

Town of Grand Lake
St. Louis County, Minnesota

March 22, 2023

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. GLVFD Assistant Fire Chief Paul Mayfield and Training and Medical Officer Eric Fronden.

Public Participation:

None.

Minutes:

D. Johnson made a motion, 2nd by D. Anderson to accept the minutes from February 14, 2023 regular meeting minutes; February 13, 2023 Board of Audit special meeting minutes; March 14, 2023 Janitor Interview special meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Financial Report:

The financial report for February 2023 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. Anderson made a motion to pay bills covered by claims 20554 - 20592, QB-2023-February, Debits totaling \$24,947.04, 2nd by D. Johnson. All in favor, motion carried.**

Sewer Report:

Birch Point: Claims: **S. Torgeson made a motion to pay Birch Point District bills covered by claims 2048 - 2052 and Debits totaling \$5,744.91. Motion 2nd by D. Johnson. All in favor, motion carried.**

Advanced Utility Solutions: Eric Applewick presented report. New pump needing to be ordered. Waiting for pump to be replaced until the snow is gone (early summer).

PLAWCS: No update.

Fire Department Report:

Fire report was emailed by Fire Chief Grant Gimpel. There were 33 calls, 9 fire, 12 medicals, 5 motor accident, 7 public assists. Of the 33 calls, 7 were mutual/Auto Aid (Canosia (2), Industrial (1), Cloquet (1) & Solway (3)).

Paul Mayfield:

New ambulance: \$5,000. Wonderful machine. Paul gave paperwork for ambulance to Rachelle to mail in. Discussed decals for ambulance: \$2,500 for lettering, matching the new Tahoe with white racing stripes. Thank you to the Township for working with us.

Tender 8 and Rescue 2– needs to be listed. Grant to give Rachelle information soon.

False Alarm Ordinance: Lifting assist- Grand Lake Volunteer Fire Department is not here to accommodate as the facility helper. This incident has been deemed as a non-emergent assist and for continuous abuse of nonemergent request due to inadequate staff this is creating a burden on our volunteer fire fighters. **D. Johnson motioned to send a letter to the residence and to charge after subsequent occurrences. D. Anderson 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.**

Light bulb replacement: Grant has requested for adding lightbulbs that stay on to the Fire Hall. Steve talked to Scott from Benson Electric and will send a reminder about the lightbulbs. Eric Fronden asking if Benson Electric can run over 240-volt receptacle for an air compressor. Board will contact Benson Electric.

Road Report:

- Road update: No issues.
- FEMA/Flooding Damage: Close out meeting. We should be getting a check soon. \$10,000 from FEMA and 25% from State. FEMA approved everything. Money should go into Road and Bridge Reserve.
- *AE2s – J. Jurewicz – Beckman Road Culvert - Continued next year 2024: putting in a second culvert. Truck will not need to be in place.*

Recycling Report:

Recycling report submitted for February 2023. There were 542 people, 16 mixed glass/plastic/aluminum and 16 cardboard/paper bins.

Cathy Strom: Everything is going great at the recycle center. Luke to snow blow closer to the bins to help clean up recycle center.

Waste management will be giving out recycling bins to townships.

Community Center Report:

- Garage Update: No updates.
- Janitor Updates: Age restrictions: Board discussed the Child Labor Laws.
- Generator: Canopies: generator on the corner of the fire hall needs canopy or roof needs to be extended. Keep on agenda for further discussion.
- Community Center Rental: Alcohol use: We need a letter who is providing security before the event. One from renters and one from security personnel.

Parks & Recreation Report:

- AIS: Job Posting not needed. Inspectors hired, grant was approved for \$24,515 and S. Torgeson signed contract for County.

Cemetery Report:

- Columbarium: Inquiry made at annual meeting about anyone being opposed. No one was opposed. Steve to reach out to Larry for proposal. **S. Torgeson motioned to order columbarium and approve cost of masonry. D. Johnson 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.** Duayne to contact Country Creations.

Old Business:

- Broadband: Working on land permit for small building being placed at Recycle Center.
- Gravel Tax Information: No Update.
- VRBO: No Update.

New Business:

- ROW Permit: Letter to be sent to all ROW Permit requests. The following wording needs to be on the letter: *"Be advised grand lake township maintains the same standards and expectations as st louis county with the same consequences for violation."*
- Anti-trapping Bills: Paul Zirroth: Help support the trappers from the anti-trapper bill. Cruelty to the animals. **S. Torgeson motioned to send a letter to legislators regarding the anti-trapping bills. D. Anderson 2nd. All in favor, motion carried.** ***S. Torgeson received a text message right before adjourning stating that these bills have been thrown out.*
- Website Proposal: Annual fee questions: wanting the hosting maintenance support package. **D. Anderson motioned to approve the proposal pending verification that we can utilize the \$2,500 a year package not the HeyGov bundle. 2nd by S. Torgeson. All in favor, motion carried.**
- LBAE: Monday, April 24th, 2023 from 1pm – 2pm. Dewey will not be able to attend.
- Correspondence was summarized by the Clerk and reviewed by the Board.
- How much would it cost to contract out the grass cutting? The County uses Helping Hands through Goodwill. To discuss further, keep on agenda. In May send out bids/proposals for lawn mowing.

- MAT Spring Short Course: **D. Johnson motioned for Grand Lake Township to cover all costs for officials and staff to attend MAT Spring Short Courses. S. Torgeson 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.**

Next meeting Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 7pm.

On a motion made by D. Anderson and 2nd by D. Johnson, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Rachelle Brinkman
Town Clerk