

**MINUTES**  
**Twin Lakes Township**  
**Wednesday, July 7, 2021**  
**Town Board Meeting at the Carlton Fire Hall**  
**5:00 p.m.**

Board Chair Diane Felde-Finke opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. Other board members present: Supervisor John Vernon, Supervisor Randy Willie, Treasurer Ginny Vernon, Clerk Sue Chapin. Also present: Road Foreman Bob Olean.

Guests:

- Ron Johnson, Lift Stations Report: Both stations ran without a problem for the entire month. There was a manhole that had been pushed off, Derek Wolf took the casting off, sealed it with tar and reset the casting.

- David Bolf, NCE and Robert Fern, RW Fern Associates: NCE has worked with Bob Fern for many years, and Bolf recommends Fern for working on the town hall project. A resume was provided showing various projects. Fern introduced himself and spoke of his firm and projects that they have worked on, including a projects that have similar spaces that we would need. He explained the process they would go through with us, from design to construction. Bolf added the role that NCE could potentially have. A meeting will be scheduled with Fern to discuss our building needs, and then he can develop the preliminary potential cost involved. We will get in touch with Fern regarding hiring RW Fern Associates at an hourly rate for initial meetings and work to be done. Vernon, Olean, and Clerk will form a building committee.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Water Line:

Discussion on the county jail project and the proposed location in the township. **MOTION to pursue the option of allowing the City of Carlton to annex a small portion (up to 20 acres) of Twin Lakes Township, for the purpose of allowing Carlton County to construct a new justice center at that location, and contingent on the City of Carlton passing a similar motion, was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

(Old Business continued later in the meeting).

**MOTION to approve the June 16, 2021 board meeting minutes as printed was made by Vernon and seconded by Willie; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

**MOTION to pay all bills, check numbers #17695 - #17710 and electronic payments BANK21MAY and 941JUL21 for the total amount of \$779,122.59 was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

G. Vernon presented the treasurer's report. Payment was received from FDL for their portion of booster station costs.

## OLD BUSINESS (continued)

- Water Line:

**MOTION to pay the Municipal Builders, Inc. Pay Application One in the amount of \$46,078.80 was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

**MOTION to pay the Northland Constructors Pay Application One in the amount of \$690,346.19 was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

Information was received from Mary Finnegan, Carlton County Economic Development Director, regarding financial assistance to property owners who will be hooking up to the water line. Finnegan is preparing a proposal for the Carlton County Board to review at their meeting next Tuesday. Her proposal includes a low-interest (possibly 1%) 10-year loan option for residential, with commercial to be looked at if there are enough interested businesses. The program would have a simple application process, and the funds would be paid directly to contractors. Finnegan will update the clerk after next week's meeting. Information will be shared at the Assessment Hearing, and a sign-up sheet will be available for people to indicate they are interested in the program.

The board reviewed an updated Assessment Roll. One resident that was included will be removed because her home is outside of the water line's ability to deliver water. Another resident's situation was discussed but will remain on the roll.

Willie will be meeting tomorrow with property owners regarding a section of the pipe that was put onto private property, based on an engineering error. An easement will be discussed.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Joint Powers Board: Discussion tabled.

- Carlton Community Education: A donation request was received for this year's Summer Learning Camp. **MOTION to donate \$200 to Carlton Community Education for the Summer Learning Camp was made by Vernon and seconded by Willie; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

## ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Lac La Belle Road: A resident asked about resurfacing the road. Discussion on options; Olean will take a look.

- Driveway Permit: A permit was approved for Tim and Dawn Larson on Timber Ridge Lane; culvert is required.

- Repair Work: Kiminski has already done some projects including Jay West Road and West Chub Lake Road culverts and a few radiuses. Sheils Road is not done yet.
- Clearing: Korienek is currently working on the intersection of Godbout and Douglas Roads.
- Overlie Road: Dave Grover looked at the culvert situation and he recommends moving the culvert for better drainage.

### CORRESPONDENCE

- United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Notice of (Non-Gaming) Land Acquisition Application.

### MEETINGS

- Assessment Hearing, Thursday, July 15, 6 p.m., Carlton County Transportation Building.

**MOTION to adjourn was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.** The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Chapin, Clerk

Diane Felde-Finke, Board Chair