

(Unapproved Minutes)

CROOKED LAKE TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETING OCTOBER 8, 2015

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

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

MOTION SCHAUMBURG 2ND BENNINGTON TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2015 MINUTES.
All in favor. Motion carried.

The Board welcomed back Pat Faul, Treasurer.

Pat thanked Cindy Miller, Deputy Treasurer, for filling in during her absence.

The Treasurer's report was given. The checkbook balance is \$232,744.81.

Last month the Deputy Treasurer questioned the time sheet and use of the township debit card by an employee. The board postponed any action until the employee was present. Nick Usherwood was present and was asked if he wanted to have a closed meeting at this point. He responded no. Nick approached the board and explained his time sheet in question. He also explained the emergency situation that led to his use of the township debit card. He wrote a check for reimbursement the following day after the use. He apologized for the emergency use of the card. He stated concerns about information that was distributed to the supervisors regarding his checking account.

Glass had contacted the MAT attorney and the fact that anything given to a supervisor is public knowledge was discussed. The copies of the information distributed were returned to Nick.

The use of the township debit card and the violation of the employee policy and governmental laws was discussed. The need for internal control of the card was also discussed.

The deputy treasurer was present in the audience and explained why she did not go to the employee and ask him for an explanation.

The employee was cautioned not to use the debit card again for personal use.

Glass reported that there have been several compliments on the condition of township roads.

Jan Skjolsvik and Kathy Hachey were present to discuss the GoNorth Project. Its purpose is to make the area more vibrant thru the use of grant funding. It involves 5 communities and the funds will be managed by the Fifty Lakes Clerk. They explained where the funding will come from and asked for a resolution from Crooked Lake Township to accept the funds. Community input will decide what the projects will be. The goal is to improve all of the communities involved.

MOTION THYEN 2ND GLASS TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION THAT CROOKED LAKE TOWNSHIP IS AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THE IRRRV. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution adopted 2015-2 will be added to the Township Resolution Book.

MOTION THYEN 2ND GLASS TO ASSURE THE GONORTH ORGANIZATION AND THEIR BENEFACTORS THAT CLT WILL BUY IN WITH AN AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED IN THE FUTURE. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussed the purchasing of culvert ends by Mr. Singh on Sunset Hill Road

Various road and culvert repairs were discussed. A resident from Wood Lake contacted Bennington requesting that the road be graded better.

The yearly inspection of the fire extinguishers has been completed.

Just a reminder that a new lawn mower will be needed in the spring.

The trees by the fire hall were discussed.

The payment of Dayton's cell phone was discussed. The township will continue to pay him \$20.00/month for his phone.

The Class 5 is done. A resident on Shady Lane has been taking Class 5 from the township road and using it for his property. It was suggested to go and talk with him and if that does not work, the clerk will send a letter.

MOTION BENNINGTON 2ND GLASS TO RENT A SKIDSTER FOR ONE WEEK AT A COST OF UP TO \$1200.00 FOR THE USE OF ROAD CLEAN-UP. All in favor. Motion carried.

The docks across from the gas station were discussed. The township was asked to clean them before they are removed this fall.

MOTION BENNING 2ND THYEN TO SPEND UP TO \$4000.00 ON GRADER PARTS. All in favor. Motion carried.

The oil problem on the grader was discussed. Everything seems to be good.

The ongoing IRS issue was discussed. An accountant was hired and with his help the treasurer and deputy treasurer are hoping that this issue has been resolved. Letters have been sent by certified/return receipt mail with amended forms.

MOTION THYEN 2ND BENNINGTON TO ACCEPT THE \$1800.00 GRANT FROM AGSTAR FOR A NEW FIRE HOSE. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Hose Bib on the east side of the town hall and the faucet on the front have been taken care of. The front faucet will need to be drained every fall.

The carpets have been cleaned in the town hall, fire hall and township secure area. The carpet in the conference room at the fire hall was discussed. Thank you to the Bone Builders for moving back the tables and chairs.

Schaumburg received a quote from Anderson Brothers on sealing the cracks in the parking lot.

MOTION SCHAUMBURG 2ND THYEN TO HAVE THE CRACK SEALING/ASPHALT REPAIRS DONE TO THE PARKING LOT AT A COST OF \$679.05. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bob Dahlsгарrd was present and gave an Outing Quick Response report. They are financially strong but are in desperate need of new members.

The new pedestrian sign on Highway 6 was discussed. Dahlsгарrd will continue to work at getting ones for the north and south side of town. The Outing Chamber will reimburse the township for the two signs already purchased.

A member of the audience asked Bennington if he was satisfied with Nick and Ben's work. His response was yes. She stated how qualified and conscientious Nick was.

Dahlsгарrd brought up concerns involving his mailbox during the winter months. Bennington will look at possibly changing the way the snow is plowed on his road. It was suggested that he look into installing a swing away mailbox support.

The speed sign to the north was discussed. Dave Olson has been contacted to look at it.

Striping of the parking lot was discussed.

MOTION GLASS 2ND BENNINGTON TO PAY WARRANTS #16467-16513. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Kim Hughes, Deputy Clerk