

Town of Grand Lake
St. Louis County, Minnesota

July 14, 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 7:03 PM. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. All Board members were present.

Public Participation: none

Minutes:

D. Johnson made a motion, 2nd by S. Torgeson to accept June 9, 2020 regular meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Financial Report:

The financial report for June 2020 was read by the Treasurer. **D. Johnson moved to accept the report as presented, 2nd by S. Torgeson. All in favor motion carried.** Board reviewed spending, claims and transfers. **D. Johnson made a motion to pay bills covered by claims 17743 - 17784, QB-2020-July, Debits totaling \$98,542.36. Motion 2nd by S. Torgeson. All in favor, motion carried.**

- Discussion by board to not zero out the fund balances to the reserves in June like we had been doing in past years. **D. Anderson made a motion to maintain the June 30th balance when we add the first half levy to the funds and to only zero out those accounts to the reserve fund accounts on December 31. Motion 2nd by D. Johnson. All in favor, motion carried.**

- PNP reimbursement was deposited in June, discussion to move the PNP reimbursement down to expense to offset the expense rather than show it in income. Clerk to move it to expense.

Sewer Report:

Birch Point Claims: **S. Torgeson made a motion to pay Birch Point District bills covered by claims 1260 – 1266 and Debits totaling \$15,382.30. Motion 2nd by D. Johnson. All in favor, motion carried.**

AEZS: Operations – things are rolling along, nothing major to report from operator.

- Variance – Sobczak – board reviewed, with E. Appelwick's recommendation that there isn't an issue the board thinks it looks good. **D. Johnson made a motion to accept the variance as proposed. Motion 2nd by S. Torgeson. All in favor, motion carried.**

- Debt Service Payoff request – it was brought to the attention of the board that a resident is inquiring about paying off their portion of the Debt Service. Board discussed and clerk to talk to PFA on whether or not we can do a payoff. Board will further discuss in August meeting.

- Ordinance in Birch Point Sewer District – It was brought to the boards attention that there is a VRBO on the sewer system. Board is looking into whether or not there is a commercial use clause. Discussion to send a letter reminding them of sewer use. Clerk to work with E. Appelwick to send reminder and clerk to check with lawyer to see if the clause is in there and if not, what do we do?

- Call from resident inquiring about splitting property to put another house, discussion that there is plenty of capacity for them to do that. Will continue to discuss should this be requested of the board.

PLAWCS: Resolution 2020-07-01 Basin Repair was presented and the board reviewed. **S. Torgeson made a motion to accept Resolution 2020-07-01 as presented. Motion 2nd by D. Johnson. All in favor, motion carried.**

Fire Department Report:

Dan Lysher was present. There were 42 calls, 1 fire, 16 public assist, 5 mutual aid or auto aid, 4 motor vehicle accidents and 21 medical calls. We are going to be well above the normal average of 200 calls for the year.

- Voted on bylaw change to allow EMR's or Fire only. This is effective immediately, EMR are still required for Fire calls, structural changes are being implemented.

- Paid on call – discussion on different options for the paid on call model, possible option would be that a member could be eligible to receive \$750 for EMR and \$750 for Firefighter if they were both all year then they could be paid by position with a possibility to \$1500 and the end of the year, other options still in discussion. Board reviewed

that in order to add to the 2021 levy for it we need to call a special town meeting, discussion on whether or not to hold a special town meeting, discussion to do an article with Jake in the Proctor Journal. D. Johnson to draft.

D. Anderson, D. Johnson , S. Torgeson and Clerk L. Vanderscheuren made a motion to call a special town meeting on Tuesday September 8, 2020 at 6pm to discuss adding \$27,000 to the 2021 levy to support a paid-on call model for the Grand Lake Fire Department. Motion 2nd by D. Johnson. All in favor, motion carried. Clerk in favor.

Road Report:

- Jake's – culvert on Birch Grove Road at the intersection of Dickerman is being looked at.
- Beckman road culvert – they are rotting out, discussion about getting aluminum rolled to fit around them, put pipe fittings on the seams at the top and fill with grout, likely cheaper then digging it out and replacing. S. Torgeson will reach out to Joe to see if they have any information.
- Road Rename – it was brought to the board's attention by a resident that they would like to rename their road, Board would like clerk to check with MAT, board discussed and doesn't have issue, will continue to research and continue on the August agenda. Every residence with an address on the road would have to agree. Dewey will find the county ordinance.

Recycling Report:

Recycling report submitted for June 2020. There were 674 people, 20 mixed glass/plastic/aluminum and 18 cardboard/paper bins.

Community Center Report:

- Generator – still looking for grants
- Celebration of life – a resident asked if they could host a celebration of life, the board discussed and currently will be sticking with the 10 people indoor gathering number from the Minnesota Governor's Executive Order.

Parks & Recreation Report:

AIS – We have inspected 527 watercrafts between June 5th and July 3rd. July and August we will work 12-hour days split into (2) 6 hr. shifts each day starting at 7am thru 7pm.

- Clerk to let baseball coordinator know that there is a key in their lock box for the dumpster at the field.

Cemetery Report:

Jake's – brought some black dirt in, groundskeeping will get it spread as needed.

Old Business:

- Gravel Tax – no updates, due tomorrow July 15, will update at the August meeting
- GIS – no updates
- FD Barriers – D. Anderson staked out, Gopher one will be here to stake July 24th, discussion that we will rent a dingo to dig all the post holes and get those placed before month end.
- Tennis Courts – no updates
- LED's – no updates
- Basketball hoops – looking at portable hoops

New Business:

- Primary Election – Clerk discussed the needs that will need to be met to comply with all protocols for the Primary Election from the Office of the Secretary of State. **S. Torgeson made a motion for Clerk to hire the help needed and to order all supplies up to \$1,500. Motion 2nd by D. Johnson. All in favor, motion carried.**
- National night Out - **D. Johnson made a motion to cancel the 2020 National Night Out due to the pandemic. Motion 2nd by D. Anderson. All in favor, motion carried.**
- **S. Torgeson made a motion to move the regularly scheduled board meeting from Tuesday August 11, 2020 at 7pm to Friday August 7, 2020 at 11:00am due to the Primary Election. Motion 2nd by D. Johnson. All in favor, motion carried.**

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

On a motion made by D. Johnson and 2nd by S. Torgeson, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

LeeAnn Vanderscheuren
Town Clerk