

**Town of Cherry
Regular Board Meeting
7/11/2018**

Minutes from the 6-6-18 Regular Board Meeting:

The regular board meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Leslie at 7:03pm Those in attendance were Chairman David Leslie, Supervisors Loy Adkins and Ron Pittman, Treasurer Diane Jacobson, Clerk Sheri Fleetwood, 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
06/01/2018**

Fund:	Beginning Balance:	Deposits:	Disbursements:	Ending Balance:
General:	\$199,120.53	\$ 50.89	\$ 4,684.75	\$194,486.67
Fire:	158,163.75	89,818.72	98,056.12	149,926.35
Recreation:	25,441.10	6,555.26	524.28	31,472.08
H/S/W:	36,973.67	5.26	0	36,978.93
Capital Improvements:	99,936.30	16,697.60	0	116,633.90
Totals:	\$519,635.35	\$113,127.73	\$103,265.15	\$529,497.93

Account	Beginning Balance:	Deposits:	Disbursements:	Ending Balance:
Checking:	\$519,635.35	\$ 113,127.13	\$ 103,265.15	\$529,497.93
Contingency:	7,777.27	0	7777.27	0
Cert. of Deposit:	8,902.79	0	8902.79	0
	<u>\$536,315.41</u>	<u>\$113,127.13</u>	<u>7,301.82</u>	<u>\$529,497.93</u>

Cash on Hand: \$ 0

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

Claims were presented by Sheri Fleetwood for approval and payment.

MN Power was paid for one month as we thought the charge may be discontinued. We are not being charged a late fee as Sheri has contacted the billing department.

DMP hauled the lights for a reduced fee.

The Menards bill included lumber for tball benches.

The gas bill for Crossroads is higher than normal for gas to mow fields.

Ron requested Clement construction to be paid half of their quote for the dugouts at this time.

A motion was made by Dave Leslie to approve and pay all claims. Loy Adkins supported. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Lake Country Power Newslite

Fun express.com Catalog

St. Louis County Association of Townships Newsletter

MATAA Township Cards

Farmtek catalog

MN Township Insider

UMN LTAP Newsletter

Address change for US Bank from cherry Baseball Association

Lakecountry Power energywise newsletter

PERA Electronic newsletter

MATA Pension Electronic newsletter

Visitors: none

Fire Department:

7 members present at meeting

9 calls for the month – 3 fire, 6 medical

Communications :

-Several catalogs

Old business:

Sent letters certified to Heath Knapper-Smith and Mike Gandsey to be dismissed according to not following bylaws

Waiting for FEMA approval for the remaining expenditure of monies from the grant

Hose reel is in, waiting to be installed

New business:

Purchasing a new light bar for #4 as old one was shorting out.

Pool filling contract amount staying the same as last year.

Scott thermo camera is already here (a demo.) We will be purchasing as part of the FEMA grant as well as gas meters from Fire Safety USA.

We will hold a propane tree burn training on June 26th through Advanced training to expend MBFTE training funding.

2% money was dispersed in March. It was sent in 2 separate payments. Diane will write a check out for the amount tonight.

First Responders:

Getting current on variance – combined with fire for EVOC training.

Key Holder:

Nothin

Maintenance:

Waiting for it to dry up to rake

Recreation Board:

Ron, Janet, Kip, Dave, Lori were present at the meeting.

Motion by Dave to accept minutes, seconded by Ron and Connie

Still working on batting cage and agrilime need to be ordered

Tball benches have new boards

We are at a standstill with lights as there was some miscommunication

Lori picked up the hot dog machine that was donated

The toy backhoe needs to be installed. It was suggested to be placed in the yard – not in the gravel area.

Mr Ed wanted to meet on June 5th to plan for “Supper on the Farm” with Farm Bureau. Lori was going to talk to Mr Ed regarding the farm day in September as we need to set up the day before.

Adjourned 8:35

New Business:

Ron- picked up lights and dropped off at Ben Kaisers to change over to led. He said we would be unable to use them as they are 480 instead of 220. There was talk about bringing them back or return/exchange.

Ron tried to get 4 poles donated but wasn't able to secure them. Ben ordered 8 poles, 6 culverts, and brought excavator here as they were offloading. Ron told him to halt the project as he wasn't allotted any money for those items.

Ben Kaiser is now saying he will keep the lights, which are paid for by township.

Phil suggested Ron and Dave talk to township attorney.

Ron and Dave walked around the grounds but no contract was made with Mr. Kaiser.

Dave suggested contacting Stack Brothers first as an invoice was received in the amount of \$55,000. He also stated the only thing we can use are light bars themselves.

Ron contacted the person he bought them from but he said they already spent the money and he was not aware the lights were 480.

Phil suggested the Town Board contact Tromco or Hart Electric to get a second opinion on the lights and the set up.

Dave recommended we get bill straightened away and get the lights back first. The t, bonnets, and transformers are in Fayal township.

Dave asked on the status of the new boulder sign from Eric Reinerson. Everyone had seen the picture and thought it looked good. The total cost would be approximately \$3850 installed and size would be 36" x 72" and reinforced with rebar and footings.

Ron made a motion to move forward with the sign and Dave seconded.

Ron suggested flags be replaced. There was an extra one in the equipment room.

Old Business:

Ron has made many calls regarding new blacktop. KGM finally got a reply back and gave 2 quotes: 1 1/2" of overlay would be \$20,000 just on township side and 2" overlay would be \$27,000

Ron confirmed the prep work would include filling in holes, leveling it up and other skidsteer work and they can do it next week.

Phil asked if they could possibly patch over the trench for the gas line.

Ron wished we could have Mesabi Bituminous but they would have to truck from Biwabik, likely adding to the price.

Sheri asked if we needed to have multiple bids-Ron stated not necessary as it is under \$250,000.

Phil asked about replacing the culverts as the one on the drive to Fire/EMS hall has become an issue. Dave noted if the county replaces one, they will re-tar it. He was unsure about the state. Loy said that would be a county repair.

Dave suggests to go with 2" overlay and ensure the entry ways to sidewalks are assessable.

Phil suggested it would be best to take out existing asphalt and then add 2" overlay.

Loy stated we need to do something, a larger parking lot would be ideal.

Phil asked about possibly getting quote for the Fire/EMS Hall side and Ron stated he did not ask about that side.

Ron stated the Township side was sores off than the Fire side because the plow driver didn't have shoes on the plow and the class 5 has been moved.

Dave and Ron stated the existing concrete curbing has been heaved by frost and is crooked but the contractor will match.

Ron stated we need to do something, the contractor said the bottom is good and it should last for some time. Loy asked if that's the complete bill including work. He stated it is an insurance liability for us if someone gets hurt.

Ron asked if we should cover the concrete part- Loy stated do what we need to do. The frost was in so deep this year.

Loy made a motion to go with 2" for \$27,000 and Dave seconded

Both quotes are on file. Ron will call them and move forward.

Dave asked if Angie wanted to be reimbursed for her assistance with the Clerk position. Sheri stated she had spoke with her and she did not want to be paid at this time.

Green again has raised their bill \$150 per time and that's because Ron told them they had to go beyond the field where dandelions are an issue. This bill will all come out of general fund.

It will be \$1150 per time and \$475 for the front for a total of \$1625 and a total of 3 times per season.

Ron stated there was no application last year and the dandelions have taken over, we have to get a handle on the milfoil and they have a new mixture this year.

Ron couldn't recall the amount of the True Green quote but wanted to keep it local.

Loy found the Tru Green quote and it was \$1425 on fields, \$150 town hall, \$60 Roundup on field per time, recommended 3 times for a total of \$4275 for ball fields, town hall \$450 and \$180 for round up.

Loy stated both are exact same price. Ron wanted to keep it local.

Ron stated Green Again will include beyond the fence.

Ron made a motion for using Green Again for three applications, Loy seconded.

New Business:

Ron attended the Bureau mediation class on 6/6/18. He brought back materials including how to step by step successfully conduct yourself if a conflict would arise in the township.

Dave stated he went through the same course 15 years ago on how to stay calm and resolve conflicts.

Ron said it is hard to explain the course unless you were there.

Dave stated the parts we ordered for the lights are in and we will need to hire an electrician to put them in. The total was \$710.00 and Ron put them in the storage shed for now as we are not going to do business with Ben Kaiser.

We need to get poles but Lake Country stated they don't save poles anymore, they are chipped.

Loy asked about the size of the poles as he has 20' long and 4" step pipe available that are hollow.

Dave stated we could likely get the power pole donated from Lake Country Power since we are paying the light bill.

Ron stated we do have the lights for the flag pole, fire hall, two smaller ones and they are all LED. If we get them hooked up as LED we can get a rebate from LCP.

Ron brought in the voting machines for maintenance and picked them up for the August primary.

Ron and Dave attended the summer short course on June 28th at the DESS from 1-5:00 pm
Each township must have one attend the Local Board of Equalization trainings.

Ron attended the RAMS meeting. Keith Nelson attended and spoke about county business.

Dave stated the flag needs to be replaced. Ron stated the extra may be in the office.

Dave made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheri Fleetwood, Clerk
Town of Cherry flag
