumulated snow piles on the road removed. The township weathered the SLC plowing strike without major incidents or inconvenience; however, as expected, the plowing was noticeably slower.

1. **RECYCLE SHED**

Our annual WLSSD recycling grant application has been submitted. Site improvement grants will be considered only after the operating grants have been determined this spring.

1. **AIS/CD3**

The county has recommended we get our full $25,000 grant funding request, although it will be up to the County Board to give final approval. Comnick attended an AIS meeting with the DNR and SLC officials in January; our program is right in line with other state initiatives in terms of inspector wages, gear, program management, etc.

1. **CEMETERY**

The accumulated snow piles at the cemetery may have come close to damaging some gravestones or the fence. Cemetery Administrator Gary Oswell will take a look and talk to the county if necessary.

1. **NEWSLETTER:** draft articles were reviewed, and minor wording changes were discussed.
2. **PLAWCS:** PLAWCS still needs to sign the new rental agreement; the files have been moved to our garage
3. **TOWN HALL WELL**

Brooks met with Bob Kent; Kent will submit the permit application and help with the Plan Review. There are still some questions about pressure tank placement.

1. **PFC WATER CONTAMINATION**

Golen contacted the 148th for an update: they found another well with abnormally high PFC contaminants and provided bottled water for the residence. The 148th is still waiting on money for enhanced remediation efforts.

1. **NOXIOUS WEEDS**

Our 2020 ($2,500) grant request was approved, and the treasurer submitted the requested paperwork. Comnick gave the clerk permission to electronically sign the grant contract on his behalf when it arrives via email.

1. **AIRPORT ZONING**

The JAZB ordinance will be submitted to MNDOT for approval this spring/summer, and it will incorporate some of the Master Plan concepts. At the meeting tomorrow, they will be finalizing how to pay for a consultant used during the ordinance development process; Monaco Air Foundation has offered to cover the $7,000 payment shortfall, a cost that was potentially going to be divided amongst the surrounding communities.

1. **BUILDING MAINTENANCE:** Roof repair is complete

**New Business**

1. **ELECTION JUDGE APPOINTMENTS**

Motion by Comnick, seconded by Brooks, to approve Resolution 2020-2 and 2020-3, appointing election judges for the March 3, 2020, Presidential Nominating Primary and March 10, 2020, Town Board Election/Absentee Ballot Board. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

1. **BVD BOUNDARY & ANNEXATION MAP**

When filling out the annual map, Brooks noticed an inaccuracy: a one-acre parcel at the intersection of Seville and Lavaque Bypass was incorrectly designated as Hermantown. Brooks contacted them and they plan to fix it.

1. **PIKE LAKE 10K:** The clerk will reach out to the organizer for information

**Correspondence**

* SLACTO minutes and meeting notices
* MN Power Public Hearing Notices
* Newsletters from Fredenberg and Duluth Townships and WLSSD
* Community Education Brochures

**Adjournment**

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Golen, to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Respectfully submitted, Approved:

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Susan Krasaway, Clerk Kevin L. Comnick, Chair

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