

Crooked Lake Town Board Monthly Meeting November 13, 2014

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Members present: Lloyd Thyen, Dave Schaumburg, Rod Schloesser, Mark Skjolsvik, Connie Glass, Pat Faul, Glenn Mechelke and Kim Hughes (Deputy Clerk).

MOTION SCHLOESSER 2ND SKJOLSVIK TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 9, 2014 MINUTES. All in favor. Motion carried.

Schaumburg questioned who had drafted the ad that was put in the local paper regarding the hiring of the part time employee. Thyen stated that Rod and Nick drafted the ad and he approved it and placed it in the paper.

MOTION SCHLOESSER 2ND SKJOLSVIK TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 27, 2014 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given. The checkbook balance is \$137,653.18. There were no outstanding checks this month.

An email was received from Rolf Halstensen and forwarded to all supervisors.

MOTION SCHLOESSER 2ND SKJOLSVIK TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE BUNKER GEAR FOR APPROXIMATELY \$1640.00. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Thyen presented the new Library lease and gave Pat the \$1.00 payment received.

The Crooked Lake Township Canvass Board met to verify the number of votes received by the various candidates at the November 4, 2014 State General Election.

There were 397 voters registered at 7:00 AM. 12 voters registered on Election Day. Total number of persons voting was 250.

Seat 1 Supervisor- Patrick Bennington received 74 write in votes. There was a total of 56 other write in votes and 120 under votes for a total of 250.

MOTION SCHLOESSER 2ND THYEN TO DECLARE PATRICK BENNINGTON WINNER OF SEAT 1 SUPERVISOR FOR A 4 YEAR TERM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Seat 3 Supervisor- Connie Glass received 186 votes. There were 23 write in votes and 41 under votes for a total of 250.

MOTION SCHLOESSER 2ND SKJOLSVIK TO DECLARE CONNIE GLASS WINNER OF SEAT 3 SUPERVISOR FOR A 4 YEAR TERM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Seat 5 Supervisor- David Schaumburg received 175 votes. There were 15 write in votes, 1 over vote and 59 under votes for a total of 250.

MOTION THYEN 2ND SCHLOESER TO DECLARE DAVID SCHAUMBURG WINNER OF SEAT 5 SUPERVISOR FOR A 4 YEAR TERM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Pat Faul reported that Terry Usherwood has filed for unemployment with the State. She is working on various issues involved including the date of the last day he worked for CLT. The Board does not object to her contacting the State and raising issues regarding his claim. He was hired part time and has not been denied work by the township.

Schaumburg brought up questions regarding the ad placed in the local paper for the part time employee. He had contacted the County and found out that they will do free background checks for the Township. He had a data practice release form that would need to be filled out and signed by the employee and returned to the County if we wanted them to proceed with doing a background check. Thyen will have Ben Johnson fill out and sign the form. Drug testing was discussed.

Thyen gave an AIS Program update. The 2nd check has been received from Cass County. The County paid approximately \$7500.00 for Level 1 inspectors. The possibility of obtaining decontamination equipment for next year was discussed. The County will be coming here on November 20th to look at sites where the decontamination equipment might be used.

There has been no response from the County regarding Wisconsin and Brookside Pass.

Everyone should be looking at the employee policy and sending suggestions to Connie for discussion at the December meeting.

The speed sign north of town was discussed. A new voltage regulator has been ordered and the 4 batteries will be replaced.

Thyen reported that he had met with Kevin Strand. Strand was very accommodating and is hoping to have a resolution. He is willing to allow us to use the road but does not want us to brush or cut down trees. The township needs to communicate with him any work wanting to be done.

The use of grant and aid trails was discussed. Thyen will check with the Cass County Land Commissioner regarding rules and regulations.

Skjolsvik reported that he continues to attend the "Fostering Citizen Leadership in Our Watersheds" which is a University of MN extension course.

Schloesser reported on numerous equipment repairs, grading of County and Beulah Township roads, removal of partial beaver dam on County Lane west of the town hall, trees down on roads and dead trees that were removed. He had 3 calls regarding someone filling in wet land on Lower Loop. He went and looked at it and turned it over to Bob Wright. He asked Andy Moritz to bring 30 yards of Class 5. Discussed new tires needed on dump truck and flashing lights and light bar for various equipment.

The amount of money saved by purchasing the new teeth for the sanvick system was discussed.

A call from Bill Patterson on Peninsula road was received regarding logging to be finished by March 2015.

Schloesser reported that Cass County employees are paid 1 ½ times rate before and after normal hours and weekends. On holidays/vacation it is 2 ½ times rate and employees already get straight time rate for those days.

The Dixon Blosberg property sold to Enbridge.

A variance request on Bloodroot Lane was discussed.

The election equipment will be picked up on Friday, November 14 at 11:15 AM.

Campaign Financial Reports need to be put in Glenn's mailbox.

The certificate of election forms will be sent out after the 7 day waiting period along with the Oath of Office forms if the campaign financial reports have been received.

Township officers list will be filled out for the December monthly meeting and will have to be signed by each Supervisor.

The 3rd quarter billing has been sent out to Beulah Township, Cass County and Thunder Lake Township. Pat requests that a copy of all future billing be put in her mailbox.

MOTION SKJOLSVIK 2ND SCHLOESSER TO PAY WARRANTS #15966-16015. All in favor. Motion carried.

MOTION SCHLOESSER TO ADJOURN. All in favor. Motion carried.

Kim Hughes, Deputy Clerk