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The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Chairperson Kurt Johnson. Present were Dale Larson, Tarah Vitek, and Kurt Johnson, Supervisors; Amanda Ellefson, Clerk; Ronda Bernard, Deputy Clerk; Linsey Larson, Deputy Treasurer; Jim Olcott, John Klassen, Stacy Kleiner, Brian Disney, Bob and Michele Nylen, Charlie and Joanne Preston, and Mick Sertich.

Dale made a motion to approve the May 6 Regular Meeting Minutes. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dale made a motion to approve the May 16 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting Minutes. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dale made a motion to approve the May 15 Dump Tour Meeting Minutes. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dale made a motion to approve the May 24 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Follow-Up Meeting Minutes. Dale seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Tarah made a motion to approve the May 24 Road Inspection Meeting Minutes. Dale seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Linsey read the Financial Report. Dale made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **CLAIMS**

Amanda read the Claims List. Dale made a motion to approve the bills including PERA. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **COUNTY WEED INSPECTOR**

Dale introduced the County Weed Inspector, Kristin Fogard, who came to do a presentation of noxious weeds. Kristin provided information and education on Minnesota Noxious Weed Law (Minnesota Statutes 18.75-18.91). There is a free, downloadable, app for weed identification (eddmaps).

#### **E-MAILS/CORRESPONDENCE**

Thank you note from Joe and Karen Hoerz.

Thank you letter from Meadowlands Ambulance for donation.

Letter from Norland Sanitary Service with changes made since new ownership.

## **SSD**

The Board reviewed John's SSD report. 188,570 total gallons pumped through the month of May, with an average of 6,735 gallons per day (based on 28-day cycle).

Tarah read a report from Jaymes regarding the actuator valve. Jaymes reached the manufacturer, who recommended that the valve be sent in for replacement. Dale made a motion to work with either People Services or John Wolvin to determine the best course of action to have the valve sent in to be replaced. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding properties under construction on Aerie Lake. Tarah provided information on which properties have undergone pressure testing and which still need to have this done.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Update on planning for National Night Out.

## **COMMUNITY CENTER**

Tarah has been working on quotes for the pothole at the entrance of the parking lot. Dale made a motion to give Kurt the authority to spend up to \$3000 to fix the pothole and frost heave at the entrance to the parking lot. Discussion on additional work in the parking lot. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Kurt submitted a Community Center Report to the Board regarding Center use last year.

Dale made a motion that Kurt, with consultation with John, decide upon shelving units for storage, spending up to \$400. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Kurt emailed Minnesota Power about options for the yard light, as the current light is not very bright. Tarah made a motion to change the current light to a metal halide light. Dale seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Kurt is working with Rick Greer on getting the holding tank alarm installed.

Kurt presented information on temperature and humidity sensors for the Community Center and Fire Department. Dale made a motion to purchase 3 sensors along with a temperature control. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Simco quote for electrical work in Community Center and Fire Hall. Kurt proposed moving forward with the top 2 items of the quote. Dale made a motion to have Simco do the work they estimated to complete for \$2300. Tarah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board went out to review and discuss the pavilion and determined that Kurt will be staking out the new location for it.

Jugovich supplied the Township with a new American flag. Discussion regarding disposal of old flag. A recommendation was made to give it to Doug at the Clip Joint for his flag ceremony.

## **ROAD AND BRIDGE**

Several community members were present to discuss the condition of township roads. Charlie Preston made a recommendation of putting in a ditch in front of his house and the neighboring property. Mick Sertich brought up concerns with Austin Road and suggested reaching out to others for bids to do road work. Dale indicated that a motion has been made, at the annual meeting, to hire Rodda for road work this year, so the Board would be able to reach out to others for possible work next year. Bob Nylan shared a suggestion of digging down 18 inches and placing mesh down before placing material back on the road, as he had done some research with others regarding the condition of the roads. He also recommended asking the County to take over maintenance of Aerie Lake and Austin Roads.

St. Louis County submitted a Bridge Inspection Report for Bridge # 69J31.

Local Lake Associations have either requested or denied chloride application. Dale made a motion to apply chloride to township roads, with the exception of Aerie Lake Road by Aerie Lake, at \$.935/gallon. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dale made a motion to have Rodda mow township roadsides. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Land Department submitted information about an upcoming timber sale adjacent to Aerie Lake Road. The timber will be harvested during frozen ground months to prevent damage to Aerie Lake Road.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Joining R.A.M.S tabled to further meeting (October).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Dale made a motion for the Deputy Clerk to submit an application to become a Notary. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jim Olcott indicated that he feels Rodda is doing a great job with our Township roads.

Tarah made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dale seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned 9:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Ellefson, Clerk