

July 12, 2023

A regular monthly meeting was held on July 11, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. Jen Ketola was absent. All other board members were present. There were 7 public attendees. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the agenda as amended with eliminating 11C.) Executive Session – Property Litigation and add new items 6B.) Executive minutes – June 13, 2023 and 11D.) Public Works Truck Purchase. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from June 13, 2023 and Executive session minutes from June 13, 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.

- i. Resignation of Library Board Member/Advertise for New Member. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to advertise for replacement on the Library Board. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Reviewed ICECA report and financial statements provided by Chamber Director, Zach Hautala.

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

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

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

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

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

TIMBER CUT REPORT AND PAYMENT – BROCK VANOSS: Brock VanOss from VanOss Forestry Services gave a presentation on the timber cut that was recently completed. Supervisor Kenney and the Board congratulated him on becoming the Supervisor in Mansfield Township.

FIRE STATION UPDATE: Advertising for bids will be starting July 12, 2023. Bid opening is scheduled for September 25, 2023.

LIND ROAD CLEANUP UPDATE: Discussion held. Todd Wloszczynski is continuing to move forward.

SPARK GRANT APPLICATION: The applications have been resubmitted with supplemental information and will be awarded in September.

MICHIGAN EGLE SRF DRINKING WATER: Waiting for scoring to be released in August or September.

MDNR TRUST FUND GRANT UPDATE: Supervisor Kenney and Robb Anderson from GEI met with Merrie Carlock with MDNR regarding the Trail Extension Project. Supervisor Kenney contacted Iron County Road Commission to see if the bridge inspection can be moved up.

FIRE CONTRACTS: The City of Crystal Falls asked for item change 5b. Motion by Kenney, supported by Kut to adopt the language the city has proposed taking collections based on their tax collection cycle beginning December, January, February and conclude with final settlement. Such payments cover the past Township's fiscal year. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Supervisor Kenney, the Clerk, and Fire Chief will meet with Mansfield Supervisor to review the Contract For Fire Protection Service.

ESRI MAPPING: Reviewed quote. Discussion held. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve up to \$3,150 for online service with BS&A system. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

LONG LAKE ROAD APPROVAL: Reviewed statement from Iron County Road Commission. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the final payment to the Iron County Road Commission for \$123,638.15. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENT: Amend budget item 246-901-980-002.

- i. Account 246-901-980-002 – Capital Outlay – Roads. Motion by Niemi, supported by Kut to amend budget item 246-901-980-002 from \$325,000 to \$401,897. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE EQUIPMENT GRANT: Reviewed the MI Fire Equipment Grant Program Application.

PUBLIC WORKS TRUCK PURCHASE: Reviewed quotes from three truck dealers. Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the quote from Stateline for the 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 HD 4WD Regular Cab 142" work truck. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF CURRENT BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY: Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the prepaid's in the amount of \$74,482.86, the Monthly's for \$178,992.85 and the EFT's for \$591.60 with a total of \$254,067.31. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Theresa Gasaway question about Zoning Ordinances. Gerard Valesano thanked the Board for getting the Fire Agreement completed.

BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE: Supervisor Kenney shared an invitation for a pontoon tour on Chicaugon Lake from Iron County Lakes & Streams Partnership.

ADJOURN: Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

