

Oct. 13th, 2016

Attendees: Supervisor Jeanne Larson, Supervisor Paul James, Supervisor Sarah Somnis, Treasurer Nancy Iverson, Dep. Clerk Susie Meyer, Rich Nelson, Kim Jahnke, Phil Bonin, County Commissioner Ginny Storlie, Steve Michaud, Jerry Gervais, Don Fehr

1. Called meeting to order at 7:00pm and approved the agenda. Jeanne motioned, Paul seconded.
2. Reports
 - a. Approval for Sept. minutes. Jeanne motioned, Paul seconded.
 - b. Treasurers Report. Jeanne motioned, Paul seconded.
 - c. Claims/Payroll
 - a. Claims, Jeanne motioned, Paul seconded
 - b. Payroll, Jeanne motioned, Sarah seconded
 - d. Transfers. Jeanne motioned, Sarah seconded
 - e. Fire Dept Report-Rich Nelson
 - a. Him and Phil spearheaded an agreement with Minnesota Power to be able to use their pump system at Taconite Harbor in case of a large wildfire
 - b. The department lake pump is rebuilt
 - c. The fire department and BGCS are having their annual fire drills with the kids on Oct. 19th
 - f. Rescue Squad Report-Kim Jahnke/Phil Bonin
 - a. Jeanne motioned to accept the \$200 donation, Sarah seconded
 - b. Kim attended the EMS Conference
 - c. There were 5 calls in September
 - d. Applied for and received a grant for \$7500 from the North Shore Health Care Foundation. To be used towards the new rescue truck from Lutsen.
 - e. A resolution is needed to accept the check.
 - f. Applied for a grant through AGStar Financial Services for an offroad ATV trailer. Tofte could own it, Search & Rescue could use it. The grant was for \$3000. The trailer researched is \$6000, needs approx. \$3200 from towns to make up difference.
 - g. County Commissioners Report
 - a. No one has been hired at the Recycle Center yet.
 - b. The ½% sales tax will start January 1st. The tax will not be going towards facilities unless there is a public meeting about it to be held. An idea is proposed to pick a smaller road and post a sign telling citizens that the tax is going to that particular roadway upkeep.
 - c. There are new projects all the way through 2021. Ditching is a priority.
 - d. There is a new land commissioner, Rachel Espy.
 - e. Went to the District meeting in Silver Bay. Discussed getting legislation back on rack with transportation and bonding.
 - f. Discussion with Rich about the Superior Landfill closing and what will happen
 - h. Citizens Comments-no comments.

3. Old and New Business

- a. Motion to support renewal of listed liquor licenses
 - i. Sarah approved, Jeanne seconded
- b. Motion to request specific funding from TSSD-\$17,080.
 - i. Paul approved, Jeanne seconded. Wants to officially send a copy to TSSSD.
- c. Housing General Update
 - i. Jeanne and Sarah went to a housing event in Grand Marais on Sept. 19th. The focus was on the proposed housing in Lutsen, next to Arrowhead; and in Grand Marais being potentially assisted by the EDA. There were 50 people at the meeting. Nothing was mentioned about the Tofte housing project until Jeanne brought it up.
 - ii. Mary Somnis at the EDA was given a proposal with 3 different scenarios of our housing, since housing authority hasn't been given to Tofte. Haven't heard from EDA yet.
 - iii. Call from Chris at the IRRRB. Very supportive, talked about extending grants and that does not seem to be an issue at all.
- d. Tofte Historical Society-rock work in the park
 - i. Paul talked to North Shore Concrete out of Finland. Estimate of \$15,000. Proposal to write a 50/50 grant? It would cost the town \$7500. It would be a Spring 2017 project. Approach the Tofte Historical Society or MN Historical Society. *Need to write grant since we have actual grant*.
- e. Community Center
 1. School lease approved. Jeanne motioned, Sarah seconded
 2. Lease renewal for clinic. Sarah approved, Paul seconded
 3. Maintenance Update
 - a. Barbeque in place; fixed/filled cracks in bridge; fixed cracks in chairs; small repairs for ice rink
 - b. Paul and Steve to look at pavilion. Stain and seal to retain the natural cedar color
- f. Quotes for snow removal 2017

3 bids received. 2 from Cooters, 1 from Lambs, all the same price quotes as last year.

 - i. Fire and town hall, Park and Cemetery snowplow –Cooters-same as last year
 - ii. Birch Grove Community Center snowplow-Cooters-same as last year
 - iii. BGCC sidewalks/ice rink-no submitted bids
 - iv. Gitchi-Gami Trail-Lambs-same as last year

A motion was made to approve all 3 bids, Jeanne motioned, Sarah seconded. Paul abstained as he is included in part of 1 bid. Discussion about finding someone for BG sidewalks/ice rink.
- g. Cemetery/Park Update
 - i. Painting needs to be done next spring for the pavilion and rails. A bid needs to be created and put out.

- ii. Nov. 1st the cemetery gate will be shut to keep snowmobilers out.
 - iii. Red will drain the wishing well to prevent freezing.
 - h. Mail received
 - i. No mail received, still waiting for letter
 - i. Other business
 - i. No other business to be discussed
- 4. Meeting adjourned at 8:49pm motioned by Jeanne. Paul seconded.