

MINUTES
Twin Lakes Township
Wednesday, November 17, 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, Doug Finke and County Jail Administrator Paul Coughlin.

OLD BUSINESS

- Justice Center/Annexation: The City of Carlton and the County have worked out their Letter of Understanding, and the City has approved an annexation resolution. The board has agreed that it is beneficial to all parties to approve the annexation by the City of Carlton of just over 28 acres in the township, near the County Transportation Building, to allow for the building of a new County Justice Center facility. **MOTION to approve the Joint Resolution Establishing an Orderly Annexation Agreement Between the City of Carlton and Twin Lakes Township to Provide for the Immediate Annexation of Certain Property pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §414.0325 was made by Willie and seconded by J. Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

Guests:

Robert Fern, Architect: The town hall plan was revised to make the garage larger. Fern's initial thought is wood construction with an LP Smartside siding system. Discussion on roof over the garage area being a flat rubber roof, which is what Fern is recommending. He explained his design requirements that have kept issues from happening with flat roofs. That type of roof would be a bit cheaper than doing a metal roof in that area. Construction materials are pricey right now and take a long time (average 20 weeks up to a year) to obtain. Fern will start working on a ballpark cost.

County Commissioner Mark Thell: Thell spoke about the Northern Natural Gas rebate tax settlement; the township's share that would have to be paid back is \$13,566.48. The county has already sent money back and is asking the legislature for reimbursement. Thell also reported that the county has been researching road seal coat options, and the possibility of partnering with other counties to own the equipment and do the work themselves, which helps with cost and scheduling.

MOTION to approve the November 3, 2021 board meeting minutes as printed was made by J. Vernon and seconded by Willie; all voted yes, the motion passed.

MOTION to approve the November 15, 2021 cartway hearing minutes as printed was made by Felde-Finke and seconded by J. Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.

MOTION to pay all bills, check numbers #17795 - #17811 and electronic payment PERA21NOV for the total amount of \$38,159.71 was made by Willie and seconded by J. Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed.

G. Vernon presented the treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS (continued)

- Water Line: The board reviewed the Donohue amendment to agreement, showing an increase of \$7,500, regarding additional work to be done on the MPCA/Sunshine Lane issue. **MOTION to approve the Donohue Amendment No. 3 to Engineering Services Agreement was made by J. Vernon and seconded by Willie; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

The Lakes and Pines Board approved taking our program request to the next level. The Preliminary Proposal will be turned in to DEED and we should find out if it was competitive in about a month or so. If so, then a full application will be done.

Discussion on what forms will be required for hooking up to the water line; clerk will work on drafting those.

Willie reported that there was a break in the line next to the meter station as soon as they started filling the line; repair has been made. They will be flushing tomorrow out to as far as Komoko Road. Services are going in on the FDL properties. In Olsonville they are putting in connections and the hydrant is going in by the Transportation Building. We are still waiting for the cost estimate for the rock boring needed west of the booster station and also for the loop being planned in Olsonville which will provide fresh water continually in the Olsonville area. Those two changes will be substantial cost-wise. We should have budget numbers by next week so we can see where we're at.

- Sewer/Water Maintenance: The board reviewed a Sewer and Water Operating Services Agreement with the City of Carlton, for Carlton to provide maintenance services beginning December 1. **MOTION to approve the Sewer Operating Services Agreement and Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement for Water Services was made by J. Vernon and seconded by Willie; all voted yes, the motion passed.**

- Cartway: The cartway hearing was held on Monday, November 15. Two potential routes are being looked at.

- Chub Lake Park Road: At their last board meeting, the County Board approved the county takeover of Chub Lake Park Road, as we requested by resolution in 2019. Clerk is checking with Gilchrist on a potential legal issue.

NEW BUSINESS

- None.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Hay Lake Road: The culvert is going in this week, one-half at a time so traffic can get through.

- Kortie Road: Road is getting rutted; it will be graded.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Magellan, information on pipeline safety.
- Four Seasons, thank you for donation.

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- None.

MOTION to adjourn was made by Willie and seconded by J. Vernon; all voted yes, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Chapin, Clerk

Diane Felde-Finke, Board Chair