

## **Tofte Town Board Meeting Minutes October 9, 2018**

Present: Supervisors Sarah Somnis, Craig Horak and Sam Crowley, Clerk Barb Quade, Treasurer Dan Shirley, County Commissioner Ginny Storlie and Hugh Horak. Fire Chief Rich Nelson and Rescue Chief Kim Jahnke could not make the meeting.

Chair Sarah Somnis called the board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Clerk Barb Quade presented the Supervisors with a tentative agenda for tonight's meeting. Supervisor Craig Horak asked to add to Hostel rent under the Fire Marshall Report. Supervisor Sam Crowley approved the agenda with this addition. Supervisor Craig Horak seconded.

Clerk's report: Clerk Barb Quade had sent the Supervisors the minutes for the September 13 monthly meeting and September 24 special meeting prior to tonight's meeting for their review. Supervisor Sam Crowley motioned to approve the September 13 and September 24 meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Craig Horak seconded. Clerk Barb Quade will certify Tofte Township .39 miles of township roads to the Cook County Highway Department.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Dan Shirley gave the treasurer's report for September 2018. Supervisor Sarah Somnis motioned to approve the September treasurer's report. Supervisor Craig Horak seconded.

Claims, Payroll, and Transfers: Clerk Barb Quade presented the board with claims totaling \$20,129.23 for approval for payment. Supervisor Sarah Somnis asked to review the claim forms and invoices from Grand Marais Pharmacy and Holiday Stationstores. Supervisor Sarah Somnis reviewed the two claim forms and invoices. Supervisor Sarah Somnis motioned to approve payment of claims as presented by the Clerk. Supervisor Craig Horak seconded.

Clerk Barb Quade presented the board with net payroll this evening totaling \$1,980.96. Supervisor Sam Crowley motioned to approve payment of the payroll as presented. Supervisor Craig Horak seconded. Clerk Barb Quade presented the cash control statement to the supervisors as well as the bank statements; signed by the supervisors, Sarah Somnis, Craig Horak and Sam Crowley.

The Clerk suggested the following transfer of funds to transact tonight's business: Transfer \$16,000.00 from the community center lease account to general checking. With no questions, Supervisor Craig Horak motions to approve the transfer as recommended by the Clerk. Supervisor Sam Crowley seconds.

CDs is maturing on 10/24/18 Connect Water & Sewer CD, Cemetery CD, Park CD, Birch Grove Community Center CD is maturing on 10/30, and 29 Acres Land use plan is maturing on 11/03, Fire Truck, and Rescue CD are maturing on 11/04. Clerk Barb Quade suggested the following additions to the CD \$10,000 to the Fire Truck, \$3000 to the Rescue, \$35,000 to the Birch Grove Community Center Building CD( funds are not being used for donations and appropriations), and \$2000 to the cemetery (see attached 2018 budget). \$5000 for the park is going to be used for the new pavilion. Supervisor Craig Horak motioned to rollover the CDs for another year and approves the additions. Supervisor Sam Crowley seconded.

Fire Department report: Chief Rich Nelson was unable to attend this meeting. Supervisor Sam Crowley gave the fire report: one vehicle accident and also a couple of false alarms. Fire Department will be going to Birch Grove Community School this week for fire prevention week.

Rescue Squad report: Rescue Captain Kim Jahnke was unable to attend this meeting. Rescue squad had 2 medical calls.

County Commissioner Report: County Commissioner Ginny Storlie said the County Attorney Molly Hicken said the wording wasn't correct in the agreement to exchange the land from the federal government. LEC is looking adding to on to the building; so that don't have to transport inmates which costs a lot of money. Fall Gala is being held on Grand Portage on October 23. Upgrading all county radios which is approximately 800. Report given later the meeting due to the Ginny had to attend the Schroeder Town Board meeting tonight.

Citizen's comments: None

#### Old/New Business

Motion to support the renewal liquor licenses for Bluefin which includes the Grille, Coho, Surfside Café and Tofte General Store and Tofte Bottle Shop. Supervisor Craig Horak motion to support the renewal of liquor licenses for Bluefin Grille, Coho, Surfside Café, Tofte General Store, and Tofte Bottle Shop. Supervisor Sam Crowley seconded. Clerk Barb Quade will send the Cook County Auditor/Treasurer the board approved all the liquor licenses renewals.

Housing: Supervisor Craig Horak is working with Mary Somnis, director of the Cook County EDA. Supervisor Craig Horak asked if Tofte will invest any more funds into the housing project, he said not now instead looking for grant funds. Supervisor Sarah Somnis said she would not invest any more money unless the Tofte taxpayers approve.

Birch Grove Community Center: Clerk Barb Quade will send the 2018-2019 to Sawtooth Mountain Clinic along with the billing for October payment on 10/1/18. The clinic lease expires on 10/31/2018. Maintenance update – Carroll Peterson suggested the gym lights be replaced LED lights. Supervisor Craig Horak will ask Dave Rude for a quote to replace the gym lights with LED lights. Pete Knudsen asked if he could replace the baseboards in the gym. Supervisor Sam Crowley motion to purchase ice rink liner from the funds received from the Cook County. Supervisor Craig Horak seconded. Supervisor Sam Crowley asked if Pete could look at the sign light and the flag light; they are burned out. Tofte Management lease for the two billboards is going expire 12/31/18. Clerk Barb Quade will email Jolita & Dennis Rysdahl to see if they want to renew the lease. Supervisor Craig Horak said that Jim King thinking about selling the hostel. If not, in the past the hostel would do they own cleaning, Jim King asked if the town could clean. Supervisor Craig Horak motions to rent to the hostel at \$200 a night. Supervisor Sarah Somnis seconded. Fire Marshall Report was tabled last month; asked Clerk Barb Quade to add to the November agenda.

Quotes for 2018-2019 snowplowing quotes Lee Jahnke bid on the snow removal on the Gitchi Gami removal at \$395 a time. Randy Nelson bid on the snow removal at the Birch Grove Community Center at \$100 a time and Fire/Town Hall, Park and Cemetery at \$110 a time. Supervisor Craig Horak motions to accept the quotes from Lee Jahnke and Randy Nelson. Supervisor Sam Crowley seconds.

Sawbill Garage Motion Light quote – Dave Rude provided a quote of \$300 to install LED motion light at the Sawbill garage. Supervisor Craig Horak motions to accept the Dave Rude's quote. Supervisor Sarah Somnis seconds.

Town / Fire Hall Septic System Installation – Haven't got date.

Park- Supervisor Craig Horak will be going to the P & Z meeting tomorrow night. Clerk Barb Quade posted they may be a quorum of supervisors at the P & Z meeting. Supervisor Craig Horak motions to table the playground quotes. Supervisor Sam Crowley seconds.

Cemetery – Supervisor Craig Horak Thorsen's didn't provide an updated quote. Supervisor Craig Horak motioned to table the paving of the Tofte Homestead Road until spring. Supervisor Sam Crowley seconds.

Jessica Sanders ask the town's permission to let Lloyd and Mary Gelligher park in the trailer next to motel the unit starting this month through May 2019. Supervisor Craig Horak checked with Bill Lane in the Cook County Planning & Zoning. Bill Lane said that the no one can live there; just park it. Supervisor Craig Horak motioned to approve the parking the trailer which has to be unoccupied and no utilities; wheels have to stay on the trailer. Supervisor Sam Crowley seconds.

Mail –Nothing relevant.

Supervisor Sam Crowley motioned to adjourn this meeting at 8:09 p.m. Supervisor Craig Horak seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Quade, Tofte Town Clerk