

MINUTES
Twin Lakes Township
Wednesday, January 4, 2017
Reorganizational Meeting and Town Board Meeting at the Carlton Fire Hall
5:30 p.m.

Clerk Sue Chapin opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Other board members present: Supervisor Diane Felde-Finke, Supervisor John Vernon, Supervisor Randy Willie, Treasurer Stephanie Schmitz. Also present: Road Foreman Bob Olean.

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

MOTION to designate Felde-Finke as Board Chair was made by Vernon and seconded by Willie; Vernon and Willie voted yes, Felde-Finke abstained, the motion passed.

MOTION to designate Vernon as Vice Chair was made by Willie and seconded by Finke-Felde; Willie and Felde-Finke voted yes, Vernon abstained, the motion passed.

MOTION to affirm that regular board meetings will be held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Carlton Fire Hall, that our official newspaper is the Pine Journal, that our official posting place is at the Carlton Fire Hall, that our official depositories are Wells Fargo and Dain Rauscher, that the location of town records is at the Carlton Fire Hall, and that compensation for wages for town officers and employees as stated by resolution is correct was made by Vernon and seconded by Willie; all voted yes, the motion passed.

TOWN BOARD MEETING

GUESTS

Ron Johnson, Lift Stations Report: There is still a problem with rags in the casino lift station; FDL is paying for their removal. Great Lakes Pipe finished the cleaning and televising of the remainder of the sewer line on the south side of Highway 210. There was no other damage, and they said the repair recently done looked great. Discussion about having a requirement that if someone is going to bore any more lines, they need to televise the sewer line before the work is done and also when they're finished. Discussion on the New Life Church, and whether or not to require a meter if their variance request, to have a school, is approved.

David Bolf and Tom DesMarais, Northland Consulting Engineers: DesMarais explained aspects of the feasibility study. They started with three different areas, but based on the soil borings, the first two priority areas were further split up, with some area being reclaim and some being total reconstruction. Discussion on the option of using recycled tire as a base. Bolf recommends granular rather than tires if cost is comparable.

Willie expressed the board's frustration with the length of time it took to get the feasibility study. Bolf apologized for the delay, and said that if we want to continue forward it will not happen again. Discussion on what information the board would like to have in hand before the annual meeting in March, and on whether the first priority section – swamp area and sight areas on

either end, can be done this summer. Before the annual meeting, the board would like preliminary road plans, title sheet, estimated quantities, plan profile, and ownership lines shown. Discussion on the permitting process for the wetland area. Discussion on doing more borings on either side of boring 4, to determine if there is peat in that area. The board agreed that any additional borings needed for both sections one and two should be done now. Bolf spoke about additional information they will work on, and will get a cost estimate to the board, including materials. There are probably no grant opportunities available for this year. The board agreed that paving on section one should wait until section two is complete, so that it can all be done at once. Discussion on road width and also weight limit; agreement on 22' bituminous and 3' gravel shoulders, and a 9 ton limit.

MOTION to approve the December 21, 2016 minutes as printed was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.

MOTION to pay all bills, check numbers #16154 – #16160 and electronic payment 941JAN17 for the total amount of \$237,182.09 was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.

Schmitz presented the Treasurer's Report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Water Line: Derek Wolf emailed that soil boring results came back as excellent at the new water treatment plant location being considered in South Terrace. Postcard notices about the upcoming public meeting were mailed to residents and businesses that would be affected by the water line.
- Town Hall: The board reviewed information received from Troy Gilchrist regarding considerations for construction of a town hall. The clerk reported on initial results from the survey of residents being conducted.

NEW BUSINESS

- None.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Olean talked to Grover, and he will measure and get ribbons on trees on Sandwick, so that resident can take a look. He will get a cost estimate to us after that. The county will work on brush cutting as they can; Olean will get a priority list to them.
- Sandwick and Overlie Roads: As part of FEMA flood plain information, the DNR is requesting information about the width and span of culverts on Sandwick and Overlie. Olean will get that in the spring. Mapping of those areas is also requested.

CORRESPONDENCE

- MPCA, letter regarding public comment period on proposed amendments.
- MSA, Holiday card.
- Carlton County 4H, thank you note for trophy and t-shirt sponsorship.

MEETINGS

- Joint Powers Board Meeting, Thursday, January 12, 6:00 p.m., Carlton City Hall.
- Public Information Meeting (water line), Thursday, January 19, 6:30 p.m., Carlton County Transportation Building.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; the motion passed.
The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Chapin, Clerk

Diane Felde-Finke, Board Chair