

**MINUTES**  
**Twin Lakes Township**  
**Wednesday, January 6, 2021**  
**Town Board Meeting at the Historic Scott House**  
**5:30 p.m.**

Board Chair Diane Felde-Finke opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. via telephone. Other board members present via telephone: Supervisor John Vernon, Supervisor Randy Willie, Treasurer Ginny Vernon. Present in person: Clerk Sue Chapin.

**- GUESTS:**

- Ron Johnson, Lift Stations Report: Both stations ran without a problem for the entire month. The new FDL bus building uses about 1,000 gallons a month.

**MOTION to approve the December 16, 2020 minutes as printed was made by Willie and seconded by J. Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

**MOTION to pay all bills, check numbers #17542 - #17549 and electronic payments NOV20BANK and 941JAN21 for the total amount of \$18,933.99 was made by Willie and seconded by J. Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

G. Vernon presented the treasurer's report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Water Line: A special meeting was held this afternoon to discuss water line issues including a Donohue contract amendment and work to be done by NCE, and the water rate study from Ehlers. Discussion on the county's financial commitment to the project. Willie reported on an earlier meeting this morning with Derek Wolf and Susan Wojtkiewicz, during which they discussed ownership of the meter pit, and also what type of buildings, meter pit and booster station, should be constructed. Wolf and Willie will tour some other facilities.

- Jay West Road: Discussion on the parking issue by Lac La Belle. Clerk will contact the county about possible caution signage.

- West Chub Lake Road: The county is unable to figure out what happened to the survey markers which some residents have said were never replaced after road reconstruction was done decades ago.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Enbridge: The board discussed their concerns regarding the potential conditional use permit being requested for Enbridge to store mats on the Dave Douglas property, and the hauling of them on Douglas Road. Other locations for mat storage were looked at but were not viable. A letter was sent to Enbridge and to Carlton County Zoning, stating that:

"The Twin Lakes Township Board was recently made aware of a proposed plan by Enbridge Energy to store mats at a location on Douglas Road, which is a township road. The Board has concerns with the planned use of Douglas Road to haul the mats to and from the location.

The proposed hauling of these heavy loads is likely to cause damage to weaker portions of the road, and the curves of the road may be a hazard for long trucks. Weight limits (7 ton per axle) are posted on the road in the spring. Significant damage could be done during spring break-up as well as on hot days in the summer. The timing of hauling the mats is critical. Any hauling on Douglas Road must enter and exit off the Highway 61 end of the road”.

A letter was also sent to Enbridge stating the board’s concern with heavy hauling on Yndestad Road.

Felde-Finke spoke with Christine Davis with Enbridge about this issue, and we received an email back from Patrick Dechant with Enbridge, stating that:

“The truck loads of whatever construction materials or equipment will be kept to legal limits. We will not be hauling loads when Spring Load restrictions are enforced. This is the reason we have a signed Road Use Agreement between the Twin Lakes Township and Enbridge for the Line 3 replacement Project. In the RUA document the language spells out which roads are used and measures to be taken if road damage occurs. If we damage your roads as a result of our construction or material hauling activities they will be repaired.”

### ROAD MAINTENANCE

- None.

### CORRESPONDENCE

- Carlton County Zoning, Notice of Public Hearing, Wednesday, January 6, 7:00 p.m., Carlton County Transportation Building, conditional use permit, Dave Douglas (Enbridge).
- Carlton County Transportation, information on equipment rental rates.
- MPCA, Notice of Hearing regarding water quality standards rule revisions.

### MEETINGS

- Twin Lakes Township Special Meeting, Wednesday, January 6, 1 p.m., Carlton County Transportation Building, to discuss water line matters.
- Water Line meeting, held by Zoom, Friday, January 8, 11 a.m., with representatives from Kennedy & Graven, Ehlers, and Donohue. Felde-Finke and clerk will attend.

**MOTION to adjourn was made by Willie and seconded by J. Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.** The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Chapin, Clerk

Diane Felde-Finke, Board Chair