

MINUTES
Twin Lakes Township
Wednesday, January 17, 2018
Town Board Meeting at the Carlton Fire Hall
5:30 p.m.

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

GUESTS:

Derek Wolf, Carlton Fire Chief: Wolf presented a recap of runs for 2017. There were 13 false alarm fire calls, 5 hazardous condition, 219 medical (113 were to the casino), 5 rescue calls, 3 grass fires, 14 accidents, 7 accidents with extrication, and 2 working structure fires. Total calls were 791; an increase of 89 calls from 2016. There has been a steady increase of calls for the last seven years. Wolf explained how ambulance billing with the casino is taken care of. The Fire Department's Building Committee has hired a firm to do a building evaluation of the current fire hall, and will do a preliminary plan and cost estimate for expanding the building. Training will be done this summer in the house next door to the fire hall. Wolf explained how the driveway next to the fire hall could be moved. Department membership has been increased from 25 members to 35 members, in case more members need to be taken on.

Dave Chmielewski, Tire Aggregate, LLC: Chmielewski presented photos and diagrams about his tire aggregate product. They have a permit for a waste tire recycling facility. They have installed over 140,000 cubic yards of Tire Derived Aggregate (TDA). He explained various projects that have used or will be using their product, and he explained how the product works. This is not the same product as what is used on playgrounds. He feels that the cost savings would be approximately \$150,000 to \$200,000 if his product is used for the Gillogly Road project, based on 3' or 4' of fill in the wetlands area. His plan for the wetland area would keep the base that's there, put geogrid down, then tire shreds down, then fabric, then 2' of sand and gravel, with pavement on top. Willie explained that we are excavating between 14' and 19' in the wet area. He went over the current plan for Phase 1, and explained why the full muck excavation has been recommended by our engineering firm, Northland Consulting Engineers. Willie explained that some on site excavated material will be used as fill, which will help bring costs down. Discussion on the bidding process; anyone can bid on the project, not just prevailing wage bids.

MOTION to approve the January 3, 2018 minutes as printed was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.

MOTION to pay all bills, check numbers #16555 - #16567 and electronic payments WF18JAN and PERA18JAN for the total amount of \$26,463.89 was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.

The board reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Water Line: Discussion on Ashley Hammerbeck's request for Donohue to receive authorization for additional billing to the township's contract to cover design for the metering station, and watermain additions from the water tower to the metering station, and then to the city limits. The cost estimate for that design is \$30,000. She also estimates additional billing of \$5,000 a month, through March, for the pursuit of funding options and meeting attendance. That additional \$45,000 total would put our total billing at about 60% of the original contract amount, leaving about \$145,000 for final design, QC, MDH review, funding and bidding, which Hammerbeck says in an email "should be very comfortable". **MOTION to approve authorization for additional billing of \$45,000 to the township's contract with Donohue, for metering station and watermain additions design, and other work to be done through March, was made by Felde-Finke and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

Discussion on whether or not to go to 100% design at this time. The board agreed that since we don't know for sure what our funding will be, we should not go to 100% design. Willie emphasized that the legislators need to do something. Willie will attend a meeting with legislators, in St. Paul, on February 7 at 2:30 p.m.

- Gillogly Road: Discussion on the tire aggregate product. The board agreed that even if it was put in above the water, it would settle. Discussion on its possible use for Phase 2. Willie spoke about the use of geogrid, and said that he worked with it on a project, and that the road failed when the first truck went over it, causing the road to be dug back up and two layers of geogrid put in. NCE sent two different schedules for bidding. The recommended schedule is the Public Meeting on February 8, Town Approval of Plans on February 21, Ad for Bid to run on March 1 and March 8, Bid Opening on March 22, Contract Award on April 4. **MOTION to approve NCE's recommended bidding schedule for the Gillogly Road project was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.** The clerk presented information received from attorney Gina Fiorini, regarding the process for obtaining financing from a bank to help cover some of the project costs. Felde-Finke, Schmitz, and clerk will check with different banks for rates and other loan information.

- Enbridge: The board reviewed two permit applications from Enbridge for the Line 3 project; one for Gillogly Road, and one for Nendick Road, West Chub Lake Road, and East Chub Lake Road. Both permits run from June 1, 2018 until June 1, 2019. **MOTION to approve the Enbridge permits was made by Vernon and seconded by Willie; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

NEW BUSINESS

- None.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- White Pine Addition: An owner of property on White Pine Drive has placed stakes in the township's right-of-way, which could be in the way when snow plowing is done. Olean tried to contact the owner. Olean has told the county to plow the road and put snow in the right-of-way as needed.

- Road Worker: Discussion on hiring a person to take care of road maintenance issues if needed while Olean is out of town. Brent Olean has indicated that he is willing to take on that job. **MOTION to hire Brent Olean as a Road Worker was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed. MOTION to compensate Brent Olean per the Road Worker rate set forth in the Amended Compensation Resolution of 6/7/17 was made by Felde-Finke and seconded by Willie; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

CORRESPONDENCE

- WLSSD, Flows and Loadings for December, BODs and SS were both below budgeted amounts.
- Carlton Community Education, thank you letter for Mother Son Gala donation.
- WLSSD, Biosolids Digest.

MEETINGS

- Carlton County Modernization Workshop, FEMA, Thursday, Jan. 18, 8:30 a.m., Carlton Co. Transportation Bldg. Felde-Finke and Clerk will attend.
- Joint Powers Board Meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 31, 6:00 p.m., Carlton City Hall.
- Gillogly Road Public Meeting, Thursday, Feb. 8, 6:00 p.m., Carlton Co. Transportation Bldg.
- Water Line Public Hearing, Thursday, Feb. 15, 7:00 p.m., Carlton Co. Transportation Bldg.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Chapin, Clerk

Diane Felde-Finke, Board Chair