

December 11, 2009

A regular board meeting was held on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. All board members were present. There were 7 public attendees. Motion by Takala, supported by Dalpra to approve the minutes from the November 10th meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the agenda with additions. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN'S REPORT:

Monthly bacti water samples were collected from the Lind and Townline systems and sent to the State Lab in Houghton for testing. All samples met the DEQ's Water Division in Gwinn.

Installed a new water service crossing at 1563 Hwy M-69.

The Organic Waste Dump was cleared of debris.

A meter pit was installed at 1613 M-69.

New front and rear brakes were installed on the 1996 Ford F-350 work truck.

Almost all of the fire hydrants were inspected for any water in the barrels and were pumped dry to prevent freezing and not be operational.

All 630 township water meters were read using the auto radio read system.

Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the Public foreman's report. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE AUTHORITY 2010 DATES FOR JOINT MEETING WITH CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS:

Lesandrini stated that he received an email from Dorthea Olson, acting manager for the City of Crystal Falls.

Lesandrini stated that the City would like to hold off until January, because Olson and the Mayor would like to hold a meeting with Lesandrini discussing other issues prior to the joint meeting with the two entities. Lesandrini noted that the City has there meeting on December 14th and at that time they will discuss dates and times to meet with the Township. Lesandrini and the board discussed dates that would work for all board members. January 4th, 5th, 6th, and 13th. were discussed by the board and Lesandrini stated that he would contact Olson with the information to give to the Council.

PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECURITY DEPOSIT REGARDING LATE FEES:

Lesandrini stated that he spoke with Steve Tinti today and he has not completed with the rough draft, which he will present to the board when finished ,hopefully for the meeting in January.

GIS UPDATE:

Lesandrini stated the the GIS system is going well. The new map has been framed and is presently hanging in the hall.

GIBSON LAKE DEVELOPMENT:

Robb Anderson (AECOM) was present to discuss the designs for the pavilion and bathroom/changing rooms.

Lesandrini stated that the committee had been looking at moving the restroom/changing house closer to the parking lot for better wheelchair accessibility. It was also noted by Lesandrini that the changing house would be about 14 feet by 40 feet and will have two changing rooms and two bathrooms. Lesandrini stated that the committee also changed the design of the roof so the water would divert to each side instead of coming from the front. Along with that, Lesandrini stated that there is room for a bulletin board and also a slot for money from the campsites, which will be a locked box. Lesandrini noted that the building will be maintenance free. It will be made of split face block, but the board and park committee still need to decide on the roof type. Lesandrini commented that the pavilion will be around 24 feet by 36 feet. Kut noted that she had been in contact with Norway park superintendent and he e-mailed their designs. Kut stated that Norway has two pavilions, a large and small pavilion, which are made out of wood. One of the designs was in the shape of an octagon, Kut stated, which was very attractive and more rustic, but would probably cost more money. Anderson stated that he would get some quotes on both types.

REQUEST FOR MASTODON TOWNSHIP TO BECOME PART OF THE LIBRARY DISTRICT:

Lesandrini read a letter from Mary J. Thoreson, Library Director regarding representatives from Mastodon Township attending one of the library meeting asking to become part of the district library. Thoreson noted in her letter that state guidelines require the library to receive written permission by December 31, 2009 from our three legal participating municipalities to further pursue the request of the Mastodon Township Board. Motion by Dalpra, supported by Kut to approve the Mastodon Township request. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Seppala stated that she would send a letter on to the library board.

NON-ELECTED SALARIES:

Lesandrini stated that he had received an e-mail from Scott Kenney regarding the cost of living increase. It was noted that the cost of living rose 1.6% in 2009 and an increase in 2010 is expected to be 1%. Lesandrini stated that he would recommend a 2 1/2 or 3 % increase. Lesandrini stated that last year the guys were given a 3% and Terry was given a 3.5%. Dalpra stated that without knowing what Lesandrini's recommendation was going to be she has not had a chance to run the numbers. Kut was also concerned and stated that she would like to have some time to evaluate the numbers. Both Kut and Dalpra suggested to have this put on the agenda for January and the raises could be retroactive to January 1st. Kut stated that this has nothing to do with the employees, which she stated were very efficient in their jobs, but the board needs to evaluate to see what exactly the Township can afford. Motion by Dalpra, supported by Kut to table the non-elective employees raises until January. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEES HOLIDAY GIFTS:

Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the employee holiday gift of a turkey or ham. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

After further discussion, it was decided to table this issue until the January meeting.

MASTODON RECYCLE:

Lesandrini stated that he had received an e-mail from Supervisor of Mastodon Township, Frank Siewiorek regarding the interest of joining us for the recycling. Lesandrini stated that he may contact Hematite Township also to see if there is any interest and the bill could be split 3 ways with having Crystal Falls township hall as drop-off point. The board agreed.

CRYSTAL FALLS SKI HILL:

Lesandrini stated that he had received a letter from Dorothea Olson regarding an informal meeting with the department heads, which the opening of the ski hill was discussed. It was noted in the letter from Dorothea that Dave Graff stated that the little hill ski rope is in such bad shape that if it were put into operation this year it is feared that the rope would not last more than a week. Olson stated in her letter that the little hill would need 675 feet, which would require a purchase of more than needed, (1200 feet) and would result in a waste of the rope. It was also noted that the big hill rope would probably last thru this year, therefore if rope was purchase for both hills the waste would obviously be quite a bit less. Total for both hills is \$ 7,776.00 and the delivery time is 3 weeks, with also having the crew splice the rope and prep the hill could take another week so the new ropes will not be in place until after Christmas break ends. Kut noted that our budget has \$2,000.00 allotted for the ski hill. Lesandrini and Takala stated that they would make some calls to see if there are other vendors to see if they may have something cheaper and delivery time sooner. Lesandrini also stated that he would inform the City that the Township has \$2,000.00 available.

Motion by Dalpra, supported by Kut to approve the EFT's in the amount of \$738.00, the prepaids in the amount of \$80,269.66 and the monthly's in the amount of \$ 10,513.16 totaling \$91,520.82. Roll call was taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Takala, supported by Dalpra to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12th at 4:30 p.m.

Joanne Seppala/Clerk