

MINUTES
Twin Lakes Township
Wednesday, May 20, 2015
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

David Christian, Americinn: **MOTION to approve the liquor license for the Americinn was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

Terry Dearborn, Atkinson Township: Dearborn stated to the board that he feels that 4' should be taken off of the hill on Nasenius Road. He also expressed concern about the willow trees overhanging the road; he feels that they should be completely taken down. For the hill work, he got a bid from Doug Omar of \$6,000.

MOTION to approve the April 30, 2015 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 approve the May 6, 2015 minutes as printed was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.

MOTION to pay all bills, check numbers #15699 - #15709 and electronic payment PERA15MAY for the total amount of \$26,671.33 was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.

The board reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Pfeifer Road: Olean inspected the road and thought everything was looking good. There is concern about the narrowness of the turn-around at the end of the road. The board will inspect during road review. The railroad crossing has now closed. The road approach on the south side has been obliterated.

- Autumn Woods: Felde-Finke talked with Dan Wyman with Sinnot Blacktopping; the owner of Autumn Woods is planning to blacktop. Olean followed up with them.

NEW BUSINESS

- ORV Trail: Willie reported on construction of an ORV trail that is being proposed by a private group in Duluth. They have been working with the DNR. Property being considered falls in the northeast corner of the township, and is tax forfeit. Willie spoke with Greg Bernu, County Land Department for more information. Willie also reported that while there can be an economic benefit to local communities where there are trail systems for ORV groups to use, there is also concern about the environmental impact. Willie will continue to provide the board with updates.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Collver Road: Allete Company was installing a private hook-up, they called to make sure they weren't disturbing any mat in that area; they were not.
- Overlie Road: Olean got an estimate of \$65,000 for the culvert project. A minimum driving surface of 20' will be required; wider than what is there right now. There may be some state funding available. Felde-Finke will contact Mike Tardy to move forward with the project.
- Hay Lake Road: Vernon reported a sink hole; Felde-Finke will inform Olean.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Carlton County Zoning, Notice of Public Hearing, Tuesday, May 19, 7:00 p.m., Carlton County Transportation Building, variance permit, Peter Olsen, 1640 Baypoint Road.
- Carlton County Zoning, Notice of Public Hearing, Tuesday, May 19, 7:00 p.m., Carlton County Transportation Building, variance permit, Apache Land Company LLC, 1680 Highway 210.
- WLSSD, Flows & Loadings for April.
- MN Historical Society, invitation to open house.
- Couri & Ruppe Law Office, information on upcoming legal seminars.
- LIPP, information on sewer insurance.
- Lakes & Pines, newsletter.
- Cloquet Area Fire District, annual report.

MEETINGS

- Joint Powers Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 19, 6:00 p.m., Carlton City Hall. Willie reported that because meetings are held on Tuesday nights, we may need to find another person, along with Willie and Witte, to represent the township on the board. Felde-Finke will check with a possible person. Connie Christiansen from Carlton County EDA gave an update by phone, and stated that Representative Rick Nolan had said that the water line project has "moved up the list". The state is showing interest because of their need to address the water contamination on Schmitz Road.
- Road Review, Saturday, May 23, 12:00 p.m., proceeding from the Carlton Fire Hall.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Chapin, Clerk

Diane Felde-Finke, Board Chair