

January 9th, 2018

7:30 PM

Present: Dennis Zinter, Jim Fisher, Joe Fredrickson, Rebecca Lamb, Joan Maki, Neil Anderson and Dale Nelson.

Chair Zinter called the meeting to order.

Clerk Lamb read the minutes for the December 21st, 2017 meeting. Fisher moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Fredrickson. Carried unanimously.

Deputy Treasurer Maki read the financial statement ending December 31st, 2017.

Miner's Bank Checking account: \$121,295.43. Frandsen Bank Savings Account: \$18,404.42. Certificate of Deposit- Miner's Bank: \$509,683.40. Total Assets: \$649,383.25. Fredrickson moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Fisher. Carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Received a thank you from Friends of Sax – Zim Bog for the donation the Township made and their Annual Report. This was reviewed and filed.
2. Received the Registration Renewal for the 1997 Township Trailer. Amount due: \$16.00. Fredrickson moved to pay the renewal in the amount of \$16.00. Seconded by Zinter. Carried unanimously.
3. SLC sent information on tax forfeited Land. This was reviewed and filed.
4. SLC sent information on a meeting about partial abandonment of ditches. This was reviewed.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Neil Anderson voiced his concerns about the Home Town Focus being the Township choice for publishing notices. He feels the Mesabi Daily News is a better choice. Neil was advised to bring this up at the Annual Meeting for further discussion.

Dale Nelson raised concerns about the ditches on the West side of Mobraaten Road. Dale would like to have these looked at. The Supervisors were in agreement that there is a water issue due to the heavy rain fall last year. The ditches will be checked when weather permits.

OLD BUSINESS: There was discussion on whether to stay with Cold Snap Technology or transfer to Tech Bytes, Dustin Miller's new Company. The Town Board discussed leaving the Web hosting and Domain Service arrangement with Cold Snap Technology, as this has been paid up till September 2018, and allow Dustin Miller from Tech Bytes to maintain the Web site as he has been doing from the start. When the Cold Snap Tech contract is up the Township would decide at that time which company it will keep on. Fredrickson moved to keep Cold Snap Technology as the Domain Service and Web Host, with Dustin Miller from Tech Bytes in charge of maintaining the site. Seconded by Zinter. Carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Clerk Lamb presented her recommendations for Election Judges for the Township Annual Election March 13th 2018. Fisher moved to approve the Clerk's recommendation for Election Judges. Seconded by Zinter. Carried unanimously.

BOARD REPORT:

Hall: Supervisor Fisher reported that there have been some problems with the furnace but the issue has been found and repaired. There was some discussion on calling in a plumber to replace some water lines.

Roads: Supervisor Zinter reported that he needs to place an order for gravel from the SLC Public Works Department Crushing Program. Amount to be ordered is 5000 yards which is equal to approximately 4000 tons. Fisher moved to order the gravel in the amount of 5000 yds. or approximately 4000 tons from SLC Public Works Department Crushing Program. Seconded by Fredrickson. Carried unanimously.

Rec: Supervisor Fredrickson reported that the Rec is being well used.

Annual Audit and Budget Meeting: The Town Supervisors audited the Towns Financial Books for the year 2017. The books were found to be in order. Deputy Treasurer Maki presented the Budget for the Board to review and decide on the next year's budget. A tentative budget was set to be reviewed at the February Board Meeting, with the final approval to be decided at the March 13th 2018 Annual Town Meeting.

UP-COMING MEETINGS OR SEMINARS THAT OFFICER'S CAN ATTEND

Partial Abandonment of County Ditches #1 and #6 Public Hearing, Tuesday January 23, 2018, 9:55am SLC Court House, Virginia MN.

SLCAT Meeting January 24th, 2018 Cotton Community Center 6:30 PM

REVIEW OF CLAIMS: December claims #7788-7709 and Electronic Claims #1733-1736 & December Payroll Claims # 4402-4516 were reviewed. Fisher moved to authorize payment of December's bills. Seconded by Fredrickson. Carried unanimously.

The next regular Town Board Meeting will be February 13th, 2018 Town Hall 7:00 pm. Fisher moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Fredrickson. Carried unanimously 8:23 pm.

These minutes are subject to additions and corrections at the next regular Towns Board Meeting.