

## **Tofte Town Board Meeting Minutes July 12 2018**

Present: Supervisors Sarah Somnis, Craig Horak and Sam Crowley, Clerk Barb Quade, Treasurer Dan Shirley, Rescue Squad Chief Kim Jahnke, County Commissioner Ginny Storlie, Gary and Marsha Hansen, Pam and Jim Kersten, and Finley Jo.

Chair Sarah Somnis called the board meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

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

Clerk's report: Clerk Barb Quade had sent the Supervisors the minutes for the June 14 monthly meeting prior to tonight's meeting for their review. Supervisor Sam Crowley motioned to approve the June 14 minutes as presented. Supervisor Craig Horak seconded.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Dan Shirley gave the Treasurer's report. Supervisor Sam Crowley motioned to approve the April and May treasurer's report. Supervisor Craig Horak seconded.

Claims, Payroll, and Transfers: Clerk Barb Quade presented the board with claims totaling \$18,314.71 for approval for payment. Supervisor Sarah Somnis asked to review the claim forms and invoices from Arrowhead electric and ER Perry Signs. 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.

Resolution #7-2018 donation of \$1500 to Sugarbush Trail Association as approved at the 2017 Tofte annual meeting. Supervisor Craig Horak motioned to adopt Resolution #7-2018. Supervisor Sam Crowley seconded. Resolution #8-2018 donation of \$1500 to Junior Lutsen Alpine Ski Club as approved at the 2017 Tofte annual meeting. Supervisor Craig Horak motioned to adopt Resolution #8-2018. Supervisor Sam Crowley seconded.

Clerk Barb Quade presented the board with net payroll this evening totaling \$1,514.53. Supervisor Craig Horak motioned to approve payment of the payroll as presented. Supervisor Sam Crowley 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 \$1,600.00 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. Mutual call to Schroeder Baking Company A/C caught on fire. Supervisor Sarah Somnis got a call asking about the Tofte fire trucks.

Rescue Squad report: Rescue Captain Kim Jahnke they responded to 6 calls in June. Phil Bonin is resigning as co-chief of the rescue squad.

County Commissioner Report: County Commissioner Ginny Storlie reported Lake County Highway Engineer which Cook County is sharing reported on the Two Island Bridge project to the Commissioners. This year sodium chloride will put on some roads. Commissioner Ginny Storlie reported the Legacy Grant is going to aid in the mountain biking trails in Grand Marais. She also talked about the Gitchi Gami Bike Trail bridge over the Fall River. County Attorney Molly Hicken came before the County Board explaining Restorative Justice Court program.

Citizen's comments: None

Old/New Business

Housing – Supervisor Craig Horak met with Dennis Rysdahl, Scott Harrison, and Scott Stempihar from Krech and Ojard. Supervisor Craig Horak said the Town of Tofte doesn't want to spend anymore money on housing. (see notes attached from the meeting).

Birch Grove Community Center:

Birch Grove Community School Lease and the Birch Grove Preschool Lease: Supervisor Craig Horak to contact Chris Virta at Fryberger who created the lease for the school; asking what liability the town would be exposed to the School sublease the space they are leasing. He said he would. Tabled until next month.

General update – Dave Somnis is doing a good job mowing. The remaining pieces of the green house haven't been removed as yet. The board asked to Clerk Barb Quade to contact WECONNECT asking them to remove the pieces of green house remaining. Once they are moved, Dave Somnis will mow the area.

TSSSD- The TSSSD is holding a public meeting on July 31, 2018, at 6 p.m. at the Schroeder Town Hall informing the citizens of the detachment of Schroeder Township from the TSSSD. Clerk Barb Quade gave a contract form and the bid from the Scott Robinson to Supervisor Sam Crowley; asking him to get dates and signature from Scott Robinson.

July 4<sup>th</sup> – Tofte July 4<sup>th</sup> went great. Curt Serbus the fireworks operator has one year left on a three contract. Clerk Barb Quade will be sending to thank you letters to American Legion, Cook County Sheriffs office, Dennis & Jolita Rysdahl, Grand Marais State Bank, Town of Lutsen and Town of Schroeder. Clerk Barb Quade will prepare a spreadsheet showing the costs/expenses this year in comparison to 2017.

Website Visual Update -Clerk Barb Quade asking the board to table this because she has not time to research this. Schroeder uses using WORDPRESS.COM, Tina and Doug set it up, it costs \$100 a year (Zoar Church uses as well for the website), Lutsen uses WIX is our company. Ben Belland [a fire fighter and EMS] set ours up. We paid him \$375 for set up. We pay \$149 per year for service and 47.88 for the calendar option. Supervisor Craig Horak motioned to the table this until next month. Supervisor Sam Crowley seconded.

Park –Supervisor Sam Crowley who is the park liaison said it needs some repairs. Pam Kersten said the park gets used a lot and she thanked the Town for responded so quickly to her email. She talked to Dennis Rysdahl about picking up the garbage. There was a discussion on the whether or not to have garbage facilities down there. Supervisor Craig Horak will check with

Cook County P & Z to see whether we can re-build the pavilion on the same foot print. Supervisor Craig Horak is working to find the pavilion kit and the volunteers to do the work. The picnic tables need to be replaced at the park. Supervisor Craig Horak motioned to spend up to \$3000 to replaced the picnic tables at the park. Supervisor Sam Crowley seconded. Supervisor Sarah Somnis will pick out the picnic tables. Supervisor Sarah Somnis when we get the new picnic tables; will have Birch Grove Community Services remove the old ones. There was a discussion about putting swings/playground equipment in the park. Supervisor Craig Horak will get quotes for the playground equipment for the park.

Cemetery – Some gravestones need to be raised. Supervisor Sam Crowley will ask Dave Somnis if he interested in the doing the work.

Clerk Barb Quade asked Supervisor Craig Horak to check with Chris Virta at Fryberger if any legally needs to be done before posting the request the bids to blacktop the Tofte Homestead Road from Sawtooth Outfitters to the Tofte Cemetery because of the two easements. This was tabled.

Mail - more mail from the Court of Appeals re PUC.

Supervisor Sarah Somnis motioned to adjourn this meeting at 8:10 p.m. Supervisor Craig Horak seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Quade, Tofte Town Clerk