

Town of Grand Lake
St. Louis County, Minnesota

October 13, 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 7:00PM. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. All Board members were present, S. Torgeson and D. Johnson present via virtual format. Add Broadband under old business

Public Participation:

Mike Morrisy – requested information on how to vacate, clerk to send information to them explaining the process.

Minutes:

S. Torgeson made a motion, 2nd by D. Johnson to accept September 8, 2020 regular meeting minutes; September 14, 2020 special meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Financial Report:

The financial report for September 2020 was reviewed by the board as submitted by the Treasurer. **S. Torgeson moved to accept the report as presented, 2nd by D. Johnson. All in favor motion carried.** Board reviewed spending, claims and transfers. **S. Torgeson made a motion to pay bills covered by claims 17875-17910, QB-2020-October, Debits totaling \$25,389.89. Motion 2nd by D. Johnson. All in favor, motion carried.** Clerk to review questions on financials and report back to board. **D. Anderson made a motion to add the payment of the remaining 50% of the bill for Brant Grages for the stair move. 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 1274-1280 (note check 1279 was voided due to a misprint) and Debits totaling \$3,780.45. Motion 2nd by S. Torgeson. All in favor, motion carried.** we have a way to go to build capital. Look into P&L for BP, keep on agenda

- Riser repair – Board reviewed bill from Shelton and Clerk to bill resident for the \$325 for the reimbursement for the repair.

- 2021 levy discussion – Discussion – board would like to continue to be frugal, final decision at the November meeting.

- Payoff capital costs – continued on agenda

- VRBO – continued on agenda

AEZS: 3rd qtr. results are good, 6 houses to do for the annual inspections, one float may not be working, straightforward operations.

PLAWCS: nothing to report.

Fire Department Report:

Fire Chief, Grant Gimpel was present. There were 22 calls, 4 fire, 3 public assist, 4 mutual aid or auto aid, 13 medical calls. 1 motor vehicle, 1 other. 217 calls as of today, record is 237.

North Fire station – there is an electrical issue so the truck can't stay charged, trying to get it back online, the west wall outlets bravo Charlie walls need to be redone, they are being blown all the time, the truck is on a trickle charger and it keeps blowing the circuit, 3 batteries on that truck, S. Torgeson will call Benson to get this fixed, lots of mice found at Taft, there have been some snakes, Clerk to contact Guardian to check on what can be done about rodents.

- new member joined tonight – possibly another, currently at 17 members

- long range planning for the Taft Fire Hall needs to be on the mind for discussion

- CARES requests – discussion on items, the list provides a good protection. This list is also inclusive of Township needs. **D. Anderson motion to approve moving forward, final prices to follow. Motion 2nd by S. Torgeson. All in favor, motion carried.**

S. Torgeson made a motion to approve the purchase for Clorox 360 and spray and other items already purchased. Motion 2nd by D. Johnson. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerk to get stanchions for outside lines for election.

Road Report:

- Jakes – 2 culverts were done last month
- Beckman Road – 2021 project, board reviewed Joe’s email, no updates, continue on agenda.
- 2021 plowing – continue on agenda, send Privette proposal without costs to Jakes so they can quote.

Recycling Report:

Recycling report submitted for September 2020. There were 691 people, 25 ½ mixed glass/plastic/aluminum and 14 ½ cardboard/paper bins.

Community Center Report:

- Fencing in front – the first part of the fencing is stained, fencing in front will happen in 2021
- Moving stairs – sidewalk this week, Northland Heating will come move the heat pump, sidewalk will go all the way to kitchen door, agreed to pay half of the insurance, total cost went up \$750 to split the insurance cost, contact CenturyLink to move the cable.
- Craft Sale question – They asked to use the Hockey side of the building to set up tables so they can move more people in with social distancing. Clerk to check with Hockey, it must be cleaned afterward, Board is good with them using the other side.
- Cleaning – Concern with Janitors hours. D. Anderson to talk with janitor to ensure that cleaning is being done during COVID.
- Generator – possibly February - March time, trying to get the concrete pads and wiring done pre-freeze up.

Parks & Recreation Report:

- AIS review and discussion for 2021 grant. S. Torgeson made a motion to increase the hourly wages by \$.50 per hour raise plus payroll taxes should be included in the grant amount. Motion 2nd by D. Anderson. All in favor, motion carried.
- Caribou beach improvement – continued on agenda while Joe Jurewicz continues to research.

Cemetery Report:

- Sold another 2 sites

Old Business:

- Gravel Tax – received \$709.50 from Billman, send an updated bill, we gave him a break last time, this is not acceptable, we waived XX amount, we won’t be doing that again.
- GIS – no updates
- Tennis Courts – continue to Spring/Summer agenda
- LED’s – no updates
- Basketball hoops – looking at portable hoops
- Broadband – Bill Coleman will put together a postcard, we will be responsible to do a mailing, we need people to do a speed test, that is imperative, query them on priorities to get a response from them, folded postcard to send back, 2 postcards, one informational, and one mail back with thoughts and perceptions, we need to get the speed test on the website, very poor response from the township residents currently.

New Business:

- ROW Permit application – Board reviewed the application for East Lake Road by CenturyLink. **D. Anderson made a motion to approve the ROW permit. Motion 2nd by S. Torgeson. All in favor, motion carried.**
- St. Louis County Election Cares Grant – Board reviewed Resolution 2020-10-01 Election Cares Grant. **D. Anderson made a motion to accept Resolution 2020-10-01 Election Cares Grant. Motion 2nd by S. Torgeson 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.**
- General Election Judges – **S. Torgeson made a motion to approve clerk roster of judges which include Roxanne Maki, Pat Hendrickson, Jeffrey Charnes, Christine Brown, Ashlie Bredow, Tabatha Beier, Mary Hansen & Melissa Ringger, discussion that Clerk has authority to bring on anyone else as needed. Motion 2nd by D. Anderson. All in favor, motion**

- Resolution 2020-09-01 CARES Funding – continued until all money is spent.

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

On a motion made by D. Anderson and 2nd by S. Torgeson, the regular meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM.

LeeAnn Vanderscheuren
Town Clerk