

Town of Cherry
Regular Board Meeting
11/07/2018

Minutes from the 10-03-18 Regular Board Meeting:

The regular board meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Leslie at 7:05 pm. Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman David Leslie, Supervisors Loy Adkins and Ron Pittman, Treasurer Diane Jacobson, Clerk Angela Koski, Key Holder Cheryl Borbiconi, and 51 others including 47 area community members and 4 members of the committee that are working to bring high speed internet to the area attended the meeting. See attachment for list of those in attendance.

Dave Leslie introduced Ms Diane Kruse who shared a study that has been done in our area about available internet services. The title of the study that she shared is “NEO Connect: Iron Range Broadband, Gigabit Strategies, and Grant Opportunities.” See attached copy of the poster that she handed out to those in attendance. Community members and local political leaders have been meeting with this group to get improved internet (Broadband) services for our area. Thomas (Kip) Borbiconi has represented the Town of Cherry at these meetings. Kip and three other committee members were present at tonight’s meeting. Mount Iron/Buhl, Chisholm, Hibbing, and Cherry are the communities that have been working with this committee. The study was explained. It was determined that our area is definitely under-served. Federal grant programs have been announced. There is grant money to help fund this program. However, it is likely that the community members would be asked to help pay a portion of this expense. These grants often require some type of “matching funds.” Community members were asked to contact our county commissioner and other local and state leaders to let them know that we want them to find a way to fund the required match. After the presentation of the study results, the committee members allowed some questions and answer time.

Q: How long will it take to build/install this project?

A: 2-3 years.

Q: Is the county willing to adopt a policy to put in shadow conduit to save money when the time comes for installing the required lines?

A: Please contact your local and county leaders to let them know that we wish to have this installed. Local communities are adopting resolutions to support this project. Please contact your local leaders.

Q: Is there a timeline/deadline/time limit for this project?

A: The new grant program was announced just today. Applications are most likely due at the end of the year.

Q: Who applies for the grant?

A: It was recommended that the township adopt a resolution to send to the county that states our desire for high speed internet. We NEED this.

A comment was made by Angie Koski, who is a teacher at the Cherry School, thanking the committee for all that they have been doing. She also told those in attendance that she is reminded every day how important the internet is. She stated that technology and information are changing so quickly that she is being told that she is preparing students for jobs that don’t even exist at this time. Our students and our families need better and more affordable internet.

It was noted that service providers may put up part of the match money in addition to our county. Again we were reminded of the importance of contacting local leaders and the IRRRB. A list of names, phone numbers, and addresses was given to all who were interested in making calls and writing letters.

The Board thanked the committee for all of the work that has been done. Kip was also thanked for his willingness to attend these meetings. He will continue to attend the meetings and will keep the board informed of what is happening.

Dave Leslie thanked the group again and we moved into the monthly township meeting.

The minutes from the September meeting were read and 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
10/01/2018**

Fund:	Beginning Balance:	Deposits:	Disbursements:	Ending Balance:
General:	\$ 216,197.25	\$ 7,330.04	\$ 8,647.67	\$ 214,879.62
Fire:	149,069.01	15,442.63	19.59	164,492.05
Recreation:	21,636.00	2,419.30	1,125.28	22,930.02
H/S/W:	40,632.14	758.30	126.42	41,264.02
Capital Improvements:	101,815.12	2,527.54	-0-	104,342.66
Totals:	\$ 529,349.52	\$ 28,477.81	\$ 9,919.96	\$ 547,908.37
Account:	Beginning Balance:	Deposits:	Disbursements:	Ending Balance:
Checking Account	\$ 529,349.52	\$ 28,477.81	\$ 9,919.96	\$ 547,908.37
Contingency	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CD	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Total	\$ 529,349.52	\$ 28,477.81	\$ 9,919.96	\$ 547,908.37

Cash on Hand:	\$ 2,907.10
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Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Dave Leslie. Supported by Loy Adkins. Motion carried.

Claims were presented by Angela Koski for approval and payment. Dave made a motion to pay all bills. Ron supported. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Thank you card from Diane Jacobson (Her mother's funeral plant)

Lake Country Power Newsline/Dual Fuel Insert & a Letter reminding us to check our furnace!

Minnesota Department of Health – 2 letters about water tests

Northern Business Products Catalog/Flyer

American Bank- Letter from Jennifer Pontinen: New Business Banking employee offering her services if we need any financing. She also stopped by the hall and chatted with Angie on Tues afternoon.

Lake Country Power Email – Tax Exempt form

Phil Chapman – information about switching to mail ballot voting.

Visitors:

The committee that presented the NEO Connect: Iron Range Broadband, Gigabit Strategies, and Grant Opportunities Study. The allowed this group to present first.

Key Holder:

All is going well. It was noted that the switch in the storage room needs fixing.

Fire Department:

- Loy gave report. 9 members attended their last meeting.
- There were 10 calls last month. These calls included football games and structure fires.
- An official resignation was received from Troy Ricke.
- FEMA Grant discussions were held. Dan Maki is writing the grant application for the fire department.
- The fire department is in need of more members. Kip will post on our website that we need more fire department members and First Responders.

First Responders:

No one present for the First Responders

Maintenance:

Ron Pittman reported that things are going well.

Recreation Board:

Dave Leslie reported on the Rec Meeting. Providing the meal at the Mr Ed's event was successful. They profited about \$800. The Rec Committee is preparing for the Halloween and Christmas parties. Decorating for the Halloween party is planned and ready to go!

Internet:

See beginning of this report and the attached power point for more information.

Old Business:

Kip thanked the township board for allowing him to participate on this committee. Kip is updating the website. He requested copies of our meeting notes from May-September in pdf form so that he can put them on the website. Kip also asked at this time if the board would consider buying a projector so that future presentation would have the ability to project the power point. Loy said that the Fire Department has a projector and he is sure it could be used.

Entrance Pipe/Culvert- Discussion about the entrance culvert and what should be done to prevent it from being moved by the frost.

Ron checked with Lake Country Power about the outside light. There is no record of them putting in our yard/lot light. Discussion followed about that should be done. This included using a solar light.

The water tests came back clear.

Diane is no longer able to attend the Annual Meeting.

Ron is working on the field expansion. Waiting on quotes.

Nordy's is finishing up the concession stand building.

Cheryl was able to find a fan.

The green lawn mower is having battery problem.

New Business:

Snow plowing-Dave made a motion to hire Todd Lindstrom for the snow removal assuming that the costs/rates will be similar to last year. Ron supported. Loy suggested that if it is not the same price, Todd would need to attend the meeting. Motion carried.

Dave Leslie made a motion to sign the resolution that we support what townships are sending to their local political/government leaders to express support for improved internet services. Loy supported. Motion carried.

Dave asked if we are prepared for the upcoming election. Angie Koski reported that we are ready. She also stated that there have been a few others that have expressed interest in becoming or recertifying as an election judge. She will also train those who are interested. Voting booths will be set up sometime after the Halloween party. Polls are open from 7 am until 8 pm. Judges will be needed from 6 am until the work is done sometime after 8 pm.

Loy asked if anyone knew when the township was established. Eric Reinerson needs the official date from the stone. He was able to find documents at the Discovery Center in Chisholm that suggests it was officially organized in 1905. It was decided that the date should be 1905.

Dave Leslie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm. Loy supported. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Koski, Clerk
Town of Cherry

Township Monthly Meeting/Internet Study

October 3, 2018

Those in attendance:

Joyce Nigro
Tony Nigro
Sam Ricker
Judy Richer
Jim Farley
Cindy Farley
Jon Maynard
Tawni Maynard
Jon Wesley
Chase Cooper
Lynn Hilde
Bob Moyle
Tom Whiteside
Joe Buttweiler
Brian Kemp
Nick Stevenson
Jamey Johnson
Sandi Cooper
Steve Cooper
Jean Asuma-Person
Heidi Melnotte
Calob Melnotte
Beth Olson
Keith Schweibuger
Regina Brant
Dustin Grangruth
Lynne Hilde
Ken Moyle
Pat Moyle
Julie Cerar
Tim Cerar
Seryl Tokarczyk
Pam Layton
R Loy
Gaile M Goff
Janet Zganjar
Cheryl Borbiconi
B Bennett
Dan Hadunn

JoAnn Hadrava
Mary Petron
Trin Banks
Pam Klune
Tony K
Joyce ?

David Leslie
Ron Pittman
Loy Adkins
Diane Jacobson
Angela Koski

Kip Borbiconi
three committee members

