

February 3, 2020 @ 7:00pm

Regular Township Meeting

Present – Supervisors Jeff Schommer, Jim Roach, Dave Hauser; Treasurer Dominic Henderson and Clerk A. Anderson. There were ten residents that signed the roster.

January minutes were reviewed. J. Roach made a **motion (1)** to approve the January minutes as written, seconded by D. Hauser. All were in favor.

Treasurers Report - D. Henderson reviewed receipts in January of \$2,014.81; approved disbursements of \$51,442.88; leaving an ending balance of \$1,087,338.57. D. Hauser made a **motion (2)** to accept the treasurers report, seconded by J. Roach. All were in favor.

Crosslake Police Office Bobbie Willard reported 34 calls for January, there had been 46 calls in 2019.

Fire Dept. Report – Chief Eric Makowski gave Oath of Office to new Officers Jonathan Bachman and Joel Furhmann. Chief reported 10 calls; 5 in Center, 4 in Mission and 1 mutual aid. Chief prepared for supervisors to review; Submittal of monthly documents which included, current roster, monthly calls, detailed call report and upcoming training.

Chief requested approval for work needed on the portable pump truck. Chief had three bids to review, after discussion, J. Roach made a **motion (3)** to accept the bid from Joel Snyder to perform the repairs to the portable pump truck in the amount of \$3,600, seconded by D. Hauser. All were in favor.

Chief requested approval to send three firefighters to an upcoming EMS conference. There was discussion regarding cost and reimbursements. J. Roach made a **motion (4)** to approve sending Allord, Hollingsworth and Laurence to the EMS conference March 5-7 in Brooklyn Park, seconded by J. Schommer. D. Hauser opposed, agreeing to send two, motion carried. There was further discussion regarding hotel and meal reimbursement. J. Roach made a **motion (5)** to approve a hotel reimbursement of \$130 and a meal per diem of \$76, seconded by D. Hauser. All were in favor.

Chief stated he had received a resignation from firefighter Binda, stating he was moving out of the area.

Chief received two donations from Sheila Speeding and James and Diane Williams. Thank you!

Fire Relief – John Mateyka addressed the board regarding an increase for the Fire Relief pension. Stating the purpose of the pension is to increase retention, improve moral. Mateyka stated they have changed financial entities. J. Schommer stated he wanted to have more information and review again at the March meeting.

Fire Relief quarterly meeting has been changed from Feb. 24 @ 7pm to Feb. 17 @ 7pm.

Road & Bridge Report – D. Hauser reported the roads are in good condition for the area. D. Hauser will pre-order salt for the 2020/2021 snow season with Crow Wing County.

Park Report – Michael Blassey reported ski trails are groomed, walking trails are clear. There was discussion regarding proposed expenditures for February; repair picnic tables, purchase plants, materials for a new sign for tennis court and materials for bean bag toss game. J. Roach made a **motion (6)** to approve the proposed expenditures for February in the park, seconded by D. Hauser. All were in favor. Carl Anderson prepared an inventory list of items at the park.

Cemetery Report – There was a sale of two plots.

Transfer Station – There was nothing to report.

Old Business – D. Hauser stated he had received the report from Bolton & Menk regarding the Pavement Management. D. Hauser will review, tabled until the March meeting.

There was discussion regarding the new website. J. Roach made a **motion (7)** to move forward with clerk recommend option #3 of the website design that was received from Northland Creative, seconded by D. Hauser. All were in favor. D. Hauser stated he has everything set-up with Source Well.

There was discussion regarding the purchase of a snow blower. J. Schommer made a **motion (8)** to purchase a snow blower to J. Roach’s spec’s thru Source Well or Midwest Machinery in the amount of \$2,890, seconded by D. Hauser. All were in favor.

J. Schommer made a **motion (9)** to rescind motion #5 from the January meeting regarding the purchase of a snow blower, seconded by D. Hauser. All were in favor.

There was discussion regarding the Fire Service Contract Draft that was presented to the board at the January meeting. J. Schommer made a **motion (10)** to move forward with and present the Fire Service Contract to Center Township using the Operating Budget to help calculate costs, seconded by D. Hauser. J. Roach opposed stating capital purchases should not be included. Motion carried.

New Business – D. Hauser made a **motion (11)** to have the Fire Chief submit annually a Mission Fire Service Requirements Report; this report calculates the meeting, training and fire call attendance by individual firefighters, seconded by J. Schommer. J. Roach opposed stating this information is available anytime. Motion carried. J. Schommer stated this should be added to Mission Township Policies.

Clerk requested the approval to purchase a new computer. There was discussion. J. Roach made a **motion (12)** to approve the purchase of a Dell computer that was researched by D. Henderson, seconded by J. Schommer. All were in favor.

J. Schommer provided to all a copy of an email from Michael Couri with Couri & Ruppe, attorney at law. This email was in reference to Incompatible Offices, stating that a town supervisor who is also employed as an assistant fire chief and gets paid for his assistant fire chief duties has a conflict of interest as assistant fire chief duties are not part of the Supervisors normal duties. That conflict of interest can be cured, and he can be paid only upon the unanimous passage of a conflict of interest resolution with the interested Supervisor abstaining. Each time the Supervisor submits a claim for assistant fire chief pay, he will need to also submit a special conflict of interest affidavit with the claim. In addition, even after the passage of the conflict of interest resolution, the Supervisor must abstain on any votes relating to the fire department which will impact him financially (such as setting his wage or benefits). With this information, J. Schommer made a **motion (13)** to terminate Jim Roach as a fire employee based on the incompatible position creates a conflict of interest determined by legal counsel, seconded by D. Hauser. There was further discussion, motion carried.

February claims were reviewed. J. Schommer made a **motion (14)** to pay claims 9009 – 9031 in the amount of \$37,067.69 (checks 9028 – 9031 are void as they are paid via electronically by Paper Plan-it), seconded by D. Hauser. All were in favor.

J. Schommer made a **motion (15)** to adjourn the February meeting, seconded by J. Roach. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna Anderson
Clerk

Jeff Schommer
Chair

***** February minutes are unapproved until the March 2nd Regular meeting *****

Upcoming Meetings	Feb.	20	7pm	Budget Meeting
		24	6pm	Fire Contract Meeting @ Center Town Hall
		25	7pm	Quarterly Fire Relief Meeting
		27	7pm	Levy Meeting
	March	2	7pm	Regular Township Meeting
		3		Presidential Primary Election
		10	7pm	Annual Township Meeting

