

April 12, 2023

A regular monthly meeting was held on April 11, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. Nancy Niemi was absent. All other board members were present. There were 5 public attendees. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to approve the agenda with no additions. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the Budget Hearing meeting minutes from March 14, 2023, regular monthly meeting minutes from March 14, 2023, Public Hearing meeting minutes from March 28, 2023 and Special meeting minutes from March 28, 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. Zach Hautala thanked the Board for its continued support and the Township's annual pledge.

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

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Reviewed the Fire Chief's report for the month of March. The E Dispatch is accessible to all department members and works well.

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

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

Discussion held on Department reports. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the Departmental reports as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE STATION UPDATE: Supervisor Kenney reviewed. Supervisor Kenney will be sending a letter of support to legislation for Senate Bill 0977.

LIND ROAD CLEANUP UPDATE: Supervisor Kenney spoke to Todd Wloszczynski and work is still slow until road restrictions are lifted.

MDNR TRUST FUND GRANT UPDATE: Supervisor Kenney is waiting to hear a response to the Township's request.

FIRE CONTRACTS: Tabled.

FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICATION: The Fire Department application will be replaced by a Township employment application.

LONG LAKE ROAD: Reviewed email from Brad Toivonen with the Iron County Road Commission. Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the contract with Iron County Road Commission for the work and paving of Long Lake Road in the amount of \$266,517.02. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

MILLER CANFIELD REQUEST: Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to allow Miller, Canfield to represent WEPCO/UMERC in this legal matter that is requested. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

UPSET REQUEST: Reviewed letter from D/Lt. Tim Sholander, UPSET Commander. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to enter into a contract with UPSET at a cost of \$1,000 for the year. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

CITY ANNEXATION: Supervisor Kenney reviewed the discussion with the City Manager.

REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE: Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to continue holding the regular Board meetings on the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 2:30 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY: Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to preapprove the monthly bills pending approval from the audit committee. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Kim Nylund had questions regarding the Fire Contracts.

BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE: Trustee Kut commented on the 2022 Rate Survey for water and wastewater. Supervisor Kenney addressed the non-agenda item in regard to a recent automobile accident and how to handle this.

ADJOURN: Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Diane LaChapelle/Deputy Clerk

