

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 10, 2023

Chairman Fred Stoll called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Supervisors Myron Olson and Kevin Mackie, Diane Nelson, Clerk, Amy Eliot, Treasurer, Mark Johnson and Mike Sims, Streets Dept, Keith Kesler, Fire Chief, Gene Germano, Trusty Trucking, and Rick Adams, KGI Wireless were also present.

Minutes: Myron motioned, seconded by Kevin to approve the minutes of last month's board meeting, motion passed.

Financial Report: The financial report showed: \$10,412.06 in checking, \$382,681.02 in the general money market account which includes \$196,112.92 in a sub-account dedicated to the town garage, \$13,796.08 in real estate tax account, \$15,989.92 in personal property tax account, \$51,668.34 in equipment account, and \$69,912.04 in the ARPA Grant account. Myron motioned, seconded by Kevin to accept the financial report, and authorize paying the bills as presented, motion passed.

County Supervisor's Report: Scott emailed a report. Jason Jackman announced that a grant was approved for the Hwy W/Nemadji project for \$825,000. They received an update on the Nemadji Trail Energy Center project. Concerns about water usage for cooling were solved with an air-cooled system for industrial operations. The project is estimated to be a \$ 750 million, 3-year project, with approximately 300 union construction workers. Budget work is complete, overall levy increased by \$189,284 or 1%.

Town Officers Reports: Myron heard from Trout's Unlimited; they might be able to help with the cost of culvert replacement on Bellwood Pit Rd. He'll be meeting with Amy Cronk and Paul P regarding the filled area on Bellwood on the 18th. He contacted Fabick regarding excessive shipping fees, \$57 on a 1.56 bill for 2 nuts and washers. They issued a credit slip for the freight charge.

Road Report: They have been brushing and placing gravel on roads. They will soon be installing plowing equipment to get ready for winter. A new culvert will be needed at Carlson and Hwy H, a hole developed in road so culvert is most likely rusted out.

Fire Chief Report: They have had 3 medical, and 3 mutual aid calls since the last meeting. Rural communities are having more and more staffing issues. He issued an RFP from turn-out equipment. They received a \$7000 grant from the DNR and a \$4000 grant for a new 4-gas meter, and they are still waiting to hear on an Enbridge grant for \$7500.

New Business:

Zoning: Fred motioned, seconded by Myron to file no objection to the Conditional Use Permit for Oconnell, Horvath Cell Tower. Reclamation plan, Bellwood Pit. Myron motioned, seconded by Kevin to file no objection to the Reclamation Plan for Bellwood Pit.

Old Business:

Fire Dept. Water Source: Myron checked on a tank, it was still available, so he asked for a delivered cost and is waiting to hear back. Keith mentioned it would be great if we could get a water point included with the construction of the After Hours Bridge, Diane will continue to pursue this.

Town correspondence was reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Nelson, Clerk