

March 15, 2023

A regular monthly meeting was held immediately following the Public Budget Hearing on March 14, 2023 at 2:33 p.m. All board members were present. There were 5 public attendees. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to approve the agenda with an addition 11M.) Web Update. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from February 14, 2023. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: No public comments.

PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS: Reviewed the Library minutes and financial statements from Director Evelyn Gathu. Reviewed ICECA Report provided by Chamber Director, Zach Hautala.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN REPORT: Reviewed the Water Superintendent's report for the month of February.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Reviewed the Fire Chief's report for the month of February.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Reviewed the Zoning Administrator's report for the month of February.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Reviewed the Assessor's report for the month of February.

TREASURER REPORT: Supervisor Kenney and Board members thanked Treasurer Ketola for the report on the 2022 Property Tax Summary. Discussion held on Department reports. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the Departmental reports as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE STATION UPDATE: Supervisor Kenney reviewed. The Township did not receive any bids for the construction of the proposed Fire Station. GEI will be looking into other options. Reviewed an email from Gerard Valesano, City Manager. Supervisor Kenney will respond to his email.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE: Curt Stebic explained the Master Plan to the Board.

- i. Resolution: Reviewed. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the resolution for the Board to adopt the Master Plan Update. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

TRUST FUND GRANT UPDATE: Discussion held. A Public Meeting will be scheduled for March 28th at 8:30 a.m. to discuss the grant application submission.

FIRE CONTRACTS: Tabled.

APPROVAL OF OPERATING MILLAGE RATE – NO CHANGE 4.75 MILLS + UP TO .95 MILLS FOR FIRE STATION DEBT SERVICE: Discussion held. Motion by Ketola, supported by Kut to approve the millage rate of 4.75 mills for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and up to .95 mills for the fire station dept service. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

SALARIES AND WAGES: Reviewed report. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the salaries and wages as presented. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

SECTION 457 (B) PLAN CONTRIBUTION RESOLUTION: Discussion held. Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to approve the Section 457 (B) Plan Contribution Resolution. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

BUDGET ADOPTION FOR 2023–2024 YEAR: Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to adopt the budget with the Fire Department training change for 2023-2024 fiscal year. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF INVESTMENT DEPOSITORIES FOR 2023-2024 YEAR: Reviewed report. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve The Crystal Falls Township Investment and Depository Designation Resolution. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF 2022-2023 BUDGET AMENDMENTS: Motion by Ketola, supported by Kut to approve amendments to the 2022-2023 Operating Budget to the amount of all legal expenditures in each Township fund. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICATION: Superior Kenney will ask Attorney Tinti to review.

FIRE DISPATCH PROPOSAL: Reviewed quote from Penguin Management, Inc. Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the use of eDispatch for a cost of \$1,327.00. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE EXTRICATION TRAINING REQUEST: Reviewed invoice from MacQueen Emergency. Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to approve the 2-Day Extrication Training for the Firefighters. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

WATER IMPROVEMENTS – TOWNLINE: Reviewed estimate from Kleiman Pump & Well Drilling, Inc. Discussion held. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve estimate from Kleiman Pump & Well Drilling, Inc. for the Townline Water System. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

GIBSON LAKE PARK REQUEST: Reviewed request. Discussion held. Policy does not allow.

FORESTRY CONTRACT: Reviewed Timber Sale Agreement. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to authorize Supervisor Kenney to sign the Timber Sale Agreement with Shamco. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

WEB UPDATE: Reviewed updating the Township website. Discussion held. No website update at this time.

REVIEW OF BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY: Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of \$14,584.81, the Monthly's for \$22,496.03 and the EFT's for \$887.40 with a total of \$37,968.24. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Tom Bucek thanked Board for fire dispatch proposal and fire extrication training request. Kim Nylund had questions regarding Fire Station site rebidding restrictions on the sites and the Fire Tower Road clearing project.

BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE: Clerk Niemi had questions about hall rental timeline without the new floor being done. Supervisor Kenney wanted the Board aware that the Board of Review was meeting 3 days due to an error in dates that were sent out on the assessment notice.

ADJOURN: Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Diane LaChapelle/Deputy Clerk

