

Town of Grand Lake
St. Louis County, Minnesota

May 12, 2020

The regular meeting of the Town of Grand Lake Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman, Duayne Anderson at the Town Hall/Community Center at 7:00 PM. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. All Board members were present, Steve Torgeson present via teleconference.

Public Participation: Steve Larsen: looking for letter from Grand Lake Township zoning for a variance from September 1978 that was issued to Robert Larsen at 5930 N Pike Lake Road. Any chance we have it on record so he can get a copy to take down to the County Planning and Zoning for his building permit. Clerk will look into and get back to him.

Minutes:

D. Johnson made a motion, 2nd by S. Torgeson to accept April 14, 2020 regular meeting minutes; April 23, 2020 and April 28, 2020 special meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Financial Report:

The financial report for April 2020 submitted by the Treasurer was reviewed by the board. **S. Torgeson moved to accept the report as presented, 2nd by D. Johnson. All in favor motion carried.** Board reviewed spending, claims and transfers. **D. Johnson made a motion to pay bills covered by claims 17668 - 17702, QB-2020-May, Debits totaling \$16,295.57. Motion 2nd by S. Torgeson. All in favor, motion carried.** - discussion that the financials are doing well and the reserves are doing ok, do we know when the 1st ½ Property taxes are coming in? Clerk is waiting to hear.

D. Johnson made a motion to add a check for \$3,130 to Levy Tree Care for 50% down of contract for tree work at the Grand Lake Cemetery. Motion 2nd by D. Anderson. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Report:

- Jake's Grading Contract and proposal – discussion to accept graveling proposal as submitted by Jake's, its consistent with D. Anderson's 2020 road inspection, discussion on doing disking right away, pricing on proposal is extra ditching, gravel will be per ton or yard, \$4,250 disking 4 roads, if we can recoup the gravel, Duncan rd. on the west side is pretty bad with frost boils, discussion on building it up with pit run E Duncan, graveling is 81 loads, recommendation to get disking done and culverts in, gravel started and CalChloride, **D. Johnson made a motion to approve the gravel program, disking program and culvert on Klimek, and Westlund Rd. to get an extension and aprons on end. Motion 2nd by S. Torgeson. All in favor, motion carried.**

- Contract – Board reviewed and would like a contract to be drawn up with Jake's Grading for all the road work and a second contract with Dust Doctor specially for CalChloride. Discussion on paying as we use it. Figure out how much to use. In 2019 the Township spent \$33,200 on CalChloride. Discussion to pre-buy 75% of CalChloride.

S. Torgeson made a motion to tentatively approve of the re-writing of the contract to have one contract with Jake's Grading for all road work, graveling and snowplowing and a second contract with Dust Doctor for CalChloride. Motion 2nd by D. Johnson. All in favor, motion carried.

S. Torgeson made a motion to pre-buy 75% for 2020 with provision of pre-buying. Motion 2nd by D. Johnson. All in favor, motion carried. Clerk to email contract to Rick.

- Gravel will start this week.

- Clerk to Contact DNR to indicate for boat landing instead of just water access on McGregor Rd.

- Discussion on pre-buy of CalChloride. **S. Torgeson made a motion to modify the claims list to include a check for 75% of the CalChloride cost for \$23,240. Motion 2nd by D. Johnson. All in favor, motion carried.**

- 2020 Road Inspection Report – board reviewed, no changes.

- Culvert Marking Signs – price out signs (fence posts with reflectors) approx. \$2,500, D. Anderson to talk to sign shop.

Fire Department Report:

Fire Chief, Grant Gimpel submitted his report via email. There were 20 calls, 5 fire, 6 public assist, 3 mutual aid or auto aid all for wildfires and 6 medical calls.

- looking at by laws, what does FD look like for training after/during pandemic
- Paid on Call – currently 15 on roster \$26,200 for current roster,
- do we have a formula to add an additional \$53,600 to the levy and what it would be estimated per tax payer, clerk to figure this number, and send to board, continue on agenda, would have to go on the annual meeting in 2021 for 2022.

Sewer Report:

Birch Point. Claims: **S. Torgeson made a motion to pay Birch Point District bills covered by claims 1255-1256 and Debits totaling \$2.275.00. Motion 2nd by D. Johnson. All in favor, motion carried.**

AE2S: reviewed report, recommendations for signage for all curb stops, survey person to benchmark where they would be.

D. Anderson to call Duane to get the signs for curb stops and culvert markers.

PLAWCS: E-board meeting in early May, basin repairs, Larry to get those done next week, authorized proposals for 3 repairs will discuss at the next meeting.

Recycling Report:

Was closed March 25, 2020 thru May 5, 2020 due to COVID-19. Recycle Center operations resumed Wednesday May 6, 2020. We staffed the first week with 2-3 attendants to manage traffic flow, was quite busy and people are glad we are open again. Clerk to discuss with WLSSD about changes to the pick up day from Thursday to now Wednesday, looking that this is temporary change.

Community Center Report:

- Generator – still waiting on a call, D. Johnson will look into grants for a possible generator, keep on agenda
- discussion on auto faucets, door pulls on bathrooms, **D. Anderson made a motion to authorize D. Johnson to acquire equipment for hands free use of bathrooms. Motion 2nd by S. Torgeson. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Holiday Lottery – Thanksgiving – Lynn Bryant was winner, clerk to let them know, send letter to other lottery entrant to let them know they didn't get drawn.

Parks & Recreation Report:

- AIS protocol – D. Johnson will get info that we can use for our inspectors. Clerk to get supplies and start Inspections week of May 18, 2020 if possible.
- Grand Lake Sports Facilities – an outside group asked to use the Baseball fields, Board discussed and **S. Torgeson made a motion that they can use as long as it doesn't interfere with normal team, in addition they need to follow MN Governor's Executive Orders. Motion 2nd by D. Johnson. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Grand Lake Rec facilities (beach, playground, etc.) – we will wait to see what happens and it depends on executive orders, will security open up the beach on Memorial Day? wait and see.

Cemetery Report:

- Levy Tree Proposal – **S. Torgeson made a motion to approve the proposal for Levy Tree Care for \$6,260 for all work as outlined in the proposal and to send in a check for 50% down to start work. Motion 2nd by D. Anderson. All in favor, motion carried.**

Old Business:

- Gravel Tax – no new updates
- GIS – nothing new
- FD Barriers – nothing new
- Tennis Courts – nothing new
- LED's – nothing new

New Business:

- Cast Iron Liquor License – Board reviewed. **D. Johnson made a motion to accept the renewal of the Liquor License for the 2020/2021 season as outlined on the permit. Motion 2nd by D. Anderson. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Telecom utilities work – **D. Johnson made a motion to approve work as noted in the drawing, clerk to inform them they can start work. Motion 2nd by D. Anderson. All in favor, motion carried.**
- St. Louis County Land transaction review – Board reviewed. **D. Johnson made a motion to approve as submitted by St. Louis County. Motion 2nd by D. Anderson. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Broadband email – D. Anderson responded to the inquiry and he will get in touch with person from the state.

Correspondence was summarized by the Clerk and reviewed by the Board.

On a motion made by D. Johnson and 2nd by D. Anderson, the regular meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM.

LeeAnn Vanderscheuren
Town Clerk