

November 2, 2020 @ 7:00pm

Regular Township Meeting

Due to COVID-19 and the 'Stay Safe' order from Gov. Waltz this meeting was open to the public with social distancing and was also held via Video Conferencing thru the Zoom Meeting App.

Present – Vice Chair Dave Hauser, Supervisor Jim Roach, Fire Chief Eric Makowski and clerk A. Anderson. Residents Jon Auge and Ray Holm were also in attendance.

Present via Zoom Meeting App. – Treasurer Dominic Henderson and 4 residents.

Call to Order – Vice Chair D. Hauser called the November meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes – October minutes were reviewed. J. Roach made a **motion (1)** to approve the October minutes as written, seconded by D. Hauser. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report – D. Henderson reviewed the financials stating the cash balance was \$1,034,695.95. Receipts for October were \$48,985.12 and approved disbursements were \$31,395.74. D. Hauser made a **motion (2)** to approve the treasurers report, seconded by J. Roach. Motion carried.

Crosslake Police Report – Chief Lee emailed the report to the clerk. There had been 98 calls in October, year-to-date there have been 500. 2019 there had been 651 year-to-date.

Fire Dept. Report – Chief Eric Makowski reported on 16 calls for October, year-to-date there have been 121 calls. For review Chief had the Response Roster and Training/Call updates. Three firefighters have completed the ARFF Training (this training is reimbursable from the state). Chief stated the Overnight Duty Crews are going well with 4 members. There is continued engine work needed on the Portable Pump Truck.

CARES Act Dollars Proposal – Mission Township was able to attain \$21,050 to utilize for COVID-19 response. To meet the requirements of these dollars, Chief proposed 2 plans.

PLAN A – Purchase a second quick response EMS vehicle (QRV). If the QRV is attained, we would get rid of the ambulance and move the Squad back up to Station #1. The QRV would be based out of Center location, but would also be used as the officer on call vehicle. This option is dependent on Center Township partnering with us to use their Care Act Dollars. Remaining dollars could be used to enhance the technology that is needed for distance meetings at the town hall.

PLAN B – Purchase a second set of clothing and other articles that may be contaminated by a first responder on an emergency call. When we respond to COVID-19 calls we become contaminated and need to take the time to wash and decontaminate our jackets and gear. Having a second set keeps us immediately operational and less likely to cross contaminate. This option also includes more funding for technology enhancements for the town hall.

Chief is requesting approval for both options. If Center Township agrees with PLAN A, Chief will move ahead and purchase the Quick Response Vehicle and supplies. If they do not, Chief would move ahead with PLAN B.

There was additional discussion. J. Roach made a **motion (3)** to move forward with PLAN A if Center Township agrees to partner, if Center Township does not agree, then PLAN B would be approved and Clerk/Treasurer would prepare claims as deadlines may be required. Seconded by D. Hauser, motion carried. Chief stated that if Center Township does agree; Chief requested the approval to purchase 25 - 5.11 High Visibility Parkas @ \$330 each. There was discussion. Subject was **Tabled**.

Chief stated he had 3 new applicants. Board reviewed each applicant. J. Roach made a **motion (4)** to approve Konner Dik as a firefighter, pending a background check, seconded by D. Hauser. Motion carried. D. Hauser made a **motion (5)** to approve Emma Holloway for the Overnight Duty Crew, pending a background check, seconded by J. Roach. Motion carried. J. Roach made a **motion (6)** to approve Jonathan Swenson as a firefighter, pending a background check, seconded by D. Hauser. Motion carried.

Fire Relief Report – Quarterly meeting will be November 10th @ 7:00pm.

Road & Bridge Report – D. Hauser stated that the first snowfall plowing with the new truck went well. Anderson Bros. have completed road work discussed at the September meeting. J. Roach questioned if the old plow truck would be used during heavy snow events. D. Hauser stated he would be in contact with Larry and Merle Roberts.

Road Committee – Chair Jon Auge stated the committee meets the seconded Thursday of each month at the Town Hall. They are continuing discussion on the Bolton & Menk Report, including insights from Rob Hall from Crow Wing County. The committee will begin discussion on Routine Road Maintenance Planning and Road Overlay or Replacement Plans. Minutes from the Road Committee meetings can be found on the township website – missiontownship.org. Next meeting will be held November 12th @ 5:30pm and December 3rd @ 5:00pm. The public is invited to attend.

Park & Rec. Report – Jim Peterson stated that the park is closing down.

Park Committee – D. Hauser thanked Jim Peterson for his efforts in trying to acquire a grant for the park even though it was denied. Jim Peterson stated there are other potential grants and he will continue to move forward.

Cemetery – Clerk stated there were 9 plots that were being transferred from Gilbert and Janet Bittner; 3 plots to each of their 3 children.

Transfer Station – Now Closed for the Season – Attendant John South delivered funds received from last month, clerk will transfer to treasurer. Brush pile will be burned once the ground is covered with snow.

Old Business – J. Roach stated he had purchased the Snowblower for use at the town hall.

New Business – Nothing to Report.

November Claims – Claims had been reviewed by all. J. Roach made a **motion (7)** to pay claims 9259 – 9289 in the amount of \$91,679.29 (checks 9287 – 9289 are voided as they are paid electronically via Paper Plan-it), seconded by D. Hauser. Motion carried.

Adjourn – D. Hauser made a **motion (8)** to adjourn the November meeting at 8:15 p.m., seconded by J. Roach. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna Anderson
Clerk

Dave Hauser
Vice Chair

*******November minutes are unapproved until the December 7th Regular Township meeting *******

Upcoming Dates	Nov. 10	7pm	Fire/Relief Meeting
	12	5:30pm	Road Committee Meeting
	13	10:30am	Board of Canvass (Special Meeting)
	16	10am	Park Committee Meeting
	Dec. 3	5pm	Road Committee Meeting
	3	7pm	Fire Personnel Meeting (CLOSED MEETING)
	7	7pm	Regular Township Meeting
	8	7pm	Capitol Projects Meeting