

March 13, 2024

A regular monthly meeting was held immediately following the Public Budget Hearing on March 12, 2024 at 2:36 p.m. Joanne Seppala was absent. All other board members were present. There were 7 public attendees. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the agenda with additions under Department reports 9G.) Election Summary Report, and under New Business 11F.) change to Approval of 2023-2024 budget amendments, add 11L.) Ski Hill Funding, and 11M.) Computer/Printer for Code Compliance Officer. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Ketola, supported by Kut to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from February 13, 2024. 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 from the month of February.

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

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

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

CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER: Reviewed the Code Compliance Officer's report from the month of February.

TREASURER REPORT: Reviewed the Treasurer's report submitted regarding 2023 tax collection.

ELECTION SUMMARY REPORT: Reviewed the Election Summary Report from the February Presidential Primary. Clerk Niemi thanked the Deputy Clerk for all the help with the Election.

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

FIRE STATION UPDATE: Reviewed updates from Robb Anderson with GEI. The Bond Closing for the financing is scheduled for April 4, 2024. Discussion held.

- i. Operating Budget Approval: Reviewed the Operating Budget and Projected Cash Flow report. Motion by Ketola, supported by Kut to approve the Operating Budget and Projected Cash flow for Rural Development. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

LIND ROAD CLEAN-UP: Reviewed report from Todd Wloszczynski.

MDNR TRUST FUND GRANT: Robb Anderson with GEI updated the Board. Reviewed the Resolution of Authorization Michigan Department of Natural Resources 2024 Trust Fund Grant Application Crystal Falls Township Heritage Trail Extension TF 24-0079. Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the Resolution with total project cost of \$307,200.00 with a 30% match of \$92,200.00 from the Township. Supervisor Kenney called for public comment. No public comment received. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

TMF SUPPORT GRANT – WATER: Grant application was submitted. Waiting for notification.

WATER TANK REPAIRS: Reviewed quote from St. Germain Sandblasting.

APPROVAL OF OPERATING MILLAGE RATE – 4.75 MILLS OPERATING + 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 and debt services for the Fire Station up to .95 mills. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

SALARIES AND WAGES: Reviewed report. Motion by Ketola, supported by Niemi to approve the salaries and wages (excluding elected officials), deferred comp and HSA as presented. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

SECTION 457(B) PLAN CONTRIBUTION RESOLUTION: Reviewed Resolution. Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to approve the discretionary amount each year for the Crystal Falls Township 457(b) plan. The employer contribution to be allocated by the Township to the participants will be \$46.15 per payroll period. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

BUDGET ADOPTON FOR 2024-2025 YEAR: Discussion held. Motion by Ketola, supported by Kut to adopt the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF INVESTMENT DEPOSITORIES FOR 2024-2025 YEAR: Reviewed Resolution. Motion by Kenney, supported by Niemi to approve the Crystal Falls Township Investment and Depository Designation Resolution as presented. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF 2023-2024 BUDGET AMENDMENTS: Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to approve amendments to the 2023-2024 Operating Budget to the amount of all legal expenditures in each Township fund. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE: Reviewed Meeting Resolution. Motion by Ketola, supported by Kut to adopt the Meeting Resolution for the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

ROAD PROJECTS – TOWNLINE AND PAKKALA: Reviewed Bid Tabulation for West Townline Road and Pakkala Road. Motion by Ketola, supported by Niemi to approve the two contracts with the Iron County Road Commission in the amount of \$158,298.30 for work on West Townline Road and Pakkala Road for fiscal year 2024-2025. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

CHICAUGON LAKE MILFOIL MITIGATION: Reviewed request from Chicaugon Lake Property Owners Association. Motion by Ketola, supported by Kut to approve the request for funding pursuant to our policy from Chicaugon Lakes Property Owners Association in the amount of \$2,404. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

COOPERATIVE LAKES MONITORING PROGRAM: Tabled.

POSTDATED CHECK POLICY: Reviewed policy. Motion by Niemi, supported by Kut to approve the postdated check policy. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

SKI HILL FUNDING: Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to provide funding annually in the amount of \$5,000 contribution effective immediately. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMPUTER/PRINTER FOR CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER: Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve purchase for a computer/printer for the Code Compliance Officer up to \$2,500. 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 \$55,279.96, the Monthly's for \$12,180.30 and the EFT's for \$851.60 with a total of \$68,311.86. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Tom Bucek would like the Fire Chief to be included in construction conversation. Kim Nylund stated Foreman Bucek and himself will be test digging at the Fire Station site on March 14th. Jeremy Johnson any updates on Tannerite issues and use in the Township.

BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE: Diane Kut reminding about Planning Commission meeting April 11th on 3 topics and stated Attorney Tinti is reviewing short term rental ordinance. Supervisor Kenney wished the Forest Park Boys basketball team the best of luck and congratulations to the Forest Park Girls basketball team on their season.

ADJOURN: Motion by Ketola, supported by Kut to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Diane LaChapelle/Deputy Clerk

