

December 13, 2023

A regular monthly meeting was held on December 12, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. All board members were present. There were 3 public attendees. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the agenda with no additions. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from November 14, 2023 and Special meeting minutes from November 30, 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.

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

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Reviewed the Fire Chief's report from the month of November. Chief Fabbri and other members would like to thank the Township for all the hard work and support toward the new Fire Hall.

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

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

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

FIRE STATION UPDATE: Robb Anderson from GEI stated they are working on finalizing Change Order #1 which will reduce costs to get within the budget.

MDNR TRUST FUND GRANT UPDATE: Trust Fund Board meeting is on December 13th. Will find out after this date if the Township was awarded the grant.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CADET PROGRAM: Supervisor Kenney and Chief Fabbri had a phone conversation to discuss the Cadet Program. Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to compensate the Cadets at \$14 per hour and reimburse for book purchases. Also, compensate the trainers at the training rate. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

EGLE DEFICIENCY REPORT: Supervisor Kenney is coordinating with Randy and EGLE to ensure that the deficiencies are corrected, and the recommendations are appropriately followed up on. Discussion held.

GARBAGE TRUCK: Discussion held. The Township is not going to proceed with the purchase of a truck at this time but would like to allow the analysis process to be completed on whether to continue picking up the garbage or use a contracted service.

TMF SUPPORT GRANT – WATER: Reviewed grant information from EGLE. Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to authorize GEI to prepare a TMF Support Grant application on behalf of the Township. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

HOLIDAY GIFT CERTIFICATES TO EMPLOYEES: Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the purchase for a \$25 gift certificate from Crystal Fresh Market to Utility Billing Clerk, Deputy Treasurer, Public Works Foreman, Public Works Employees, Assessor, Zoning Administrator, Garbage Truck Driver, and Fire Chief. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PENDING PROPERTY TAX LITIGATION: Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to suspend regular session and convene into Executive session for the purpose to discuss Pending Property Tax litigation. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Entered Executive session at 3:23 p.m.

Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to reconvene into regular meeting. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Executive session was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to not accept the proposal set forth by Great Lakes Gas per recommendation from Attorney Ryan Shannon and Attorney Steven Tinti. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF CURRENT BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY: Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the prepaid's in the amount of \$22,617.45, the Monthly's for \$25,935.95 and the EFT's for \$591.60 with a total of \$49,145.00. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mary Dumitru wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE: Supervisor Kenney stated Tom Bucek has offered to do CPR training for the staff. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Board members thanked GEI for the meat and cheese tray and wreath for Christmas.

ADJOURN: Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Diane LaChapelle/Deputy Clerk

