

**Town of Cherry
Regular Board Meeting
6/6/2018**

Minutes from the 5-2-18 Regular Board Meeting:

Dave made motion to approve reorganization meeting minutes with Ben Kaiser name change Loy seconded. Motion carried

The regular board meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Leslie. Those in attendance were Chairman David Leslie, Supervisors Loy Adkins and Ron Pittman, Treasurer Diane Jacobson, Clerk Sheri Fleetwood, Fire Chief-Phil Fleetwood.

Visitors: Kip Borbiconi, Eric Rheinerson

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
04/01/2018**

Fund:	Beginning Balance:	Deposits:	Disbursements:	Ending Balance:
General:	\$202,668.73	\$ 6,785.47	\$ 5,266.01	\$204,188.19
Fire:	44,531.15	5,041.62	790.49	48,782.28
Recreation:	24,671.04	701.95	0	25,372.99
H/S/W:	36,848.93	701.95	1,245.32	36,305.56
Capital Improvements:	97,369.71	2,339.83	0	99,709.54
Totals:	\$406,089.56	\$15,570.82	\$ 7,301.82	\$414,358.56

Account	Beginning Balance:	Deposits:	Disbursements:	Ending Balance:
Checking:	\$406,089.56	\$ 15,570.82	\$ 7,301.82	\$414,358.56
Contingency:	7,768.09	0	0	7,768.09
Cert. of Deposit:	8,892.28	0	0	8,892.28
	\$422,749.93	\$ 15,570.82	7,301.82	\$431,018.93

Cash on Hand: \$ 113,957.09

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

Correspondence:

Lake Country Power Newsline

St. Louis County Association of Townships Newsletter

Range Association of Municipalities and Schools Newsletter

St. Louis County Hazardous Waste Calendar

Email – Office of State Auditor – Pension Division Newsletter link to online version

Carrottop Industries Catalog

Visitors:

Eric Rheinerson, Kip Borbiconi

Fire Department:

8 members present at meeting

6 calls for the month – 3 on each side

Communications :

- Received a request from Dollars for Scholars to continue our advertisement. Motion made to pay the \$60 fee

- Several catalogs

We are applying for 50-50 DNR grant up to \$5000 for new boots, gear, truck equipment.

Old business:

The FEMA grant was sorted out and payment sent.

Member Heath Knapper Smith was excused from the department for breaking of bylaws. A letter will be sent and equipment retrieved.

Four new flashlights are in.

New business:

Mike Gandsey has had 3 years to complete training and has not done so. He will be relieved and equipment retrieved.

We continue to have issues with the lam responding app and have been in contact with both IAR and St. Louis County dispatch. Until issues are resolved we have been encouraged to continue using our pagers as main source of alerts and IAR as secondary

We will be EVOC training on 5-15 and will utilize the town hall parking lot if there is nothing going on

We will bring equipment to Cherry School Pride/truck night May 8th from 5-7pm. The parking lot is quite soft so will be checked before we use the parking lot.

First Responders:

Phil reported they are working to ensure everyone is up to date, pushing training and variance training. Last months in house training on vitals was very successful, Mike Gandsey is certified first responder and he will not be removed from first responders, only fire.

Key Holder:

Ron – dates were given to Alice

Maintenance:

Waiting for it to dry up to rake

Recreation Board:

Ron, Janet, Kip, Dave, Lori were present at the meeting on 4-25-18

Motion by Dave to accept minutes, seconded by Kip.

Twins grant came through for \$6650.00 which was half of Vince clement quote of \$1330.00

Lori said she may have bingo on August 5th 2018

Ron ordered a net for the batting cage, 2 loads of agri lime and 2 loads of class 5 to hold the scoreboards

Also met with Ben Kaiser about lighting and he is going to try to get things going

The truck driver – Dave Poterzay – will get a hold of Ron when he goes to the cities and he will haul them back by end of May. We need to coordinate a skid steer to load and a turf rake.

Ben is talking to MN power to get 8 poles for both fields. He had a line on some other lights but they are on steel poles and will let Ron know about costs.

Ben suggested we change to led bulbs to be more efficient. He also suggested putting conduit in from Gulbranson in the ground to the scoreboard for future internet to boards.

New Business:

June 5th is first Little League game and May 30th is first Tball game.

June 9-10th is 10 and under tournament

June 16-17th is 12 and under tournament

July 28-29th is 14 and under

Peewees tournament in Cook this summer, both Peewees and Tball tournaments will be in Cherry next year.

Discussed replacing teeball benches

Paid \$510 insurance fee for Cherry baseball teams

The committee is checking on higher fence for Cherry Jr High to play at our fields.

Central SLC baseball will not agree for Spirit Lake Road to be the dividing line so a decision was made to try to change over one of our fields with a longer field or a higher fence but we want reassurance they are going to play here for some time.

Ron – our field is bigger than the ones in Clinton but it is not drying out

Dave – it will take some funding to make this happen so we want to make this happen.

Phil- get it in writing that the teams will play here before investing

Kip – we felt it was a good investment

Discussion about how it takes our fields longer to dry up

Phil mentioned that since the tball numbers keep increasing it sometimes gets double booked. He suggested the relationship be open for the township to be able to use the school fields as well when needed. It may be an insurance issue but the exchange should be equal.

Dave - we need to go back and talk to Mr. Ed about catering his event as a fundraiser as we barely broke even. Kip mentioned there was no limit on the number of hot dogs and burgers and the adults were coming back for multiple servings. This time we would have to set the number of plates.

Kip – gave Ron the grant guidelines that we need to follow for the Twins grant.

Ron – We need to replace the benches before Vinny can get started when he can get a truck in there. We can look to put in for another Twins grant perhaps for another field if the DNR would allow a wetlands permit.

Old Business:

Eric Reinerson presented a mock up of the boulder sign. He stated it's a draft and can be changed. He chose a 36' x 72" size and 10-12' thick.

It did not have the wreath like the sign in the hall but board decided it was unnecessary. It was decided to add "Welcome to..." and Eric will bring a revised draft.

Due to the size it will have a 1' deep footing extending 1' out around it to stabilize given frost conditions. He will also stagger 2-3 sets of rebar 6' deep.

Eric questioned if the correct established year was 1921. Kip or Eric was going to verify the year, possibly at Ironworld.

Total cost will be approximately \$3,850.00

Eric also mentioned that other schools and towns have the boulder signs with scrolling LED messaging for announcements and the cost is not that much more. Phil mentioned it would be a good idea to help get the word out for community events.

Lights:

Dave mentioned we usually pay 3 months at a time to avoid late fees for the lights at 37 and 5. Sheri will contact MN Power and explain it was a clerical error. Ron said he did try contacting them and had not heard back.

RAMS:

Ron attended a meeting last month and explained it was a good organization with very good lobbyists for townships.

The group also works on Broadband access for rural area. Kip mentioned there is a link near St. Cloud that could possibly run the "pipeline" to northern MN.

Electrical:

Dave spoke with Ben Kaiser – will give numbers for lights so we can go to menards to buy them and we will have to replace a pole. However he has one donated from Lake Country Power we can have. Ben will also go

to Menards and get all supplies for the pole and put in a contractor bin so we get a better deal and non-taxable.

He has some lights that are solar but too bright for cabin but would work for the flag pole and township sign. Ben asked if we wanted a motion light for the fire hall entry door but Phil declined due to windy days and it would set it off.

It was agreed to replace with a led light bulb the next time it burns out.

National night out:

Nothing new other than confirming it is going to be in Clinton

Phil mentioned the Fire Department will bring trucks

New Business:

Short course:

Dave and Ron went to short course and bought 2 manuals. One will be left in the office.

PERA:

Rules have changed and you may draw out pera before you are leave or die

Twins grant

All squared away.

Ron- parents want to see kids in the dugouts but it isn't always possible or in kids best interest

SLC annual meeting:

May 23rd Wilbert café @ 5:30 - \$20

Ron and Dave may try to attend – need to RSVP by May 16th

Broadband:

No meetings, but an email from another company interested in meeting with us recommending this committee moves forward

Some grant monies were approved so we were contacted to get a serious plan

Keyholder:

No more about alice

Parking lot:

Ron will try calling Clement again for fill

We need culverts in both driveways. The one on the Firehall side has become an issue with the trucks.

MNDOT will be coming back to address culverts along Hwy 37.

Ron was unsure who the project manager is so he will ask Clement who to contact.

New business:

Fire hall:

Phil – Fascia board is coming down on fire hall side. Unsure if Altobelli or Melhorn Construction did this work.

Flag:

Dave – flag needs to be changed.

Phil – the pulley also needs to be replaced.

Ron – pole is leaning as well.

Clerk position:

Sheri brought concerns to the board regarding the Clerk Position. She had shadowed Cheryl for several months before running for the position but feels the township needs to develop a job description for this position. There is more work entailed than she was shown or prepared for and is unsure that this is going to be a good fit for her family.

She was told members are paid for every meeting and that was untrue with the taxation reconvening meeting. She also brought up that Angie Koski has been helping her tremendously and she is not receiving any compensation for doing so. She suggested the board look at reimbursing Angie for her time and it was suggested by Dave for her to submit a bill up to \$125 and they would pay her for her assistance.

Kip offered support – said it will get better and don't be afraid to ask others for help.

Dave made a motion to pay Angie if she submits a bill. Loy seconded.

Hwy 25:

Sheri said they are trying to reduce the speed limit on Hwy 25 from Hwy 37 to 16. The board said it has been tried before but it didn't work. Sheri has contacted Mike Jugovich and he is supportive. Sheri will continue asking.

Dave made a motion to adjourn at 8:40pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheri Fleetwood, Clerk
Town of Cherry
