

November 15, 2023

A regular monthly meeting was held on November 14, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. All board members were present. There were 10 public attendees. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to approve the agenda with no additions. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from October 10, 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 and financial statements provided by Chamber Director, Zach Hautala. Zach Hautala updated the Board on the Iron County Housing Development between the City of Crystal Falls and S.C. Swideski.

Reviewed Michigan PAR Plan Recommendations from Lori Burton, Risk Manager.

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

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Reviewed the Fire Chief's report from the month of October.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Reviewed the Zoning Administrator's report from the month of October.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Reviewed the Assessor's report from the month of October.

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: Reviewed Change Order No. 1 Potential Savings Request. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve work completed. Future associated cost not to exceed \$25,000. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

MICHIGAN EGLE SRF DRINKING WATER: Unsuccessful in retaining the Michigan EGLE SRF Drinking Water Grant.

MDNR TRUST FUND GRANT UPDATE: Received the final scoring, but not the announcement of grant awards.

LP GAS TANK RENTALS – GENERATORS: Reviewed invoice from Krist Oil. Will look into buying tanks in the future.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE: Curt Stebic was present. He stated the process went rather smoothly with no constructive criticism from the public. The final version should be sent to the Planning Commission later this week. Reviewed Township Board Resolution. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve and adopt the Resolution as presented. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CADET PROGRAM: Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to adopt the implementation of the Cadet Program. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIREWALL UPGRADE: Teck Khor from Guide Star gave a presentation on a proposal regarding an upgrade to our firewall and security system. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the firewall portion upgrade proposal from Guide Star. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

UTILITY BILLING: Problem in Utility Billing System was discovered with Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp's account.

Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve back billing from Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp in the amount of \$828.33 for a 3 month period. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF CURRENT BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY: Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the prepaid's in the amount of \$103,657.40, the Monthly's for \$24,896.00 and the EFT's for \$591.60 with a total of \$129,145.00. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mary Dumitru regarding barking dog ordinance in Michigan. Mark Bromley questioned if any update from Highline Internet was received by the Township.

BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE: Supervisor Kenney wished good luck to the FP Girl's Volleyball team. Compliments to the staff, players and administration at the school. Good luck to Hunters and Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURN: Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

Diane LaChapelle/Deputy Clerk

