

**Town of Cherry
Regular Board Meeting
02/01/2017**

Minutes from the 01/04/2017 Regular Board Meeting:

The regular board meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Pittman and the Pledge of Allegiance said. Those in attendance were Chairman Ron Pittman, Supervisors Loy Adkins and David Leslie, Treasurer Diane Jacobson, Clerk Cheryl Borbiconi and Fire Chief Phil Fleetwood.

A motion was made by Dave Leslie and supported by Loy Adkins to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Diane Jacobson presented the treasurer's report for approval. She reported the following balances:

**Town of Cherry
Monthly Fund Balances
01-01-17**

Fund:	Beginning Balance:	Deposits:	Disbursements:	Ending Balance:
General:	\$187938.16	\$38.61	\$4062.91	\$183913.86
Fire:	132629.11	566.62	375.00	132820.73
Recreation:	22496.96	1553.58	1824.37	22226.17
H/S/W:	33696.59	3.98	45.00	33755.57
Capital Improvements:	59528.63	13.34	-0-	59541.97
Totals:	\$436289.45	\$2176.13	\$6307.28	\$432258.30

Account:	Beginning Balance:	Deposits:	Disbursements:	Ending Balance:
Checking:	\$436289.45	\$2176.13	\$6307.28	\$432258.30
Contingency:	7,752.60	3.87	-0-	7,756.47
Certificate of Deposit:	8,874.57	4.42	-0-	8,878.99
Totals:	\$ 452916.62	\$2184.42	\$6307.28	\$448893.76

Cash on Hand: \$63977.04			
12/02/16		St Louis County 10/16 tax apportionment	\$61336.75
12/02/16		St Louis County 11/16 town advance	\$1822.80
12/23/16		State of MN 2 nd half town aid	\$767.49
		Key holder rent	\$50.00

Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Loy Adkins supported by Dave Leslie. Motion carried.

Claims were presented by Cheryl Borbiconi for approval and payment. A motion was made by Loy Adkins to approve and pay all claims. Dave Leslie supported Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Lake Country Power Newsline

Minnesota LTAP Technology exchange

Midwest Machinery Company warranty expiration notice

Northern Business Products catalog

Minnesota Pollution control agency letter

Visitors:

Kip Borbiconi

Fire Department:

8 Members present at meeting

Nine calls for the month of December

Ninety four calls for the year

Lots of Christmas cards from distributors

Setting budget for next year

Have to pick out a watch for retired member Dale Lampi under \$200 Phil will do this

Loy changed all lights in the fire hall

Annual business and elections meeting has been set for next month

Phil will talk to Jon Sikkila about the fire financial reports as Ron would like to get this monthly

First Responders:

Training

Key Holder:

Nothing to Report

Maintenance:

Nothing to Report

Recreation Board:

Present: Ron, Lauri, Connie, Janet and Kip

Fifty seven children were at the Christmas party and not many were from Cherry

Purchased two tables from Sam's club total price was \$80.58, \$424.14 owed to Lauri along with \$34.93 for self liner in kitchen and \$10.00 for pop

Old Business:

Kip talked about cherry website as discussed with Ron and Dave about photos on website if we get any complaint we will remove the photos.

Dave asked about the contingency certificate fund and CD fund Diane will contact Angie on this matter Diane asked to join the meeting with Cheryl and Angie when they get together to do year end and bank reports Cheryl will notify Diane on place and time.

Dave checked all the doors for handicapped accessibility two doors are equipped the west door and by the fire hall we will wait till spring then get a matt or board to fix this problem as they are exit points.

Phil questioned snow being removed by all exit doors Dave said exits have to be free of snow.

Dave suggested all doors should be unlocked during activities held in the building.

Loy recommended adding this to the rental agreement that the doors should be unlocked during the events.

Summit fire had been here to inspect fire safety in the kitchen.

The flag has been changed Phil will donate the old flag to the boy scouts to dispose of properly.

Ron asked who had done the snow plowing Phil said he did the fire hall side till his truck broke Applebee Did the township side until his truck broke, Ron ask why they are using their own trucks Phil said the fire department plow is down Phil used our truck on a mutual aid fire to plow an unplowed driveway at a Mcdavit seasonal house Phil had many hours of repairs.

Ron voiced his opinion on the plowing issue of the fire department terminating plowing contract. Ron Said we had a plow truck for over 30 years without any issues until the last three years all we asked you to do was a couple of things keep the entry way clear of plowed snow pile (back blade) and no thought was given to the town board after being asked not to push snow there you did any way Ron stated that they all know there is a rec meeting at the end of each month. After the ice storm someone came and plowed out the fire department side front but not the township side front we had a meeting that night and some of our members got stuck because it was not plowed, Phil stated he did not know there was a meeting that night. Ron said yes you do know and it did not get plowed the biggest thing is the townships front did not get plowed and it froze and when you do plow it is frozen and you wonder why the plow truck get wrecked plowing frozen ice there is no reason that you plowed out the fire department side front that night and not the township side front. Phil said we are doing the best we can this is part of why we are getting rid of the plowing. Phil said that the truck is falling apart; Ron said you have been getting money to buy a new one you got over \$9000.00 in the bank. Phil said buying a plow truck is on their list it's hard to talk 21 guys into spending that kind of money on a plow truck, Phil stated he is doing the best he can and still getting griped on. Ron said you do a good job plowing. Phil said we leave the part open by the door like you asked then people park there for hours blocking our door. Phil asked why even leave it open Ron said just because it

keeps ice off the walk way and keeps the pillars from rising, Ron stated this is the townships plow truck and Phil said actually it is the DNR truck. Loy said the township only had one other plow truck Ron said no they had two others they never had a plow truck before the fire on river road. Loy said after the fire the fire department decided to buy a plow truck. Ron said the township had a truck and it a shame we have to call to get bids for plowing. Phil said he is trying to get grant money for a new truck, Ron said we browed money for a new fire truck so borrow money for a new plow truck. Ron stated it's the steward's job to get things done properly.

Dave asked if we are still looking for a licensed plow contractor Ron said yes and he received one call already. Dave stated the fire levied \$3000.00 for plowing in 2017 till January of 2018.

Loy said the fire department checked with other contractors and they contract through March.

Ron stated we should contract April to April

Diane asked if they are taking bids for plowing Ron said after March of 2017 Ron said they have to be licensed and have tax id for plowing.

Dave asked about the light at the Thirst Moose Cheryl said she spoke at MP & L and we can cancel at any time Minnesota Power was contracted by someone else to install new lights in the area under a grant she didn't know who we could call.

Discussion on payment by month or year for light on hwy 37 & co 5 will pay monthly we may get late charges if not paid on time. No motion was made on when (monthly, quarterly or yearly) to pay the light bill in the past it has been paid yearly.

New Business:

Ron said we need new shades in front windows and also a new window in front of building.

The front of the building needs new paint.

Loy asked how much destruction from the brush roots to the hall Ron said none.

Ron said sidewalks need replacement.

No motion was made on any of the above.

Board of Audit date set for February 8th 2017 @ 6p.m. no motion made.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. by Ron Pittman and Dave Leslie supported.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Borbiconi, Clerk
Town of Cherry
