

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES****DATE: June 10, 2025**

Chairman Fred Stoll called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Supervisors Kevin Mackie and Myron Olson, Diane Nelson, Clerk; Amy Eliot, Treasurer, Keith Kesler, Fire Chief; and Mark Johnson and Taylor Lindsay, Streets Dept also attended. Scott Raivala was also present.

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

**Financial Report:** The financial report showed: \$8,208.60 in checking, \$379,043.09 in the general money market account which includes \$184,112.92 in a sub-account dedicated to the town garage, \$440.52 in real estate tax account, \$2,807.15 in personal property tax account, \$18,202.22 in equipment account, and \$577.21 in the Grant account. Myron motioned, seconded by Kevin to authorize paying the bills and accepting the treasurer's report, and the motion passed.

**Town Officers Reports:** Fred mentioned the road inspections; he will write up a summary and plan for next meeting. Myron will work on updating the 3-year road plan. It will include addressing drainage on Maple Street. We are hopeful of getting funding for both Co-op and High Landing Roads in 2026 from the DNR. Fred received a call from a DNR Forester regarding logging and road conditions, a project on Leppala is wrapping up and one on Clevedon is about to start. Amy mentioned the date on the annual meeting minutes for the next annual meeting is incorrect. It will be corrected from Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Road Report:** Culverts are being replaced on Birch, Old Hwy 2, Tuura, and Wentala. Equipment issues are being resolved. Bids went out for blacktopping Birch Ave to be opened at the next board meeting. The After Hours bridge project has been awarded, a pre-construction meeting will be held in the hall on Thursday at 10:30. Diane will send informational letters to residents on the road.

**Fire Chief Report:** They have had one MA wildfire call and one structure fire in the last month. Keith provided the board with a copy of the original resolution creating the fire department from 1962 he also provided fire department organizational statement from 1988 that describes the meetings, functions, officers, etc. This will need to be turned into a town ordinance for compliance with current regulations.

**New Business:**

**Zoning:** The board reviewed a Conditional Use Permit for a change in zoning from Scott Raivala on County Line Rd. to change 5 acres of a 40 acre parcel to residential versus forestry. Fred motioned to file No Objection, Kevin seconded, and the motion passed.

**Frequency of Fire Inspections:** Keith explained that rules have changed regarding the frequency of fire inspections, and we can reduce the frequency from 2 to 1 annually by adopting a local ordinance. Diane provided a copy of the proposed ordinance. Kevin motioned seconded by Myron to approve the ordinance, motion carried.

**Approval of Liquor Licenses and Bartender Licenses:** Myron motioned, seconded by Kevin to approve all licenses, motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**Garage Update:** The board developed an ad to hire an architectural/engineering firm to design the new garage. The ad has been placed in the Duluth paper and on DemandStar.

Town correspondence was reviewed. Myron motioned, seconded by Kevin to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Diane Nelson, Clerk*