

**MINUTES**  
**Twin Lakes Township**  
**Wednesday, June 7, 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. Also present: Road Foreman Bob Olean, Randy Bergh.

**GUESTS:**

- Ron Johnson, Lift Stations Report: Both lift stations ran without a problem for the entire month. Johnson was present for the entire week that the contractor was installing the underground utilities for Kwik Trip, and he will receive a copy of the as-built when they are finished. He also discussed water meters with the plumbing contractor. The sewer line to the tire shop was hit twice, but was repaired. Johnson dye tested from tire shop to the highway and it flowed good.

- Gwen Carman, Carlton Schools Superintendent: Carman informed the board about the school referendum coming up, and she gave us the printed schedule for upcoming informational meetings. She explained the various options that were looked at for building repair or replacement. There will be a special election on August 8, with two questions being voted on; one on remodeling South Terrace Elementary and adding on a High School at a cost of \$23.5 million, and the other to also add an auditorium and other improvements for an additional \$3.3 million. Carman presented map of the proposed design, and handed out informational sheets regarding the referendum and tax impact. She spoke about various ways that property taxes can be reduced by individuals. They have tax advisors that will be at the informational meetings.

**MOTION to approve the May 17, 2017 minutes as printed was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

**MOTION to pay all bills, check numbers #16266 - #16279 and electronic payment 941JUN17 for the total amount of \$88,588.19 was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

Schmitz presented the Treasurer's Report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Water Line: The board reviewed the test results from the water samples taken in the proposed service area. Some results for arsenic were high, some low, and some in-between. The results will be put onto a map to show any pattern in the results. The board also reviewed progress reports from Donohue. On income surveys, clerk reported that we still need approximately 15 surveys to be able to use the results. Door-to-door interviews will be conducted by the beginning of next week.

- ORV Trail: Discussion tabled until a future meeting.

- Overlie Road: State funding for bridge replacement can be pursued. The township would be responsible for \$20,000 for the project (\$10,000 for construction and \$10,000 for engineering). The county is still assessing where the structure would fall on the priority list for Town Bridge funds.

- Old East Chub Lake Road: In a follow-up to the previous discussion regarding dust control, the clerk spoke with the other resident on the road, who expressed that she did want the sodium chloride application done, so no changes were made to the dust control order previously approved.

## NEW BUSINESS

- State Demographic Center: The 2016 annual estimates were received; our population estimate is 2,104, and our household estimate is 793.

- Road Foreman Wages: The hourly wage for both the road foreman and the road workers is currently \$10 an hour. Discussion on increasing those wages and by how much.

**MOTION to set the road foreman wage at \$15.00 an hour and the road worker wage at \$13.00 an hour was made by Felde-Finke and seconded by Willie; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

**MOTION to amend the compensation resolution to reflect the road foreman wage and the road workers wage as set out in the previous motion was made by Felde-Finke and seconded by Willie; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

## ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Brushing/Limbs: Discussion on work that needs to be done on Cologne Road, Yndestad Road, and Town Road 544. First priority is the west side on Cologne; take out small trees and overhanging limbs. Yndestad limbs and trees are currently being worked on by a power company, so we will see what they take care of. There are just a few limbs that need to be done on Town Road 544.

- Jay West Road: Discussion on putting "No Parking Between Signs" on the corner by the lake. Olean will determine how much space to have between the signs.

- West and East Chub Lake Roads: Discussion about scrub sealing tabled until a future meeting.

- Driveway Permit: A driveway permit was issued for a location on Jay West Road; developer will be billed for the culvert.

- Jay West Road: Minnesota Power will be installing a new underground primary power line at a location specified on Jay West Road. **MOTION to approve the Minnesota Power request to install power line on Jay West Road was made by Vernon and seconded by Felde-Finke; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

- Gillogly Road: Potholes are taken care of. Bergh asked what was happening on the road; Willie gave an update on plans, and there was discussion on specifics.

- Douglas Road: A resident called about a few issues. He said there is quite a bit of loose gravel on the sides of the road and asked about having the road swept. Vernon will inspect. There is still a pile of brush in the ditch where a utility company was working last year; clerk will contact the company to have it removed. The road is balding in some areas; Olean was already aware of that issue and is monitoring it.

### CORRESPONDENCE

- Carlton County Zoning, Notice of Decision, variance permit denied, Gregory Elstad, 2336 LacLaBelle Road.

- Carlton County Zoning, Notice of Hearing, Wednesday, June 7, 7:00 p.m., Carlton County Transportation Building, conditional use permit, Brent Belich, 2423 Hay Lake Road. Discussion on various aspects of the situation.

- Carlton County Zoning, Notice of Hearing, Wednesday, June 7, 7:00 p.m., Carlton County Transportation Building, conditional use permit, Nathan Graftaas, 1493 County Road 5.

- WLSSD, Meeting Notice, Tuesday, June 6, 3:00 p.m., WLSSD Board Room, regarding I&I ordinance revised draft. Felde-Finke attended the meeting; further discussion tabled until a future meeting.

- Enbridge, letter regarding tax appeals.

- Cloquet Fire District, annual report.

### MEETINGS

- Joint Powers Board meeting, Thursday, June 22, 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 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Chapin, Clerk

Diane Felde-Finke, Board Chair