

CROOKED LAKE TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2014

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

Members present: Dave Schaumburg, Lloyd Thyen, Rod Schloesser, Mark Skjolsvik, Connie Glass, Pat Faul, Kim Hughes (deputy clerk). Absent: Glenn Mechelke.

MOTION SKJOLSVIK 2<sup>ND</sup> SCHLOESSER TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 9, 2014 MINUTES. Motion carried

The Treasurer's report was given. The checkbook balance is 121,872.10.

Rolf Halstensen was present to discuss the 2015 Fire Department budget and levy. The levy requested for 2015 is 52,900.00. He reported that 3 firefighters had attended training and passed. He presented Rod Schloesser with a 15 year service award. The pipeline safety awareness and emergency response program was discussed. The fire department someday would like to have a kitchen at the fire hall in the space that is now being used for storage by the township. Utilizing the town hall basement for future storage and office space was discussed. He is working on various compliance issues to bring the department up to standards.

MOTION SCHLOESSER 2<sup>ND</sup> SCHAUMBURG TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL AIR CONDITIONING IN THE FIRE HALL OFFICES AND INSTALL INDIRECT LIGHTNING IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM. EXPENSES TO BE PAID FOR BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RELIEF ASSOCIATION. Motion carried.

The installation of a water fill drop for 631 and changing the flex hose from pump to rigid piping (outside and inside) was discussed.

MOTION SCHLOESSER 2<sup>ND</sup> SKJOLSVIK TO PURCHASE 3 SPARE NOZZLES (NFPA) ON 631 AT A COST OF \$2700.00 AND 18 LED HELMENT MOUNT LIGHTS AT A COST OF \$2000.00. Motion carried.

The installation of 6 radios on 631 and the need for shelving in the fire hall office was discussed.

MOTION THYEN 2<sup>ND</sup> SCHLOESSER TO ACCEPT \$524.00 FROM THE FIRE RELIEF ASSOCIATION FOR MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. Motion carried.

The need for new firefighters and recruitment/ retention was discussed.

MOTION SCHLOESSER 2<sup>ND</sup> SCHAUMBURG TO RAISE REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAINING MEETINGS FOR FIREFIGHTERS TO \$25.00 EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. Motion carried.

MOTION SKJOLSVIK 2<sup>ND</sup> THYEN TO RAISE THE RETIREMENT COMPENSATION FROM \$550.00 TO \$750.00 PER YEAR OF SERVICE STAYING WITHIN THE 100% FUNDED STATE GUIDELINES. Motion carried.

Payments on the fire truck were discussed. Extra payments made from donations and reimbursements was questioned. The Fire Department would like all future payments to be listed separate from the fire department operating fund.

Reimbursement for mileage and schooling costs for firefighters was discussed.

The Fire Department certification letter that needs to be completed every year was discussed.

The Fire Department equipment fund CD was discussed.

The Board of Audit Meeting was discussed.

MOTION THYEN 2<sup>ND</sup> SCHLOESSER TO HOLD THE BOARD OF AUDIT MEETING ON FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:00 PM AT THE TOWN HALL. MEETING NOTICE WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED IN THE PAPER JUST POSTED AT TOWNSHIP POSTING LOCATIONS. Motion carried.

Schaumburg gave a Town Hall addition update. He presented a list of items that were not included in the original bid amount. The total of those items was \$21,750.00. The base cost of the addition was in range of original bid. There will be some additional costs in the spring.

Thyen gave an AIS program update. The DNR granted 388 DNR Intern Inspector hours to Crooked Lake Township for the Roosevelt Lake Boat Ramp on Highway 6. The purchase of I-Lids was discussed.

The snowplowing policy and a list of township roads with priority status was presented.

MOTION SCHLOESSER 2<sup>ND</sup> GLASS TO APPROVE THE SNOWPLOWING POLICY AS PRESENTED ON FEBRUARY 13, 2014. Motion carried.

#### CROOKED LAKE TOWNSHIP SNOWPLOWING POLICY

FEBRUARY 13, 2014

The township snow plows will be sent out after a 3 to 4 inch snowfall. Plows will not be sent out in hazardous conditions. If snowfall ends during the night, plows will be sent out in early morning. Occasionally an accumulation of light snowfalls over several days will require plowing to clear the roads. Anytime a plow able snow occurs after road tops have thawed the grader will be the only machine used to remove snow. This will save the road tops/Class 5 from being plowed into the ditches.

CLT plows 34 miles of Town roads and 19 miles of County roads. Priority roads are 1} school bus routes and 2} routes with persons requiring regular medical attention. The first plow trip is to open the roads and the second trip is to clean the roads. Salt/sand treatment will be applied only to dangerous intersections and hills.

It is unlawful to deposit snow on Town roads. Under the provisions of MN Statute 366.016, Snow in Roadways and MN Statute 609.74, Nuisance Parking on Public Roadways; damage

caused by these deposits may result in liability to property owners; the cost of removing these deposits may be assessed to property owners; and vehicles parked on Town roads may be towed at owner's expense to allow for proper plowing.

The township will repair only those mailboxes or fences that are properly located and installed and damaged by actual contact with township equipment. Damage from flying snow is not the responsibility of the township.

In emergency situations contact law enforcement, emergency personnel or 911. Any questions should be directed to a township supervisor.

Skjolsvik gave an update on the Enbridge Pipeline project. A map and letter has been posted at the library and post office. A DVD was received and the possibility of playing it at the library was discussed.

The Library is now open 6 days a week.

Schloesser gave an update on culverts. The wood left in Luscher Park has been removed. He met with Charlie Swenson regarding Class 5. Prices of Class 5 was discussed. Discussed Beaver Dams and the need to keep checking them.

A vehicle that was left in the ditch and towed by Lyle was discussed.

The Road and Bridge fund expenses were discussed.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter road work has been billed to Cass County, Beulah and Thunder Lake.

The Work Comp audit has been completed and sent in.

The amount of money paid in to PERA was discussed.

Schloesser will prepare a road report for the Annual Meeting.

An email received from Christine Friederichs was discussed

FEMA report was received and needs to be signed and returned.

MOTION SCHLOESSER 2<sup>ND</sup> SKJOLSVIK TO PAY WARRANTS #15568-15619. Motion carried.

MOTION SCHLOESSER 2<sup>ND</sup> GLASS TO RECESS THE MEETING UNTIL FEBRUARY 25, 2014 AT 5:00 PM FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING THE BOARD OF AUDIT MEETING. Motion carried.

Kim Hughes, Deputy Clerk