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The meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm by Chairperson Dale Larson. Present were Greta Klassen, Dale Larson, and Mike Schwartz, Supervisors; Amanda Ellefson, Clerk; Ronda Bernard, Deputy Clerk; Christine Wolvin, Treasurer; Linsey Larson, Deputy Treasurer; John Wolvin, Jim Olcott, Tarah Vitek, and Kurt Johnson.

Greta made a motion to accept the October 1, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. Mike seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dale thanked and honored the two supervisors that will be leaving the Town Board by mentioning their accomplishments. The supervisors (Greta and Mike) made a difference for the November elections, saw the establishment of the SSD, getting SSD flowage amounts corrected, leaving with funds in the SSD user fee fund, cleaning up the former store across the road to make for additional parking, the building of a new Fire Hall (with the grant from IRRRB), updating the old Fire Hall and Community Center, separation of Fire Hall fees for New Independence to assist in paying utilities, Township taking over management of Fire Department, limited increases in levy, dealing with performance issues with former township employees, obtaining a new engineer for the SSD, and increase use of the Community Center. Looking back over the years, many things were accomplished.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Christine read the Treasurer's Report. Greta made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mike seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Christine requested a transfer of \$5,000 from General Fund to Community Center Fund. Dale made a motion to transfer \$5,000 from General Fund to Community Center Fund. Mike seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **BILLS**

Amanda read the Claims List. Greta made a motion to pay the bills, including PERA. Mike seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Discussion on Duluth Ready Mix bill, which was for crushed gravel.

#### **EMAIL/CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **SSD**

John read the SSD report. 216, 182 total gallons pumped through the month of October, with an average of 6,177 gallons per day (based on 35-day cycle). On the 16<sup>th</sup>, John turned off pumps at tanks

13 and 16. On the 6<sup>th</sup> of November, John found the valve at site 3 was giving an alarm. It would not give a closed signal to the computer. John called Jay, who indicated that he will place new contacts into that valve. If that does not work, Jay suggested a valve replacement for next summer. The remainder of the report will be given at the SSD meeting on November 27.

Discussion of Bennett property construction. Mike brought up that he would like to see the pressure testing cost split out on the task order for Bennett/Township portions. The Board agreed.

Dale made a motion to continue and set the SSD levy for \$1200 per year for single connection and \$2400 for double connection. Greta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dale read a letter to the Board from Janet Levinski. Discussion surrounding the letter and concerns from Mrs. Levinski. The Board determined to send a letter to Mrs. Levinski stating the letter was reviewed and no action was taken by the Board.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Greta reported that the pancake breakfast went very well.

Greta reported that both heaters were worked on. The one from the bathroom was taken to be worked on, as the handle is not working correctly.

Greta indicated that she would like to see the elected Supervisors attend a Joint Powers meeting to be familiar with the process. Dale indicated it is an open meeting and anyone is welcome to attend. Greta will set a Joint Powers meeting prior to ending her term.

Mike reported that the shelf has been moved in the fire hall.

Rick Greer has access to an alarm for the holding tank that is available for \$60-\$70. Dale will contact Rick about the alarm.

Dale discussed the erosion that was reported on the fire hall driveway. Some class 5 was hauled in to fix the erosion.

#### **COMMUNITY CENTER**

Greta presented information on lighting options and recommendations from Energy Insight. They estimate a cost of approximately \$2375 with our maintenance employee completing the installation. Dale indicated that he will call Minnesota Power to inquire into a grant for lighting options. This information from Greta will assist in securing monies toward lighting for the Community Center.

Dale indicated that with the new owner of the old school, the Township should reach out to inquire into an easement for the parking lot area.

There was a sewer alarm and Dale contacted Bill to check on the alarm. Bill was able to manually pump the tank to stop the alarm, rather than calling a truck to pump the tank.

Amanda has contacted two carpet cleaning companies and has heard back from Chem Clean. Chem Clean is coming to the town hall tomorrow to offer an estimate for carpet cleaning.

Greta has contacted the telephone company and the phone line is still over the rock (no change)

Greta will contact Anvid tree removal regarding tree removal in the park area.

**ROAD AND BRIDGES**

Tree removed from Berg Lind Road.

Dale read a letter sent to the Township on Maintenance Requests through St. Louis County. Dale indicated that the only maintenance requested at this time is snow plowing.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Dale spoke to Rodda about gravel on Ostman Road, which was placed on the road. Greta will ask the landowner to contact Dale.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Greta made a motion to adjourn. Mike seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Ellefson, Clerk