

MINUTES
Twin Lakes Township
Wednesday, July 19, 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: Bob Olean, Road Foreman.

GUESTS: Susan Zmyslony, Carlton County Commissioner, District 4: Zmyslony gave an overview of various county issues. On July 24 at 4:30 p.m. there will be a meeting regarding ATV use in county road right-of-way. The county's half-cent sales tax continues to bring in a substantial amount of funding for road projects. There is no new news about utility court; that process is still ongoing. Friends of Animals is in their new building and they are planning an open house in the future. She explained that the criminal justice assessment happening currently is not just an assessment of the jail facility, but of the entire system. Moose Lake will be getting the first roundabout in the county, and MnDOT is looking at a potential roundabout location on Highway 33, south of Cloquet. The county web site will be changing over to a new format in December, making it easier to use. Public Health is expanding their telemental health services. SWCD has an opening for a District 3 supervisor; Twin Lakes Township is included in that district. County deputies will be getting new laptops for their vehicles; mostly paid for from the 911 fund, and also from money saved due to a drop in the number of inmates being housed outside of the county. There is a new County Engineer, JinYeene Neumann.

MOTION to approve the July 5, 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 #16305 - #16315 and electronic payment PERA17JUL for the total amount of \$9,974.98 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 Twin Ports Testing Agreement for Geotech Services, which has been approved by our attorney. **MOTION to approve the Twin Ports Testing Agreement for Geotech Services, as approved by our attorney, was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.** Enough income surveys have now been completed and a report will be sent to Rural Development this week.

- Gillogly Road: DesMarais with NCE would like to meet with a supervisor to go over the temporary construction easements before the information is sent to our attorney. Discussion about RFPs for obtaining easements. Willie will meet with DesMarais.

- ORV Trail: Clerk gave an update on research being done, including information from Carlton SWCD that the proposed area is part of the St. Louis River Watershed. Zmyslony will check to see if the county has heard anything recently about the proposed trail.

NEW BUSINESS

- None.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Overlie Road: Olean inspected the debris in the ROW. Dave Grover can clean it all up with his excavator, and could also haul it all away; cost estimate ranges from \$2,000 to \$4,000 depending on how much we have done. Discussion on having just the debris close to the road cleaned up; Olean will get a cost estimate on just that partial removal. Road has been worked on, and material was brought in; road has held up well, even with recent heavy rains.
- Sandwick Road: Project in ROW is almost complete and looks good. There was a washout on the hill; may need more material.
- Leimer Road: A washout occurred in the railroad crossing area at the culvert; Olean had Grover repair it. They are trying to figure out why it's washing out right there. Olean recommends adding a 10' culvert on both sides and build up the slopes. Olean has tried to contact the railroad but has not heard back from Bob Burns. There is a safety issue if the washouts keep happening. The crossing is in bad shape; Olean would like to have it repaired similar to the work done on the Schmitz Road crossing.
- Discussion on opening up an acre, on our Douglas Road land, for putting brush, etc.
- Brush cutting and limbs: Dave Grover employees that can do Cologne Road and Town Road 544, at a cost of \$85 an hour for cutting, removal would be extra.
- Overlie Road: Olean met last Thursday with the county engineer and others regarding the culvert replacement project (bridge project). The project is set to go, and the township's cost will not exceed \$20,000. **MOTION to approve a Resolution Regarding the Overlie Road Bridge Project, giving the county full authority to proceed with the project, was made by Felde-Finke and seconded by Willie; all voted yes, the motion passed.** Construction will happen next year.
- East Chub Lake Road: Olean put a cone in the pothole at the pipeline crossing, and he has contacted the pipeline company. Pothole has been filled in, and it looks like the problem was caused by compaction, and it shouldn't be a problem in the future.
- Gillogly Road : The county will look at putting up "No Parking" signs at the Highway 61 end of the road.
- Jay West Road: The county wants to meet with Olean on site to look at where "No Parking Between Signs" signs should be placed.
- Overweight Vehicle Permit: A permit was approved for Minnesota Power for a transformer replacement on Gillogly Road.

CORRESPONDENCE

- WLSSD, Flows & Loadings for June; BODs and SS are both below budgeted amounts.
- WLSSD, letter regarding interceptor line break and costs involved, and Notice of Public Hearing regarding that issue, Monday, August 28, 2017, 4:30 p.m., WLSSD Board Room.
- Friends of Animals, activity report.
- Carlton County Historical Society, newsletter.
- Invitation to Mike Rosenzweig retirement party.

MEETINGS

- Fire Board meeting, Wednesday, August 2, 6:30 p.m., Carlton Fire Hall.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Willie and seconded by Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Chapin, Clerk

Diane Felde-Finke, Board Chair