

## **Tofte Town Board Meeting Minutes November 9, 2017**

Present: Supervisors Sarah Somnis, Craig Horak and Sam Crowley, Clerk Barb Gervais, Rescue Captain Kim Jahnke, County Commissioner Ginny Storlie, Cullen Hall, Finley Jo Crowley and Dennis Rysdahl. Treasurer Nancy Iverson was unable to attend this meeting.

Chair Sarah Somnis called the board meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Unless otherwise stated, all actions have been approved by unanimous yeas vote.

Clerk Barb Gervais presented the Supervisors with a tentative agenda for tonight's meeting. Supervisor Craig Horak approved the agenda as presented by the Clerk. Supervisor Sam Crowley seconded.

Clerk's report: Clerk Barb Gervais had sent the Supervisors the minutes for the October 26 monthly meeting prior to tonight's meeting for their review. Supervisor Craig Horak motioned to approve the October 26 minutes as presented. Supervisor Sam Crowley seconded. The Clerk requested that she receives payroll hours by December 9. December 14 will be the last payroll in 2017.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Nancy Iverson was unable to attend this meeting. Treasurer's report was tabled until next month.

Claims, Payroll, and Transfers: Clerk Barb Gervais presented the board with claims totaling \$5,636.49 for approval for payment. Clerk Barb Gervais noted that the lodging tax revenue check has not been received. Once received she will issue a check for 96% of the total payable to LTTA. Supervisor Sarah Somnis asked to review the claim forms and invoices from Holiday and PERA. She reviewed the two claim forms and invoices. Supervisor Craig Horak motioned to approve payment of claims as presented by the Clerk; once the lodging check is received approve payment of 96% to LTTA. Supervisor Sam Crowley seconded. Clerk Barb Gervais presented the board with payroll this evening totaling \$1,412.50. Supervisor Craig Horak motioned to approve payment of the payroll as presented. Supervisor Sam Crowley seconded.

The Clerk suggested the following transfers of funds to transact tonight's business: 1. Transfer 96% of the lodging check revenue once the check is received from the lodging tax account to general checking, 2. Transfer 4% of the lodging check revenue from the lodging tax account to savings account #2, 3. Transfer \$4,000.00 from the community center lease account to general checking. With no questions, Supervisor Craig Horak motions to approve the transfers as recommended by the Clerk. Supervisor Sam Crowley seconds.

Fire Department report: Chief Rich Nelson was unable to attend this meeting. Rescue Captain Kim Jahnke reported the Fire Department helped Bluefin with their water system after went down due to the storm. Dennis Rysdahl who was in attendance at this meeting thanked the Tofte Fire Department for helping.

Rescue Squad report: Rescue Captain Kim Jahnke reported the Rescue Squad had three (3) calls in October. Kim Jahnke reported they escorted Cook County volleyball team to the county line.

County Commissioner Report: County Commissioner Ginny Storlie updated the board on the changes in the personnel in Cook County. Ginny said she attended the Gitchi Gammi Trail meeting. Ginny asked Dennis Rysdahl who is paying for his parking lot. Dennis Rysdahl said he will. She reported on track for May 2018 construction. She said they may do a tunnel by the Tofte Forest Service for crossing under Highway 61. She said that Tofte Park Road is uncertain on being used as part of the trail.

Citizen's comments: None.

#### Old/New Business

Dennis Rysdahl – Tofte keeping 4% lodging tax revenue: Supervisor Craig Horak said he dropped the ball; discussion to continue at the December 14 monthly meeting. Supervisor Craig Horak motions to continue the discussion on the lodging tax revenue to December 14 meeting. Supervisor Sam Crowley seconded. Clerk Barb Gervais handed out the expenses for July 4, 2016 and 2017 event showing income as well. Clerk Barb Gervais will put the discussion on the lodging tax revenue on the agenda for December 14 meeting.

Birch Grove Community Center: Diane Blanchette, Birch Grove Community School Director, reported the all keeping all doors locked 24 hours. Pastor Daren Blanck and his family received threatening letters. Michelle Blanck, Daren's wife, works at the school. Diane is installing a buzzer, she can buzz people in. Jeremy Ridelbauer looked at the security system. No one can figure out how to view past footage of the camera. Jeremy will do an estimate for the Town to update the camera system.

The town received an email from WECONNECT saying that there is no phone in the kitchen for emergencies. The phone number in the kitchen was WECONNECT's. Supervisor Sam Crowley said he would look at tomorrow.

General update – senior lunch has between 20-26 attending weekly, bone builders class has 4 to 8 people, 1 person is using the exercise room once a week. Bruce Zimpel will do the sidewalks. Joel Bonin will do the ice rink. Supervisor Sam Crowley will contact Paul Haugen to see if he did the water samples. Supervisor Craig Horak will contact Jim King to request the WECONNECT clean up and remove the parts on the property left from the greenhouse.

Housing: Dynamic Homes sold our housing units. The Township won't have the \$60,000.00 down payment returned.

Park Update: Supervisor Sam Crowley gave a report on the park repair. Jerry Gervais and Joel Bonin almost complete the project. The rest will have to wait until next spring/summer.

Mail received: None

Any other Business: Kim Jahnke asked the board if the Superior Timberwolves could hold their annual pot luck at the Town Hall on December 1. Supervisor Craig Horak motioned to the Superior Timberwolves Club could hold annual potluck on December 1, 2017. Supervisor Sam Crowley seconded. Kim Jahnke will ask Dennis Rysdahl when they switch stoves and refrigerators out of the condos at Bluefin, request one of each be put in the town hall.

Supervisor Sarah Somnis motioned to adjourn this meeting at 8:11p.m. Supervisor Craig Horak seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Gervais, Tofte Town Clerk