

MINUTES
Twin Lakes Township
Wednesday, March 15, 2017
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.

MOTION to approve the March 1, 2017 minutes as printed was made by Willie and seconded by Felde-Finke; all voted yes, the motion passed.

MOTION to pay all bills, check numbers #16209 - #16219 and electronic payment PERA17MAR for the total amount of \$17,941.77 was made by Willie and seconded by Felde-Finke; all voted yes, the motion passed.

Schmitz presented the Treasurer's Report.

MEETINGS

- MAT Short Course, Friday, April 7, at the Black Bear Casino. Felde-Finke, clerk and treasurer will attend.

GUESTS: Andy Gladen, Andrew Kozclouzek, and Dennis Kwapick, all with the Duluth Off-Road Association: Information was presented on plans for an ORV (off road vehicle) trail off of Highway 45, north of Carlton. The Duluth Off-Road Association would build the trail; it would be about 10' wide and limited to off-road vehicles only. The Association is requesting sponsorship from Carlton County for a Grant-in-Aid trail funded by the DNR. No money is being requested from the township or the county; funding would come from ORV registration fees. Vernon and Willie are both very familiar with the proposed area, and both expressed concern about the trail location, the wetlands, scenery and trees. There was also concern expressed about the audience numbers when a competition is held, and where those people would park. Kwapick stated that a barrier would be put up at the entrance to the trail so that only ORV vehicles would be able to access the area. Association members also said that they would like to keep the scenery and trees intact, and that the DNR would keep them from causing environmental damage. The board questioned the effectiveness of how the DNR would do that. The Association believes average usage of the trail would be five to ten vehicles a weekend; more when there's a competition. Discussion on other land in the area that would perhaps be better suited for a trail. The trail could be closed during hunting season, during the wet spring season, and any other times deemed necessary. If the project moves forward there will be a public meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Water Line: The board reviewed an amendment to the original Joint Powers Agreement, adding the water treatment plant. **MOTION to approve the Amendment to Joint Powers Agreement was made by Vernon and seconded by Willie; all voted yes, the motion passed.** The board reviewed two service agreements with Donohue & Associates, one for the new water treatment plant in the amount of \$230,000, and one for the water distribution system in the amount of \$490,000. **MOTION to approve, by resolution, the two Donohue & Associates Service Agreements was made by Vernon and seconded by Willie; all voted yes, the motion passed.** The board reviewed a map showing the proposed location for the water treatment plant.

- Gillogly Road: Discussion on the easement width of 50' in the plans. Felde-Finke spoke with Milt Hagen and Mike Tardy with the county. State aid roads require 50' easements, but the township can determine their own width, and it does not have to be the same for the entire road. If they don't feel the road traffic warrants a 55 mph speed limit, the county designs to a lower speed limit, which costs less money. The board agreed that the road should be designed at 45 mph. Discussion on the road weight limit; the board would like a cost comparison between a 7 ton design and a 9 ton design. Discussion on easement widths; the board would like clarification on permanent easements and temporary easements. Clerk will contact Tom DesMarais with NCE. Discussion on possible bonding; the board would like to get through Phase 1 without bonding; not including bituminous.

NEW BUSINESS

- Annual Meeting: Recommended levy amounts were approved, with the exception of Road & Bridge which was approved at \$600,000 (the board had recommended \$500,000). The annual meeting was recessed to allow more time for the board to work on a design and cost for the town hall. The annual meeting will be reconvened on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Carlton Fire Hall.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- None.

CORRESPONDENCE

- None.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,