

MINUTES
Twin Lakes Township
Wednesday, May 18, 2016
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. Also present: Road Foreman Bob Olean, Ken Martin.

GUESTS

- Derek Wolf, City of Carlton Public Works Superintendent: Wolf asked about the township's generator, and whether we would be willing to share with the city if they needed it. He also asked permission to look at it and see if it would hook up with their system; if not they could have an adaptor made. Wolf also offered to assist us if we needed the city's help with hooking up a generator at one of our lift stations, which would be helpful if Ron Johnson was gone. Olean stated that the generator should be run more than it is; we have never had to use it. Wolf stated that he could run it occasionally. The board agreed with Wolf's request. He will talk with Johnson about it also. Discussion on insurance coverage, Wolf will check into it.

Wolf also mentioned that the owner of property on Hillside Drive is looking at developing 160 acres; subdividing it into 5 acre lots. The city is looking at expanding the cemetery and at the same time upgrading Hillside Drive (bigger culvert and possibly raise the road); the city would be responsible for those improvements. Olean inspected the site and said the plans are good.

The Fire Department has purchased the property next door to the fire hall. Their plan is to train in the house for a year and then tear it down. They may possibly build another building there to house the ambulance.

- Tom DesMarais, Northland Consulting: In regards to the West Chub Lake Road outlet restoration project, DeMarais stated that applications have been submitted to the DNR and to Carlton County Zoning. He asked if we would want to sign the application for the county, or if we want to have Northland sign it. The board agreed that their preference is for the clerk to sign on behalf of the township. They are waiting to hear back from the county on the fee schedule. Northland could write that check and would add it on to our contract as a reimbursable expense. The board agreed. The board reviewed an email from Kelly Smith with SWCD regarding the project. The east side of the project goes off of the right-of-way; Olean indicated that will not be a problem. DesMarais will forward a form to the clerk for the property owner to sign.

DesMarais also spoke about the Gillogly Road feasibility study. There are three different priority areas; the low area is the worst. The recommendations are based on cost and the condition of each section. There were no surprises in the borings. He is recommending complete reconstruction in the low area. There was no bedrock encountered in the high knob/vertical curve area, so should be able to regrade there. The complete written report will be to us by our first meeting in June.

MOTION to approve the May 4, 2016 minutes as printed was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.

MOTION to approve the May 5, 2016 Board of Appeal and Equalization minutes as printed was made by Vernon and seconded by Felde-Finke; all voted yes, the motion passed.

MOTION to pay all bills, check numbers #15952 – #15975 and electronic payment PERA16MAY for the total amount of \$148,931.19 was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed. Check #15951 from the May 4 claims has been voided, as it was for the incorrect dollar amount. A new check is included for this meeting.

Schmitz presented the Treasurer's Report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Water Line, MSA: We will be receiving the PDF file of the water line plans from MSA, and we will be incurring no additional charges from MSA. A Termination of Contract was sent to MSA, showing that we are terminating the contract for convenience.
- West Chub Lake Road Outlet Restoration: Olean has everything ready to go on the project, and is just waiting for the permits.

NEW BUSINESS

- Friends of Animals: A letter was received from Friends of Animals, requesting a donation to help cover the cost of remodeling a new building they are acquiring. They predict an expected shortfall of \$130,000. Discussion was tabled until more information is received.
- Century Link Permit Request: A permit request was received for buried cable on Douglas Road and Godbout Road. Olean has talked with them, and they are also looking at doing West Chub Lake Road and Chub Lake Park Road. Discussion on easements. Olean has no problem with any of the areas. **MOTION to approve the Century Link permit request to place buried cable, for the parts of Douglas Road and Godbout Road as shown on the map attached to the request, was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Brook Hollow Drive: A driveway permit was issued to Teresa Olson for a lot on Brook Hollow Drive; culvert is required and will be paid for by the applicant.
- Jay West Road: The blacktop blow-up area has been cleaned up and has class 5 on it for now; it will be taken care of.
- Overlie Road: Notification was received from the SWCD that we did not receive the grant applied for; they recommend that we apply again in the fall. Project cost without the grant money is approximately \$60,000. Clerk will inform SWCD that we do want to apply for the grant this fall.

Gillogly Road: A resident called about potholes; Olean has spoken with the county.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Land Stewardship Project, information letter.
- Couri & Ruppe, information on upcoming legal seminar.
- WLSSD, Flows & Loadings for April. BODs and SS were both above budgeted amounts.
- WLSSD, information regarding and draft of their Comprehensive Wastewater Services Master Plan.

MEETINGS

- Joint Powers Board, Thursday, June 2, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at Carlton City Hall.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Chapin, Clerk

Diane Felde-Finke, Board Chair