

## Summary of the September 26, 2016 bi-monthly Town Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chair George Franckowiak. Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Supervisor David Opack, second by Chair George Franckowiak and unanimously approved.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Storm damage-The garage roof at the Community Center is being repaired.

Disaster Emergency Plan-A committee will be formed in January to work on a plan.

State of local emergency-Supervisor Nelson submitted the forms and has sent an email to see if we can change the categories where each expense was applied, same expenses just in different categories.

Future expenses-We have not compiled the list yet. Clerk and deputy clerk will work on this list.

Special Events in the Community-The deputy clerk made up a form for the Supervisors to look at and a copy will be given to the Planning & Zoning Commission with the possibility of Special Event permits being required for events in the township such as Auctions, Car Shows, triathlons, etc. The St. Louis County Sheriff's Department was contacted requesting a squad to patrol the area of the recent auction at Island Lake Inn due to the concern of cars blocking Carey Road making it impossible for emergency vehicles to get through. A letter was also sent to the auctioneer and the Inn stating that "NO PARKING" signs are to be posted on the south side of Carey Road.

Grader operator's road report update-Clerk contacted St. Louis County Public Works Department to request a replacement "STOP" sign for Boulder Lake Road. The county will replace this sign. The grader operator has ordered the bearing for the mower. Gravel has been placed on the turnarounds on Bergstrom, Tarnowski, and Jackson Roads; the lanes off Eagle Lake Road; and the frost boil soft spot on West Pioneer Road. Traffic Marking, Inc. called the clerk and stated that they would stripe Pioneer Road last week, but it was not done possibly due to the rain.

Ditching attachment-Supervisor Opack watched three videos about the ditching attachment but he will be doing more research on this and the possibility of renting the attachment. He will report back at next month's meeting.

Bituminous pothole patching-Supervisor Opack contacted Asphalt of Duluth about the quote we accepted from them last June for patching at the Community Center and the Town Hall. Shaun Frye stated that he would get it done last Friday. The work hasn't been done as of today, possibly due to the rain. Supervisor Opack feels we need to put a starting and an end date when we get the quotes.

Roads-Supervisor Opack met with Scott Olson to discuss any areas of concern the County might have with our township roads before the snow plowing season. Scott said we have some spots where there is brush hanging over the roads and trees that were partially blown down during the storm that may fall down completely if we get heavy snow this winter. They also talked about clearing the right-of-way of debris. Supervisor Opack stated that he wants to be sure our grader and brusher are in good working condition in case they will be needed this winter. Supervisor Opack also talked about the possibility of purchasing an attachment for the mower so we could snowplow the Town Hall and Community Center parking lots in an emergency.

Snowplowing at the Community Center-We will discuss this at next month's meeting.

Community Development Block Grant Meeting-No update on the meeting as Supervisor Nelson was unable to attend tonight's meeting. We will get his report next month.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Timber Auction-The clerk received a call from Erik Anton, St. Louis County Land Department and they will be holding a timber auction on November 3<sup>rd</sup> for the 80 acres of tax forfeit land on the Church Road. They are requesting permission to close off the minimum maintenance part of the Church Road (the part where we have the "Closed For Winter" sign) while the person that gets

awarded the timber sale logs off the trees. They would use the old dump portion of the parcel for a landing and haul trees from both sides of the Church Road to the landing station. Erik stated they will post the "Road Closed" signs and restore the road to its original condition when they are finished with the job. Erik emailed a map of the areas to be clear cut. Supervisor Opack will contact Erik to discuss some concerns he has about other township roads that will be used to haul out the timber.

Duluth Area Township Meeting-DAT Meeting minutes, next meeting is October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Rice Lake City Hall. Supervisor Franckowiak and Clerk Haller will attend.

Reminder-Township Legal Seminar-October 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cotton Town Hall. Chair Franckowiak will attend.

Aquatic Invasive Species Program-Deadline to apply is December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Property on Park Drive-Supervisor Nelson received an email asking if there is anything that can be done about this property that has an old trailer, a shack and fallen trees. Clerk will notify the Planning & Zoning Chair to go look at the property and we can send the property owner a letter to clean it up.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

Two pieces of correspondence were received.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. with a motion by Supervisor Opack, second by Chair Franckowiak. No objections, meeting adjourned. (This meeting was taped for transcribing purposes only.)

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