

**Town of Cherry
Regular Board Meeting
02/07/2018**

Minutes from the 01/03/2018 Regular Board Meeting:

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

A motion was made by Loy Adkins and supported by Dave Leslie 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
01-01-18**

Fund:	Beginning Balance:	Deposits:	Disbursements:	Ending Balance:
General:	\$203108.27	\$45.20	\$13050.38	\$190103.09
Fire:	151326.39	408.51	1584.03	150150.87
Recreation:	23681.48	254.68	170.60	23765.56
H/S/W:	35569.58	4.68	-0-	35574.26
Capital Improvements:	87722.52	15.58	-0-	87738.10
Totals:	\$501408.24	\$728.65	\$14805.01	\$487331.88

Account:	Beginning Balance:	Deposits:	Disbursements:	Ending Balance:
Checking:	\$501408.24	\$728.65	\$14805.01	\$487331.88
Contingency:	7764.21	3.88	-0-	7768.09
Certificate of Deposit:	8887.85	4.43	-0-	8892.28
Totals:	\$ 518060.30	\$736.96	\$14805.01	\$503992.25

Cash on Hand: \$63251.89	
Rec Dept Donations	\$125.00
12/4 St. Louis Co 8/17 Tac. Prod Dist	\$62218.25
12/27 State of MN Township Aid	\$230.00
12/27 State of MN Credit Agricultural	\$526.64

Township Hall Rent	\$150.00
Filing Fee Candidacy	\$2.00

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

Correspondence:

Lake Country Power Newslite

NBP Catalog

Visitors:

Kip Borbiconi and Sheri Fleetwood

Fire Department:

Eleven members present at meeting

Seven calls last month for medical and fire a total of 71 runs for the year.

SCBA's should be here soon possible the end of January

Communications typical magazines

New brush truck is here looking to purchase a new hose reel for it

Vendors showed us the new thermal imaging cameras

Broadband has been cancelled

Called a couple of members that have not been seen in a while there working shift work and one will be turning in his resignation.

Motion was made to purchase conversion kits to get the flashlights updated LED's and purchased two more of those they mount on the truck

Discussed future training for next month

First Responders:

Six members present at meeting

All meds in and we should be up to date on all the meds

Everyone is back to current status we have officially put on Jesse Tallo and James Heisman as first responders as they finished their training.

Key Holder:

Nothing to report

Maintenance Report:

Ron nothing really to report, Zach has worked a couple of times.

Recreation Board:

Meeting was held on 12/27/17 present were Dave, Ron, Kip, Lauri and Janet. Motion to approve the treasures report by Dave and support by Kip motion carried. Christmas party had 63 children last year there was 65 children everything went well at the party. The Toro pro groomer and lights have been purchase price was \$12000 negotiated down to \$10,500 the donations and functions at Mr. Ed's fundraising earned money to purchase items like these. Rec donations were \$52.00 cash, gift cards \$25.00 Porky's, \$100.00 Range Installers, \$50.00 Five Seasons and two \$50.00 Kohler and will be used for Bingo prizes. Ben Krise donated a hot dog machine

A bill for \$105.54 from Fleet Farm paid to Lauri, \$356.10 paid to Fraboni's, \$42.75 Coca Cola and \$364.97 to Sullivan Supply motion to pay bills motion carried. We will be taking down the Christmas decorations in January or February. Bingo will be held some in April. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Broadband:

Tina smith will be coming to the NESC building to answer any concerns about rural broadband on January 6th meeting will begin at 12:30 pm.

Kip attended a meeting on December 13th of 2017 at the NESC building we discussed the meeting that was held in Brainerd on rural broadband. There was discussion of getting partnerships to create a better financial model all of our information is ready for the grants we have \$38,000 in our budget \$20,000 after the report was given there was a recommendation to work with St. Louis County and townships to begin discussing the board of financial models including the served, underserved and un-served areas we should try to get something together with Century Link and Media Com to see what speeds are available and see if they are feasible. Right now it is not feasible unless we include the served areas we will continue to try to get grants that will cover 50% of the debt which in turn will leave 50% to the townships, county and out lining areas. We need to get the townships and counties to include what is called shadow conduit which is installing conduit whenever possible when construction is being done along roadways, it can greatly reduce the cost to the consumers for service in our area. The question was asked about some of the costs to the consumers for service in our area the numbers are preliminary and unknown at this time.

Old Business:

Kip met with the gal from NESC at the Town hall and we were able to use the Wi-Fi extenders from the fire hall to extend our Wi-Fi to include the Town Hall office. We discussed some other options and to see what cost to get a wireless repeater from NESC but the Wi-Fi extender we placed from the fire hall is sufficient but the NESC may be a better choice depending on the cost.

Nothing from Mike Jugovich on the light situation at Hwy 5 and 37.

Diane stated we either leave or discontinue the contingency fund. Ron made a motion to move it into Capital Improvements Dave supported motion carried.

Dave asked about Eric Reinerson there was some discussion and decided to wait for him to come to another meeting.

Loy discussed contacting Evergreen to see what kind of proposal he can give for spraying the fields.

There was discussion on the outside lighting of the buildings and replacing old lighting to LED's: also discussion on possible solar light for the flagpole no decision made.

Ron discussed trucking the new field lights here as they will store the lights until May of this year. Ron did find possible storage here for the lights.

Loy asked the question if anyone had heard of the federal government changing the elections in March no one has heard anything.

New Business:

Dave asked what the Z-Tech bill was for Phil said it was for the safety rack on the back end and the plow for the new truck .Dave and Ron both asked why they needed a new plow Phil said that the old plow was old and worn out Ron stated you are not using one Phil stated it was for emergency response Ron said you only use it once in a blue moon Phil said it still for emergency response Ron stated it was never brought up at any meetings for discussion to purchase a new plow Phil stated he did not have to bring it up at a meeting Phil stated that under the bylaws he did not have to bring it up at a town board meeting Ron stated to Phil that the department is run by the Township. Ron again stated nothing was brought up at the previous meetings to purchase a new plow. Phil again said he does not have to bring it up at town board meeting to purchase a new plow. Ron also mentioned that all departments have to bring it up at town meeting for there purchased. Phil stated that the fire department has their own budget, Ron said just like the price of the truck you had a cap of \$20,000. Discussed voted and set at the April meeting. Phil stated the fire department had raised it, Ron said that the department did not say anything about raising it to the town board Phil stated the fire department has their own budget and that he had \$150,000. Dollars. Ron asked why they needed a \$30,000. Pickup truck to sit most of the time. Phil stated he has a \$230,000 truck next door and unless your house is on fire it is going to sit most of the time. Ron stated that there is a big difference Loy intervned and called the meeting to order and stated that is enough discussion. Ron stated he did not think it was right for the department to use there by laws to make a decision on purchasing the plow without bring it to the township board. A citizen asked what the plow would be used for Loy stated for emergency response, fire or medical the question was asked if there levy would drop Phil stated this is the money that they have earned from plowing the money that they charged \$3000. A year for had been budget for the new truck Phil stated they had \$47000 dollars for the truck. Ron stated that the fire department did not post that they were levying \$3000.00 a year for 15 years for a new truck. Ron said you must have taken it out of your levy then. Phil stated they were charging \$3000.00 a year for the plowing , it had said that in our yearly report since Keith was chief and every chief since which is Dale Lampi, Todd Ellis and myself it had been put in the report that the money was going to replace the plow truck we have been saving this money for 12-15 years for this purpose with this goal in mind and on top of that we have been going after FEMA grants to obtain this without having to spent this money out of our check book this is what we have been working toward just like the money we have in there now is working toward in 5 years we will have number 2 truck paid off and we will be buying a new truck its part of our ten year plan, that cooper started up , that every ten years we purchase a new truck, last time we put \$60,000.00 down. This time we are hoping to put about \$90,000.00 down and keep our levy at about the same without raising it. When we buy another truck to replace this one in 6yrs in 2023 we will have a brand new fire truck in the hall it is part of what Steve Cooper set up 20 yrs ago when we bought our first engine, we have not raised our levy in about ten years. Ron stated it probably wouldn't have been so bad except the way the fire department stated they were no longer going to plow for the town hall it was the way they stated it that was so upsetting and they the fire department goes out and buy a new truck and plow. Phil said frankly that it was because of Ron griping that the guys didn't want to plow anymore. Ron stated the only thing that he asked them to do when plowing was to just not pile the snow near the front entrance and to just keep it open was the only

thing, but what did you guys do you plowed it full. Phil said the only time we plowed it full was when the snow was wet and heavy and that Ron had griped on every single one of the plow drivers and Ron stated he only talked to one of the driver inside the fire hall about plowing. Phil stated that every one of the plow drivers complained Phil stated that our truck is dying and we use our personal truck to plow then we getting griped at and for \$3000.00 I will be interested in to see what your bill is at the end of the year after the contracting plowing is done. \$3000.00 a year is dirt cheap for us to plow. Ron said that is probably true, Phil stated that the old plow truck was going to be sent back to the DNR and not sold it has to be turned back to the DNR Phil stated they will be taking the plow off and selling it. The plow was ours and they will be striping everything off the truck that belongs to us. Dave mentioned the only thing that he didn't like was having to authorize \$27000. Over the phone, Phi apologized a Dave asked if it come up again let's get it in front of a Town Board Meeting, everyone agreeded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14p.m. By Loy Adkins and Dave Leslie supported.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Borbiconi, Clerk
Town of Cherry
