#### **MINUTES**

# Twin Lakes Township Wednesday, July 1, 2020 Town Board Meeting at the Historic Scott House 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, Derek Wolf, and Everett Wolf.

#### - GUESTS:

- Ron Johnson, Lift Stations Report: Both lift stations ran without a problem for the entire month. The meter reading for Royal Pines is still being averaged. Johnson spoke with Jordan Vandal at the casino regarding the amount of water going through while they were closed. They did not have any leaks. Vandal explained that there are drain lines in the parking ramp that are plumbed directly into the sanitary sewer, which he said is Minnesota code. They installed a rate meter to understand the difference between water consumed verses water discharged. There are meters in the valve stations that clean drinking water from Cloquet, and there was also limited staff on site working during the closure.

MOTION to approve the June 17, 2020 minutes as printed was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.

MOTION to pay all bills, check numbers #17376 - #17384 and electronic payments

BANK20JUL and 941JUL20 for the total amount of \$19,721.94 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 an email from Senator Jason Rarick regarding the current Senate bonding bill. Our project is in the bill for the dollar amount of \$7.5 million. The current cost estimate for the project is at \$10.4 million. Discussion on various options on how to address that difference in dollar amounts.
- Scrub Seal Projects: As per Ron Stigers with Carlton County, the contractor that caused the problem with the striping preparation on West Chub Lake Road did attempt to sweep the road two weeks ago, and some material was pushed out towards the edges of the road. The contractor is no longer in this area. At this point the remaining material has been driven over and cannot be removed by sweeping. The county is recommending that we wait for the snowplows to scrape it off this winter. The board agreed that would be done.
- Utilities Permit: Fond Du Lac Communications realized that they have already done the fiber optic on Cologne Road so they do not need another permit. When we have work done on Cologne Road, Fond Du Lac Communications has agreed that if their cable needs to be moved they will take care of that work and cost.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Elections: The Primary Election will be held on August 11, and the General Election will be held on November 3. MOTION to appoint the following election judges for the upcoming elections for the wage of \$10.00 per hour: Head Judge Sue Chapin, Head Judge Candy Kramer, Diane Felde-Finke (Primary only), Lori Gamble, Marna Butler-Fasteland, Jane Willie, and James Sheetz, was made by Vernon and seconded by Willie; Felde-Finke abstained, Vernon and Willie voted yes, the motion passed.

## ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Driveway Permits: A driveway permit was approved for Shane Cass property on Hidden Pines Drive; culvert is required.
- Gillogly Road: Vernon reported that John Korienek was going to try to get the clearing project done this week.
- West Chub Lake Road: Olean reported that he spoke to the county about fixing the west end of the guard rail, however the east end is also down; Olean will check on it. Olean will speak with the property owner at 1735 West Chub Lake Road regarding trees in the ROW.

# **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Carlton County Zoning, Notice of Decision, Stanley Swedberg, 1981 Lakeview Drive, variance permit granted.
- Carlton Area Public Library, thank you note for donation.
- -Carlton County Historical Society, newsletter.

#### **MEETINGS**

- Fire Board Meeting, Wednesday, July 15, 6:30 p.m., Carlton Fire Hall.

MOTION to recess the meeting until 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 2 was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed. The meeting recessed at 6:15 p.m.

Board Chair Diane Felde-Finke reconvened the meeting at 3:00 p.m. on July 2, 2020. Other board members present: Supervisor John Vernon, Supervisor Randy Willie, Clerk Sue Chapin. Also present: County Commissioner Mark Thell, Derek Wolf, and Reid LeBeau (by telephone).

# OLD BUSINESS

- Water Line: Further discussion on the Senate bonding bill dollar amount. LeBeau will speak with various legislators and report back.

# ROAD MAINTENANCE

- West Chub Lake Road: Olean will get a cost estimate on fixing the east end of the guard rail, and he has spoken with the property owner at 1735. The owner does not want the trees and is fine with the township having them cut down. Vernon will talk to John Korienek about doing the project.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Chapin, Clerk

Diane Felde-Finke, Board Chair