

**January 2, 2018 @ 7:00pm Regular Township Meeting**

Chairman Dave Hauser called the meeting to order. Present were supervisors Jim Roach, Merle Roberts, Treasurer Dominic Henderson and clerk A. Anderson.

6 residents signed the rooster (additional were present). All stood for the pledge of allegiance.

D. Hauser stated there would be a new procedure as to the order of the meeting, reading the Township State Status. Public comments would be heard at the end of the regular business meeting.

December minutes were reviewed. M. Roberts made a motion to accept the December minutes as written, D. Hauser seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Crosslake Police Chief Eric Lee reported on 40 calls for December. There had been 633 calls for 2017 and 443 calls for 2016.

Chief Randy Roach reported on 12 calls for December and 142 calls year-to-date. Chief stated that the Tender stored in Center Township was having engine problems and couldn't find replacement parts. There were 2 new applicants to review. J. Roach made a motion to accept applications from Otto Slash of Brainerd, and Dran Antonio of Merrifield to start the new hire process, D. Hauser seconded. All were in favor, motion carried. Chief stated the Lieutenant position was vacated and he had 3 applications. A special meeting scheduled for January 18, 2018 @ 7:00pm was set to review applications (this will be a closed meeting due to personnel privacy).

Recycle & Fire Relief – J. Roach had nothing to report.

Road & Bridge – M. Roberts being newly appointed had nothing to report.

Park & Recreation – Michael Blassey stated the trails are packed for winter walking. There's not enough snow to groom for skiing.

Comprehensive Plan/Web – Terry Havar reported 1 land use permit was approved for a pole barn by the county.

Cemetery – J. Roach stated he had some information on ground thawing units to pass on to Caretaker Donnie Berg.

Transfer Station – Dale Van Horn reported that the brush pile has been burned.

Old Business – D. Hauser asked if Supervisors had looked over the packet that was handed out last month regarding an External Audit. D. Hauser read the Township State Status regarding an External Audit. There was discussion on cost factors; J. Roach felt it was very expensive at approximately \$5,700 per year with a 3 year contract.

D. Hauser made a motion to accept the bid for the External Audit. There was additional discussion. D. Hauser resented his motion due to the lack of a second. D. Hauser will look into the possibility of a 1 year contract instead of the 3 year contract.

New Business – There was nothing to report.

Treasurers Report – Dominic Henderson stated with closing the year out the township is healthy. December receipts were \$231,268.24, disbursements were \$43,479.69. The year-end balance was \$829,193.84.

Public Comments – scheduled meeting dates posted on website, lighting in the parking lot or near recycle, redefining the Financial Committee to be an added tool for the board

Claims – D. Hauser made a motion to pay claims 8308 – 8328, Nov. 2017 payroll in the amount of \$40,984.71. M. Roberts seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

J. Roach made a motion to adjourn the January meeting, M. Roberts seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna Anderson  
Clerk

\*\*\*\*\***January minutes are unapproved until the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting**  
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**Upcoming Dates:**

Jan. 9           7pm   Fire/Relief Meeting  
18 7pm   Fire Interviews (Closed Meeting)

Feb. 5           7pm   Regular Township Meeting  
6                7pm   Internal Audit  
12 7pm   Budget Meeting  
13 7pm   Fire/Relief Meeting  
20 7pm   Levy Meeting

March 5        7pm   Regular Township Meeting  
13 7pm   **ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING**  
14 7pm   Fire/Relief Meeting