

CROOKED LAKE TOWN BOARD RECESSED MONTHLY MEETING

MARCH 12, 2015/MARCH 26, 2015

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

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

A copy of his Class A CDL test was received from Ben Johnson. Based on his paper work he is now eligible to become an employee of the Township.

MOTION SCHAUMBURG 2ND GLASS TO HIRE BEN JOHNSON AS A PART TIME EMPLOYEE OF CROOKED LAKE TOWNSHIP AT A RATE OF \$18.00/HOUR AND UP TO 24 HOURS PER-WEEK OR AS NEEDED. All in favor. Motion carried.

The purchasing of the Draper Property for expansion of the Park was discussed. The voters at the Annual Meeting asked the Township to consider purchasing this property. The Township has three ways to purchase the property. The options are Certificate of Indebtedness, Lease Purchase Option and a Bond. Thyen contacted both Unity Bank and Pine River State Bank for quotes which he presented. A purchase agreement was discussed along with wording to protect the Township. Any purchase agreement would be contingent on the voters at the June 10th recessed Annual Meeting. The Township can back out of a purchase agreement if the voters at the recessed Annual Meeting do not agree to pass levy amounts to support the purchase.

The attendance at the Annual Meeting was discussed.

Glass presented a list of contingencies she felt should be included in the Purchase Agreement for the Township's protection. A current draft of the Purchase Agreement was discussed.

MOTION GLASS 2ND BENNINGTON TO ADD ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONTINGENCY ITEMS TO THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT: 1.) TOWNSHIP WOULD LIKE A HOME INSPECTION. 2.) SELLER WILL REMOVE THE PROPERTY FROM THE MARKET UNTIL AFTER THE JUNE 10, 2015 RECESSED ANNUAL MEETING AT WHICH TIME THE LEVY MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCREASED, DEPENDING ON THE TAX PAYERS VOTE. ALSO, THE SELLER WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY BACK UP OFFERS. 3.) THE SELLER WILL PAY ANY PENDING ASSESSMENTS. 4.) JUNE 10, 2015 WILL BE THE MEETING DATE ON THE AMENDMENT. 5.) CONTINGENT UPON INSPECTION AND APPROVAL OF THE DNR AND CASS COUNTY FOR REMOVAL OF WEEDS, ETC. TO PREPARE THE LAKESHORE FOR A SWIMMING BEACH AREA. 6.) CONTINGENT UPON INSPECTION AND APPROVAL OF THE LOCAL LAKE ASSOCIATIONS FOR REMOVAL OF WEEDS, ETC. TO PREPARE THE LAKESHORE FOR A SWIMMING BEACH. Motion not voted on.

MOTION THYEN 2ND SCHAUMBURG TO AMMEND THE PREVIOUS MOTION AND REMOVE ITEM #6. All in favor. Motion carried.

MOTION THYEN 2ND GLASS TO OFFER THE TAXABLE MARKET EVALUATION OF \$341,900.00 FOR THE DRAPER PROPERTY. All in favor. Motion carried.

The house on the property and possible options were discussed.

MOTION GLASS 2ND SCHAUMBURG AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO SIGN A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH ALL CHANGES VOTED ON AND A PURCHASE PRICE OF \$341,900.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

The need for a committee consisting of business owners and residents to explore the costs to tax payers, benefits of the expansion etc. was discussed.

The township phone at the fire hall and the monthly expense was discussed. The clerk checks it twice a day and it is mostly hang ups or general questions.

MOTION GLASS 2ND SCHAUMBURG TO REMOVE THE TOWNSHIP PHONE LINE AT THE FIRE HALL. All in favor. Motion carried.

Thyen will contact CTC and have any callers redirected to the phone in the maintenance building.

Glass contacted the MAT Attorney regarding closed meetings. She presented an email received from him explaining when a closed meeting is needed.

Bennington presented two proposals received for mowing all of the township property. Other options were discussed. Tabled until the next meeting.

Donation requests were tabled until the next meeting with the exception of the Cass County Historical Society.

MOTION THYEN 2ND GLASS TO DONATE \$250.00 TO THE CASS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY. All in favor. Motion carried.

The employee policy was tabled.

Glass presented the flyer for clean-up-day on June 13, 2015 which was approved by the town board. She has the support of the board to find 8 to 10 people to work on clean-up day. The collection of tires and electronics was discussed.

The bid from the Cass County Highway Department for Calcium Chloride was discussed.

The rock gardens and round circle of flowers in the front of the town hall were discussed.

MOTION SCHAUMBURG 2ND THYEN TO HAVE EXHAUST SYSTEM REPLACED ON THE CHEVY PICKUP NOT TO EXCEED \$800.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

MOTION SCHAUMBURG 2ND THYEN TO ACCEPT LYLE GAINS QUOTE OF \$14.50 PER-YARD FOR CLASS 5 DELIVERED TO TOWNSHIP COMPLEX. A TOTAL OF 200 YARDS TO BE PURCHASED FOR \$2,900.00 WITH THE ABILITY TO EXCEED CONTRACT AMOUNT BY UP TO 20% AT THE RATE STATED ABOVE. All in favor. Motion carried.

The contract with Lyle Gains to be signed by the chairman and clerk.

Schaumburg presented Pipeline Emergency Response Planning Information.

A bill received from Andy Moritz regarding Class 5 received last year was discussed.

The formation of a park committee and new playground equipment and costs was discussed. The condition of the existing equipment, how much the park is used and the possible placement of equipment are things the committee could look into. Possible grants available was also discussed.

The air freshener in the town hall was discussed and removed.

The arrival of the AIS Decontamination unit has been delayed but should be here Monday. Skjolsvik will add the needed insurance.

The April 1st Short Course in Walker was discussed. 7 people will be attending. Meet at the Town Hall at 7:30 AM. Mark and Connie will drive.

Tonight's meeting was discussed in regards to it being considered a short meeting or regular meeting. It was decided it would be considered a regular meeting.

The Board of Equalization Meeting was discussed.

MOTION GLASS 2ND BENNINGTON TO ADJOURN. All in favor. Motion carried.

Kim Hughes

Deputy Clerk