

January 10th, 2017

7 PM

Present: Joe Fredrickson, Dennis Zinter, Joan Maki, Rebecca Lamb, Beth Hamling and Michelle Fagre.

Chair Fredrickson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Lamb read the minutes for the December 13th 2016 meeting. Zinter moved to approve the clerk's minutes. Seconded by Fredrickson. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer Maki read the Financial Statement ending December 31st, 2016.

Miner's Bank Checking account: \$90,646.07. Frandsen Bank Savings Account: \$18,402.12. Certificate of Deposit- Miner's Bank: \$565,098.89. Total Assets: \$674,147.08. Zinter moved to approve the Treasure's Report. Seconded by Fredrickson. Carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATINS:

1. SLCAT sent the minutes for the December 2016 meeting. This was reviewed and filed.
2. SLC sent the invoice for the Proposed Tax Notice Preparation and Delivery. Amount due is: \$126.96. Zinter moved to pay the SLC \$126.96 for the Tax Notices. Seconded by Fredrickson. Carried unanimously.
3. RAMS sent information on a proposed constitutional amendment to RAMS by-laws. Also received was a magnet. This was reviewed.
4. The SLC Fair Board sent a letter requesting a donation. Zinter moved to donate \$250.00 which has been donated in past years. Seconded by Fredrickson. Carried unanimously.
5. MPCA sent information on Proposed Amendments to MN. Rules. This was reviewed.

6. Lake Country Power sent information on the up-coming district meeting. February 1, 2017, 5:00-7:00 pm South Ridge School, Culver MN. This was reviewed.
7. Pomp's Tire Service sent a sale flyer for new tires. This was given to the Road Supervisor, Dennis Zinter.
8. The Home Town Focus sent a letter requesting the Township to use their paper to publish the Township announcements. This will be brought to the Annual Meeting for discussion.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Clerk's recommendations for Election Judges for the up-coming Township Election March 14th, 2017 were presented. Fredrickson moved to accept the Clerk's recommendation for Election Judges. Seconded by Zinter. Carried unanimously.

Treasurer Maki reported that the mileage rate had been decreased beginning in January 2017. She will get the new rates to us by the next meeting.

BOARD REPORT:

Hall: Fisher was absent but sent a written report read by Clerk Lamb. A ballast has been changed on the Township Sign. The Hall furnace will be changed by the company and their insurance will pay for any clean-up. Beth (custodian) should let them know what she has cleaned so she can be paid by the insurance company. Beth will need to let them know what needs to be cleaned. They should start work shortly. The work on the hallway should have started by now. I have received inquiries about the Township's first history book, we don't have any left. I will get quotes on what it would cost to do 50 or 100 issues. The Board will need to approve this. Many of the purchase questions come from Birders. We could make a little money selling them. When we get internet service I would like to get a thermostat for the Hall that Beth can adjust the heat from home using WIFI.

Jim's ideas will be tabled till the next meeting when they will have a full board in attendance.

Roads: Zinter reported that he is still working on the Noxious weed inspector paper work. He has some questions that he would like to discuss with the people in charge of the program. Ziegler will be coming to look at the grader. The grader operator will be on hand to point out issues and problems.

Rec: Fredrickson reported that cleaning and flooding of the rinks has been on-going. The ice storm made it very difficult to get them clean. Many hours were invested in this. The storm took down a lot of trees on the ski trails. We had an Attendant meeting with the employees and their parents to go over what is expected of the kids and how the parents can help to make sure they show up for their shifts. There was an issue with the outside wood stove blower. The blower stat was replaced and electrical panel problems were fixed. The Hall buffer had some issues so we replaced the cord end with one that has the ground lug. Seems to be working fine now, but will keep an eye on it. Flooding will continue every Wednesday and trails will be groomed as needed. We have 3 parties scheduled this month at the Rec.

Annual Audit and Budget Meeting: The Town Supervisors audited the Towns Financial Books for the year 2016. The books were found to be in order. Treasurer Maki presented the budget for the Board to review and decide on 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 14th 2017 Annual Town Meeting.

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

SLCAT Meeting January 25th, 2017, Cotton Community Center, 6:30 pm.

Drainage and Wetlands Conference February 13th, 2017, Rivers Edge Convention Center, St. Cloud, MN.

RAMS event with the MPCA. Topic to be discussed: Wild Rice /Sulfate Standard January 31st, 2017, 6-8pm Northeast Service Cooperative, Mt. Iron, MN.

REVIEW OF CLAIMS: December claims #7551-7567 and Electronic Claims #1626 & Payroll Claims # 4306-4330 were reviewed. Fredrickson moved to authorize payment of December bills. Seconded by Zinter. Carried unanimously.

The next regular Town Board Meeting will be February 14th, 2017, Town Hall 7:00 pm. Fredrickson moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Zinter. Carried unanimously 8:16 pm.

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