

Minutes of the regular Board meeting of the Town of Normanna, Minnesota, St. Louis County, held in the Normanna Town Hall, on Monday, October 22nd, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chair Daniel Johnson at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chair-Supervisor Daniel Johnson, Supervisor Dennis Gunsolus, Supervisor Kimberly Grubb, and Clerk-Treasurer Ellen Hanson.

Others in Attendance: Vivian Hanson, Kurt Johnson, David Bolf, Eric Norland, Sandy Cooke, and Representative Mary Murphy.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

Approval of Agenda: Johnson presented the agenda. Motion by Johnson to accept the agenda as amended, seconded by Gunsolus. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Board Minutes: The September 12th, 2012 minutes were reviewed. Motion by Johnson to approve the September 12th, 2012 Board minutes as presented, seconded by Grubb. Motion carried unanimously.

Normanna Fire Department (NFD): Norland reported there were 5 runs. They have the new radios which use a digital format. They had training on the proper procedures for using the radios. The old radios have to be turned back to 911 Communication Department. They will be receiving radios for the trucks and they will need to be installed. The department received the DNR grant for \$250.

Normanna Land Use Committee Report: No report.

Buildings and Grounds Report: Johnson contacted D.G. Solem for the servicing and cleaning of the town hall furnace. Johnson cleaned-up the cemetery.

Road and Bridge Report: Johnson reported that two culverts were replaced on Lady Nicole and Troy Brett Trail. Johnson approved one more road grading for this season.

Fire Department Liaison: No report.

Clerk's Report: Hanson asked the Board to set the absentee voting location for the 2013 Annual Meeting. Motion by Johnson to set the absentee voting for the March 2013 annual town election to be on Saturday, March 9, 2013 from 1-3 p.m. at the Normanna Town Hall, seconded by Gunsolus. Motion carried unanimously. Hanson reported on the township legal seminar she attended.

Old Business

Cloquet Valley Internet Initiative (CVII): Grubb reported the Story's property on Smith River Road is where CLP will put a tower; a second tower will be placed on the Grubb's property on Normanna Road. CLP is completing the paperwork and approval. The next step for CLP is to apply for permits from St. Louis County. The towers will not be put up until Spring 2013. The Supervisors need to work on the pre-signs and show support for the permits.

Culvert Replacement on Troy Brett Trail: Johnson met with Michael Davis, FEMA, and his supervisor, for a site inspection. Johnson was told the culvert replacement does not qualify for replacement but does qualify for repair. FEMA may contribute up to about \$2400. Johnson recommended that the town replace the culvert instead of just repairing it. He explained, in the long run, replacing the culvert would be more efficient and cost wise instead of repairing it. The culvert has enough damage that it will likely not last very long. One option is to withdraw the FEMA claim. The quotes that were received for culvert replacement were between \$10,000-\$12,000. The permits are valid for a year. Motion by Johnson to withdraw the FEMA application, seconded by Grubb. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Propane Pre-Buy: Hanson mentioned that Superior Fuel Company quoted \$1.18 for the coming winter season. Gunsolus will contact Superior Fuel Company about servicing Normanna this season.

Snowplowing Quotes: Johnson will request quotes and report back at the November meeting.

Superior Hiking Trail Association/Normanna Township Legacy Grant #L118-11-2C: The trail is completed, for the most part, may need board walks put down in the wet areas next spring. It was too dry this summer to determine if they were necessary.

The total grant was \$30,000. The Superior Hiking Trail Association has submitted receipts for expenses totaling \$23,307.99 to date. A check should be received in about a month which the town will reimburse the Superior Hiking Trail for the same amount.

November General Elections: Hanson requested access to the Fire Hall on Sunday, November 4 for election set-up, cleaning and possibly counting ballots and for the General Election on Tuesday, November 6, 2012. Norland will contact the Chief.

Treasurer's Report: Clerk Hanson distributed the Cash Control Statement, Net Pay Account Distribution Report, and Claims List for approval to the Supervisors. The claims list is attached and the other reports are in the Clerk book.

Beginning Balance – 09/01/2012 - \$141,224.75

Total Disbursements – September - \$2,751.85

Total per Bank Statement – 09/30/2012 - \$139,184.53

October claims 1922-1933 totaled \$18,004.12 were presented for approval.

October payroll checks 2165-2168 totaled \$556.67.

Motion by Johnson to pay the claims as presented and accepted the September cash control statement, seconded by Gunsolus. Motion carried unanimously.

Petitions from the Floor: Plunkett's Pest Control Contract for cluster flies which allows for annual spraying was discussed. Motion by Johnson to sign the annual agreement for Plunkett's to spray the Town Hall for cluster flies, seconded by Gunsolus. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Checks were signed.

The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, November 19th, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion by Johnson, seconded by Grubb, and carried adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Hanson, Clerk

Daniel Johnson, Chair