

(Unapproved Minutes)

CROOKED LAKE TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MINUTES NOVEMBER 10, 2016

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

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

MOTION GLASS 2<sup>ND</sup> BENNINGTON TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 13, 2016 MINUTES. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given. The checkbook balance is \$267,132.02. The Outing First Responders will be transferring any money remaining in their account to the township after January 1, 2017.

Paula Pryzabilla from Unity Bank was present to discuss programs that they have available to the township. She explained the ICS (Insured Cash Sweep) program which is available for public funds and allows all the funds to stay circulating in the local community. There is no additional fees or costs and more interest is paid to the township.

MOTION THYEN 2<sup>ND</sup> GLASS TO ALLOW THE TREASURER TO ENTER THE TOWNSHIP INTO THE ICS PROGRAM WITH UNITY BANK. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Local Board of Review was discussed. Tax payers would have to go to the County if the Board of Review was transferred.

MOTION THYEN 2<sup>ND</sup> SKJOLSVIK TO TRANSFER THE BOARD OF ASSEMENT REVIEW TO THE COUNTY EFFECTIVE 2017 FOR A TERM OF 3 YEARS. All opposed. Motion failed.

The Township will continue with the local Board of Review.

The damage of the retaining wall was discussed. It is not covered by insurance.

MOTION THYEN 2<sup>ND</sup> SKJOLSVIK TO ACCEPT THE QUOTE FROM ROOSEVELT LAKE SERVICE NOT TO EXCEED \$750.00 TO REPAIR THE RETAINING WALL. Thyen yes, Glass yes, Bennington yes, Skjolsvik no. Motion carried.

The GoNorth meeting was discussed. A thank you was given to the individuals that are representing Crooked Lake Township. GoNorth needs to be positive for all 5 communities involved.

Thyen contacted the Chamber regarding the installation of CLT signs under the Outing sign. Their response was yes as long as it keeps with the character of the rest of the sign.

The overhead garage door in the maintenance shop was fixed and parts to repair the other two openers were purchased also.

The dock at the park was pressure washed and the 8 solar lights need to be replaced at a cost of \$50.00 each

Class 5 is being crushed and some will be hauled to the shop.

Black dirt and seed was placed on the bad area in the park.

A phone call was received from a resident regarding the park and if the township intended on doing anything with it.

The tires on the dump truck were discussed.

MOTION BENNINGTON 2<sup>ND</sup> SKJOLSVIK TO PURCHASE TWO FRONT TIRES FOR THE DUMP TRUCK NOT TO EXCEED A TOTAL OF \$1500.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

The tractor needs to have the transmission looked at and the starter on the Chevy pickup was replaced.

The purchasing of a new pickup and quotes received was discussed.

MOTION BENNINGTON 2<sup>ND</sup> SKJOLSVIK TO PURCHASE A TRUCK FROM BRANDL CHEVY NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00 WHICH WILL COVER MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES. All in favor. Motion carried.

The storm cleanup at the ball field was discussed. The equipment has been hauled in and the contractor is waiting for the OK from the DNR to start the burning. The HSEM claim for funds will be submitted after the project has been completed and paid for. The time limit for submitting the forms is one year.

The \$5000.00 which is available from the AIS fund for the initial cost of the burning of the ball field was discussed.

The purchasing of 4 signs by the AIS Committee which would read "Invasive Species Don't Take Vacations Support Local Lake Associations" was discussed.

MOTION THYEN 2<sup>ND</sup> GLASS TO PURCHASE FOUR 4X8 SIGNS AT A COST OF UP TO \$600.00 STATING "INVASIVE SPECIES DON'T TAKE VACATIONS SUPPORT LOCAL LAKE ASSOCIATIONS". All in favor. Motion carried.

The newspaper article in the Northland Press honoring retiring Clerk Glen Mechelke was discussed. The Township will honor him on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.

MOTION THYEN 2<sup>ND</sup> GLASS TO START THE DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING AT 6:00 PM WITH RECOGNIZE OF GLEN MECHELKE AT 7:00 PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

The legal bill for the Outing First Responders was discussed along with PERA.

The First Responders have had 61 calls year to date.

The Anderson Road Vacation Petition appeal was discussed. Copies of all the documents requested have been sent to their attorney and all town board supervisors. Thyen read two declarations that he provided regarding when the town board monthly minutes are approved and the inspection of the proposed roads to be vacated. It was noted that these roads only exist on the plat. There is a hearing on this matter at the Cass County Court in Walker on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 PM. The Township Attorney would like to know in advance if any town board supervisors will be in attendance.

There has been no change on the Hirdler Family Petition. The petition was returned by the township.

The fire department would like to start finishing the kitchen in the fire hall and purchase a rescue chain saw.

MOTION THYEN 2<sup>ND</sup> SKJOLSVIK TO SPEND UP TO \$12,000.00 FOR THE KITCHEN AT THE FIRE HALL AND UP TO \$2,000.00 FOR A RESCUE CHAIN SAW. All in favor. Motion carried.

The storing of township files, records, etc. was discussed and tabled until next month.

W4's for the fire department and election judges was discussed.

An off sale intoxicating liquor license was approved for the new owner of Lake Country Grocery and Liquor, Brian Palkovich.

Dave Schaumburg submitted a supervisor report that was read in his absence. He attended the 8-hour Red Cross Sheltering Exercise hosted by Cass County and has plans to draft an emergency plan for our community with the help of the fire department, emergency services, maintenance, Skjolsvik and any other interested citizens.

The availability of Ben Johnson and lack of hours worked was discussed along with the debt owed by this employee for PERA funds.

The election canvass meeting is November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

MOTION SKJOLSVIK 2<sup>ND</sup> GLASS TO PAY WARRANTS # 17054 – 17087. All in favor. Motion carried.

MOTION SKJOLSVIK 2<sup>ND</sup> BENNINGTON TO ADJOURN. All in favor. Motion carried.

Kim Hughes Deputy Clerk