

Town of Grand Lake
St. Louis County, Minnesota

August 7, 2020

The regular meeting of the Town of Grand Lake Board of Supervisors was called to order by Vice-Chairman, Steve Torgeson at the Town Hall/Community Center at 11:00 AM. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Duayne Anderson absent.

Public Participation: The Proctor Area Educational Foundation READ presentation. Sherman Carlson President of READ, we raise money to give money away, striving to do is to give exposure to Townships because we are eligible to submit grants.

Minutes:

D. Johnson made a motion, 2nd by S. Torgeson to accept July 14, 2020 regular meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Financial Report:

The financial report for July 2020 was submitted 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 17785 - 17823, QB-2020-08, Debits totaling \$28,242.79. Motion 2nd by S. Torgeson. All in favor, motion carried.**

Sewer Report:

Birch Point: Claims: **D. Johnson made a motion to pay Birch Point District bills covered by claims 1267 – 1269 and Debits totaling \$2,201.35. Motion 2nd by S. Torgeson. All in favor, motion carried.**

AE2S: At 5990 Birch Point Road the homeowner called Clerk and informed her that the lid on her property was damaged likely by the snowplow driver. Clerk contacted AE2S to check and upon inspection it was discovered that in addition to the broken lid the plastic riser and concrete were also damaged. AE2S looked for replacement costs for lids and a contractor to repair the plastic riser and concrete. New lids were ordered and the estimated cost from Shelton Excavating was \$325. **S. Torgeson made a motion to hire Shelton Excavating to replace the riser and the lid, Grand Lake Township will pay for this repair upfront because it needs to be fixed however the board reserves the right to bill the homeowner for this repair to reimburse the Township, the potential billing to the homeowner will be discussed at the September Board meeting. Motion 2nd by D. Johnson. All in favor, motion carried.**

SSD proposal – board reviewed letter and looked over master service contract. Note that the letter is quoted for 5 hours of time, this would be due to the VRBO on Birch Point. **D. Johnson made a motion to accept the proposal for 5 hours of time up to \$1,000 to AE2S in relation to work with the MNDOH for the VRBO on the Birch Point Sewer District. Motion 2nd by S Torgeson to accept proposal and master service contract pending legal review and/or comparison to the AE2S contract with the operator. All in favor, motion carried.** Clerk will review and get back to everyone.

VRBO – reviewed email from attorney, continuing on agenda

PLAWCS: nothing to report

Fire Department Report:

Fire Chief, Grant Gimpel emailed in report to clerk. There were 20 calls, 3 fire, 3 public assists, no mutual aid or auto aid 14 medical calls. Total calls for the year is 178, prior highest year is 2016 with 237.

- Closing frontage road for hose testing August 13th.

- Board would like an article in paper regarding the proposed levy increase for the Fire Department Paid on Call model. D. Johnson will write the article and Clerk will get it published in the Proctor Journal and the Hermantown Star, in addition the special meeting notice will be published in both publications for 4 weeks.

Road Report:

Beckman Road Culvert – Board discussed what will need to be done on this project after reviewing the letter from Joe Jurewicz with AE2S, it was discussed that preliminary engineering cost and the wetland delineation will

get done upfront so we know what kind of cost we are looking at. Further discussion for stopping point would be doing the hydraulics, assuming that the existing one won't work, it will have to get upsized, Clerk read information from MAT on funding

"The town would probably use certificates of indebtedness rather than bonding. Towns may issue Certificates of Indebtedness as a way of borrowing money. They are allowed by Minn. Stat. 366.095 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/366.095>) . The statute authorizes the town to issue certificates for up to 0.25% of the town's market value without any notice special notice or voter input into the matter. The board should contact the County Assessor to learn the town's total market value. The certificates must be repaid within 10 years. They act similar to bonds but without the same up-front costs as bonds usually require. Typically, the town works with a bank that will buy the town's certificates, but this is not a bank loan like a person or businesses would take out. The town's tax levy must include an amount needed to pay the certificates back."

Discussion that \$18,500 is initial engineering cost to see what would need to be done. **S. Torgeson made a motion to authorize Joe Jurewicz with AE2S to start preliminary work needed for potential culvert on Beckman Road for a fee up to \$18,500 and not to exceed. Motion 2nd by D. Johnson. All in favor, motion carried.** Question: Do we know if there is a right away on that road, Beckman Rd, if we need to get an easement. Clerk will look into and let AE2S know.

- Jakes – start mowing here soon, discussion on making a bigger parking lot area at the beach, coastal grants could possibly be used for beach improvements, J. Jurewicz will look into and let us know any options we may have.

- Halseth road – Resident asked if they can put fabric and larger rock in front of their house at the ditch. Board discussed and there are no issues.

- Resolution 2020-08-01 Rename Ogston Rd. to Red Pine Dr. – Board reviewed resolution. **D. Johnson made a motion to accept Resolution 2020-08-01 Rename Ogston Rd. to Red Pine Dr. as presented. Motion 2nd by S. Torgeson. All in favor, motion carried.** Clerk will send resolution to resident so they can proceed with County to change the name.

- Road vacation of Frontage Roads – Board reviewed Resolution 2020-03-01 Revocation of Trunk Highway 53 Frontage Roads/County Road 983 and County Road 984 that was passed at the Annual Town Meeting. They are in agreement with what was passed. Board asked Clerk to reach out to County to seek additional steps to complete the process.

Recycling Report:

Recycling report submitted for July 2020. There were 616 people, 25 mixed glass/plastic/aluminum and 14 cardboard/paper bins.

Community Center Report:

Generators – D. Johnson is still looking; we will look to get a ballpark figure for cost – staying on agenda
Back stairs – still waiting on the proposal from Matt Nylund – staying on agenda

Parks & Recreation Report:

AIS – We have inspected 538 watercrafts between July 3rd and August 2nd. Season is expected to end September 8, 2020.

Cemetery Report:

none

Old Business:

- Gravel Tax – received one check, had to send a certified letter to Billman's.
- GIS – no updates
- FD Barriers – Called Superior Fuel to locate the lines, will follow up to see if it was done
- Tennis Courts – work on this fall, send number to S. Torgeson for Hockey so they can coordinate
- LED's – no updates
- Basketball hoops – looking at portable hoops

New Business:

- 2021 Levy – discussion regarding Special Town Meeting set for September 8, 2020. **S. Torgeson made a motion to move this agenda item for review to the September board meeting which is after the Special Town Meeting. Motion 2nd by D. Johnson. All in favor, motion carried.**
- Election – Clerk reviewed election day protocol, will try and acquire face shields if possible.
- Calendar – Special Town Meeting – September 8, 2020 6pm at the Grand Lake Town Hall/Community Center.

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

On a motion made by S. Torgeson and 2nd by D. Johnson, the regular meeting was adjourned at 1:00PM.

LeeAnn Vanderscheuren
Town Clerk