

MINUTES
Twin Lakes Township
Wednesday, June 5, 2019
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: Derek Wolf.

- GUESTS:

- Ron Johnson, Lift Stations Report: The water meter at the Americinn has still not been repaired; Jordan Vandal is now working on the issue. Johnson also told him that a filter should be installed before the meter. Julie Macor with WLSSD told Johnson that they are getting good samples at the casino and we should have numbers soon. Kwik Trip is remodeling their kitchen for a fried chicken menu; Johnson will inspect the kitchen again when they finish. Both lift stations ran without a problem for the entire month.

Discussion on the possibility of purchasing a sampler. Johnson will do more research on how those are set up and used. The sample has to get to a lab in a timely manner to be checked, which may be problematic. Johnson will talk with Macor about WLSSD doing more sampling. Discussion on the need for inspections of laterals on three or four private properties a year. A camera costs anywhere from \$3,000 to \$8,000 for purchase, but they can be rented. Wolf mentioned that the City of Carlton is looking at this issue also; perhaps a rental could be shared. A company could also be hired to do the inspections.

- Reid LeBeau, Lobbyist: LeBeau said that it was not a surprise that the bonding bill didn't go through this year, but we are in good shape for next year. It was good that we were in Mary Murphy's bill. He mentioned an evaluation binder, and he will check to make sure our request for the PPL will get us included in that evaluation. He recommends that we get legislators up here when they are doing tours of the state this fall, to see the water line area and the water treatment plant (to help them understand how the two projects are tied together). Wolf asked if there's an advantage to lowering the dollar amount in the bill, but LeBeau said that the figure should be as accurate as possible, as we don't want to have a funding shortfall and need to go back to the legislature for more money. Future discussions with legislators should include how much money the township has already put into the project (approximately \$500,000). The fact that we didn't get anything this year had nothing to do with the merits of the project. The next legislative session begins on February 11, 2020.

MOTION to approve the May 15, 2019 minutes as printed was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.

MOTION to pay all bills, check numbers #17032 - #17041 and electronic payment 941JUN19 for the total amount of \$24,193.24 was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.

Schmitz presented the treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Water Line: Willie and Wolf met with Susan Wojtkiewicz from Donohue about the booster station site. The proposed site is problematic because of potential wetlands issues; however Willie said it is an artificial wetland and that a culvert in the road that goes back there would drain it. The boring was not done. A different site closer to the road is being looked at, which would require a variance from the county (eliminating the need for a 35' setback). Fill may be needed on that site. Willie asked Wojtkiewicz to try to make the building as small as possible.

The board reviewed a letter which will be sent to FDL asking for a letter of support from them, and requesting a meeting to discuss their potential needs in the water service area.

- Gillogly Road: The project has begun, and weekly construction meetings will potentially be on Tuesdays, but that still needs to be confirmed with KGM. The timeline is currently for construction to be done by the end of June, and erosion control done by the end of July. Discussion on paving time frame. The amount the township will need to borrow for this year's road projects will be looked at by Felde-Finke, Schmitz, and the Clerk. John Korienek offered to keep an eye on the project on site, but the board agreed that was not needed as it's covered already.

- Scrub Sealing: Olean ran out of bituminous on West Chub Lake Road, and he's hoping the county will finish that road. There are a few spots left on Jay West Road. Crack filling is still being worked on. Rick Norrgard from the county will drive all three roads (the two mentioned and East Chub Lake Road) to inspect for anything else that needs to be taken care of before scrub sealing is done.

- WLSSD: A letter was received from WLSSD, stating that our Drain Compliance program as submitted has been approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Carlton Community Ed: A donation request was received for the Summer Learning Camp to be held in August at South Terrace Elementary School. **MOTION to donate \$200 to the Summer Learning Camp was made by Vernon and seconded by Willie; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

- State Demographic Center (2018 annual estimates) were received; our population estimate is 2,147, and our household estimate is 811.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- New Road Worker: Discussion on hiring Arlyn Shabiash as a Road Worker to help Olean with projects. **MOTION to hire Arlyn Shabiash as a Road Worker was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

MOTION to set the road worker wage at \$15.00 an hour, and to amend the Compensation Resolution to reflect that change, was made by Felde-Finke and seconded by Vernon; Felde-Finke and Vernon voted yes, Willie voted no, the motion passed.

MOTION to compensate Arlyn Shabiash per the Road Worker rate set forth in the Amended Compensation Resolution of 6/5/19 was made by Felde-Finke and seconded by Vernon; Felde-Finke and Vernon voted yes, Willie voted no, the motion passed.

- Overlie Road: Road is washed out in the culvert area. Olean is talking with the county about getting our culvert project done now since this is an emergency situation.
- 1989 West Chub Lake Road: On the new driveway, rock will be used instead of aprons on the culvert.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Carlton County Historical Society, newsletter supplement.
- Cloquet Fire District, 2018 Annual Report.
- U. S. Census, information on optional reporting.

MEETINGS

- Joint Powers Board Meeting, Thursday, June 13, 6:00 p.m., Carlton City Hall.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Chapin, Clerk

Diane Felde-Finke, Board Chair