

February 4, 2019 @ 7:00pm Regular Township Meeting

Chairman Jeff Schommer called the February meeting to order. Supervisors present were Jim Roach, Dustin Foss; Treasurer Dominic Henderson and clerk A. Anderson. There were 10 residents that signed the roster. All stood for the pledge of allegiance.

January minutes were reviewed by all. J. Roach made a motion to accept the January minutes as written, D. Foss seconded. All were in favor.

Fire Dept. Report – Interim Fire Chief Eric Makowski reported on 16 calls for January; 6 in Center, 8 in Mission and 2 mutual aids. There was discussion about changing the structure of command to add a Chief III position. It was agreed to table Chief III position until after the hiring of a Chief. Makowski stated there was a new fire fighter applicant, supervisors reviewed. J. Roach made a motion to move forward with the application, D. Foss seconded. All were in favor. Makowski stated as a Public Service Announcement---- Carbon Monoxide reminder... This is odorless, colorless gas that can kill. Call Mission Fire to have a test done.

Crosslake Police Report – Chief Eric Lee reported on 46 calls for January, there were 41 calls last year. Chief stated ‘See something Say something’.

Recycle & Fire Relief Reports – J. Roach stated the Quarterly Fire Relief meeting is Feb. 25 @ 7pm. Nothing to report on recycles.

Road & Bridge Report – Merle Roberts stated plowing is going well.

Park & Recreation – Michael Blassey stated trails are being groomed. Look at the township website for updates on grooming. Carl Anderson prepared a budget for the park board for the upcoming budget meeting.

Comprehensive Plan/Website – Terry Havir reported there had been two land use/septic variance requests from Crow Wing County. One there was no issues, the other was a request for a 10 foot variance versus the normal 35 foot variance, Crow Wing County did approve.

Cemetery – There was no report.

Transfer Station – Closed until April 6, 2019, weather permitting.

Old Business – There was discussion regarding the Extraction Tool. A grant had been received from Bremer Bank for \$17,200 for the Extraction Tool. J. Schommer suggested purchasing 2 instead of 3, there was discussion. Henderson asked about the grant agreement/conditions. J. Roach made a motion to purchase 3 Extraction Tools, D. Foss seconded. There was discussion. Motion on the table, 2 opposed, J. Roach in favor. Motion failed. There was further discussion regarding said Extraction Tools.

J. Roach made a motion to purchase 3 Extraction Tools using the grant from Bremer Bank, \$17,200, Mission Fire, \$ 3,770, totaling \$20,970; any additional due to any increase would come out of Fire Operations. D. Foss seconded, all were in favor. Henderson had new Bremer Bank signature cards to be signed by all.

New Business – There was discussion regarding a DNR grant for 3 chain saws, this is a township matching grant. Interim Chief Makowski stated he had quotes from Midwest Machine and Lakes Area Rental. Lakes Area was slightly high, but wanted to keep business local. J. Schommer made a motion to purchase the 3 chain saws from Lakes Area Rental, J. Roach seconded. There was additional discussion. All were in favor, motion carried. Discussion about Fairfield Township regarding the possibility of them plowing and sanding Andney Lake, Old Bridge and Whispering Pines Roads. There was discussion; J Schommer will get a detailed contract together.

Perry Lake has asked if Mission Township would sand & salt their roads. There was discussion. J. Schommer made a motion to contract with adjoining townships at a rate of \$100 an hour plus the cost of sand and salt for said work. D. Foss seconded. All were in favor. J. Schommer will have a contract to confirm with adjoining townships.

There was discussion regarding the 'Fire Chief' position. J. Schommer made a motion to advertise for the 'Fire Chief' position effective Feb. 7th, deadline for applicants will be March 1st. D. Foss seconded, J. Roach opposed. Motion carried. There was discussion. J. Roach stated they should hire from within the department.

J. Schommer questioned the credit card policy, suggesting collecting all credit cards until after the external audit. There was discussion. J. Schommer stated that the state statues should be in place. After further discussion, cards wouldn't be removed until after the external audit.

J. Schommer presented a new format and procedures to implement at the monthly meetings. There was discussion regarding the changes, this was tabled.

Michael Blassey asked if the board would approve Carl Anderson snow blowing a portion of the paved trails when he is out blowing snow, board approved.

Treasurers Report – Henderson reported receipts for January were \$20,000 for recycling. Disbursements were \$45,118.39. There was an ending balance of \$888,583.72. J. Roach made a motion to accept the treasurers report, D. Foss seconded. All were in favor.

J. Roach made a motion to pay claims 8675 – 8702 in the amount of \$37,132.54. D. Foss seconded and all were in favor.

There was discussion regarding the date for the Levy meeting. Meeting will be scheduled for February 25, 2019 @ 5:30pm.

J. Roach made a motion to adjourn the February meeting, D. Foss seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Anna Anderson

Jeff Schommer, Chair