

**Town of Cherry
Regular Board Meeting
05/03/2017**

Minutes from the 04/05/2017 Regular Board Meeting:

The regular board meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Pittman and turned over to Loy Adkins and the Pledge of Allegiance said. Those in attendance were Chairman Loy Adkins, Supervisors Dave Leslie and Ron Pittman, Treasurer Diane Jacobson, Clerk Cheryl Borbiconi, Melvin Lindfors 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
04-01-17**

Fund:	Beginning Balance:	Deposits:	Disbursements:	Ending Balance:
General:	\$200347.70	\$7072.30	\$4074.47	\$203345.53
Fire:	130264.15	5476.36	2433.83	133306.68
Recreation:	24603.62	725.25	-0-	25328.87
H/S/W:	35377.93	725.25	-0-	36103.18
Capital Improvements:	69277.77	2413.65	-0-	71691.42
Totals:	\$459871.17	\$16412.81	\$6508.30	\$469775.68

Account:	Beginning Balance:	Deposits:	Disbursements:	Ending Balance:
Checking:	\$459871.17	\$16412.81	\$6508.30	\$469775.68
Contingency:	7,756.47	3.83	-0-	7,760.30
Certificate of Deposit:	8,878.99	4.38	-0-	8,883.37
Totals:	\$ 476506.63	\$16421.02	\$6508.30	\$486419.35

Cash on Hand: \$17810.50	
3/15 State of MN 2% Money	11858.57
3/16 St. Louis Co land & Minerals forfeit	951.93
Lavell Township	5000.00
Fire (4000.00) EMS (600.00)	

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. Ron Pittman stated that the all night grad donation should not have been done yet. It was only an advisory motion at the annual meeting, but it will be approved at this meeting. Also the cemetery money will be approved at this meeting. A motion was made by Loy Adkins to approve and pay all claims and Dave Leslie supported Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Northern Business Products sale catalog
Lake Country Power Newsline
Lake country power annual meeting is Wednesday, April 19, 2017 for election of director 3year term to vote discussion by board members placed vote mailed out, a motion was made by Ron Pittman supported by Loy Adkins motion carried.
Cathy Rouleau news letter
St Louis County calendar for household hazardous waste disposal dates and times
Pharmaceutical collections disposal of prescription medications locations and times

Visitors:

Mike Jugovich, Kip Borbiconi and Tom Whiteside

Fire Department:

Seven members present at the monthly meeting.
Three fire runs and two medical for the month
Continue to work on trucks, nothing new on the brush truck, DNR stated in a letter that there may be a lease program available we are waiting on more information.
The pagers are in and reprogrammed and ready to roll. Some of the stuff about the DNR grant is starting to come in.
The DNR is planning to burn between hwy 37 and co rd16 again, they want to do it in three separate stages this year, they're trying to spring burn, a summer burn, and a fall burn, and Cherry fire may help out with the burn, Phil is wondering if the board wants to burn the east side of the hall. Loy Adkins made motion Dave Leslie supported motion carried. Phil would like to at least get the ditches done(burnt), they are going to attempt to burn on Tuesday the 11th depending as the DNR is planning to put the burning ban in place depending on the weather.

There is pumper training on Tuesday April 18, 2017

First Responders:

No report

Key Holder:

Nothing to report

Maintenance:

Melvin is ready to get back to work. L & L is going to pick up the mowers for maintenance.

Recreation Board:

Meeting was held on March 29, 2017 Present were Dave Ron Janet and Lauri motion was made to accept the old minutes and treasure reports. Both of those were supported motion carried. We have to set up the volleyball net. Everything from the parties is put away in the storage container; Midwest communications needs to be paid \$269.99 and \$71.41 for express print motion was made to pay the bills support motion carried. We need to get the entry fee for the Cherry baseball approved at this meeting from the town board. A motion was made to go to Mr. Eds he wants a concessions for his July 12, 2017 event to be put on by the rec board and some of the kids in the Cherry area will help out and we will pay them x dollars for their trip to Washington. Baseball sign up as in April, meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Old Business:

Mike Jugovich commissioner 7th district had some answers for us from last month meeting. Mike said that Tony Sertich has been appointed to the twins board this board helps communities with projects like ours pertaining to baseball. Mike told Tony that our projects would be perfect for him to start with. His is real interested in working with us. Mike also added that he could get us some help on grant writing. Mike discussed the wetland credits and said they are very hard at this time to get.

Mike mentioned about out lights we pay monthly and suggested we call Victor Lund, who Mike spoke with and was, told that those prices are not out of line. He also said would be getting the lighting system on Hwy 37 and county rd 25 maybe by the school. It will not be controlled by the state; maybe someone would have to call in when there are events in process.

Ditching was also discussed, Mike asked for a list of needed ditching and he could get in touch with Mike Lopac.

Discussed the chloride for the county roads and said yes there is a policy on who can have it and who can't. Mike discussed the fire department's needs and possibilities for some of their grants.

M P&L light was brought up in 1995 by the board of Cherry Township. It was agreed upon that the Township would maintain it. Dave asked Ron to contact him MP&L and asked them about it, and if possible, shut them off Loy Adkins read the report on file. There was some discussion about the lights, Ron Pittman will call them and find out more about this, so we will pay for two months so we do not get a late charge. Board members have received their insurance cards, Ron Pittman brought up about purchasing a new lawnmower. He would like to purchase one with the bagger either a John

Deere or X Mark the old lawnmower is wearing out, Ron thinks we should traded off depending how much they give us. The website has had 519 visitors.

New Business:

Ron Pittman brought up about getting bids for the roof on the concession stand and the dugouts and doing some of the fixing on the dugouts some 2 x 6 are rotted out. We need to put two new doors on the building fixed the threshold on the boys bathroom and stain the playground equipment. Ron Pittman is going to get a bid separately on this we need to get this done as soon as possible before things start happening in the ball fields. There was discussion whether we need multiple bids or not. Ron Pittman will find out for sure. We need the windows fixed in front of the building and other repairs. Ron Pittman would like to make a motion to repair some of these things Phil Fleetwood wants to go on record as a parent stating that he does not like where the storage container is because when he is here with his children playing ball he cannot see his younger children playing on the playground. Loy Adkins made a motion to approve the thirsty moose liquor license for 2017 Ron Pittman supported motion carried. Ron Pittman made a to lease the ball fields for one dollar per year for three years to the Cherry baseball Association Dave Leslie supported motion carried. Ron Pittman will get the paperwork turned in. The copier is not working Ron Pittman said he will have Trinity look at it and see if he can fix it if he cannot fix it we will look at purchasing a new one. Ron made a motion to get a new copier if it cannot be fixed, Dave Leslie supported motion carried. Ron Pittman brought up the scoreboard business for the ball fields and he wants to purchase two scoreboards. We have a scoreboard fund there is about \$5000 in the fund. The scoreboards are \$1995.00 each. Ron is going to ask for free shipping and there should be no tax but we need to get a remote the cost is \$500 for the remote. Ron is hoping to purchase these in the next month or two they will be owned by the Township. Ron would like to make a motion to purchase the two scoreboards in time he will have to find a complete price first. We have a special fund for the scoreboards Loy supported motion carried. Discussion on removing the bushes in front of the building, the windows in the building are all foggy the gas has leaked out, the east wall the sheet rock is cracked, the frame around the window needs painting. We need to get a price for repairs that need to be done and painting the meeting room. Ron made a motion to donate \$500 to the all-night grad party Dave Leslie supported motion carried. Loy Adkins made a motion for \$1500.00 cemetery allotment for 2017 Dave Leslie supported motion carried. Ron Pittman asked for a check for the short course and received it Loy made a motion to write a check for \$150 Ron Pittman supported motion carried.

Tom Whiteside attended the meeting representing Blandin broadband project and the IRRRB there are different cities getting grant dollars to do a feasibility study Blandin is matching the donation dollars for the feasibility study the feasibility study gets us information on who in the area has access to the broadband and puts together project ideas. The Blandin group would take those ideas and apply for funding with the Minnesota Department of economics and development and broadband fund. There is money set aside for the broadband projects the service provider would apply for these funds for our area is also federal funds to go after it's called connect America fun to. It's a federal communications for underserved areas could pay up to 80% of the funding this could be up to a \$200,000 project French Township is involved. Also Balkan's involvement Chisholm is involved being part of this could allow Cherry Township to go after funding for this broadband. Ron asked what it does for the residents. Tom said they would check what potential projects could take place in Cherry or Chisholm and take project ideas and take it to a service provider and potentially get service connection in the Cherry area. There are funds available, but people have to go after them and apply for them. Tom expressed that if Cherry cannot afford the \$5000 dollars he can negotiated down to \$2500 and offered that to the board every cent that we put forward Blandin will match this is a regional study Cherry could be considered an unserved area. Discussion was held on this issue. The money does not have to be paid immediately just a promise by April 7, 2017. There are 10 different consulting groups working on this and provide us with proposals and then select one of those groups

to go with. Ron had asked how we get a receipt, Amy Rice is putting together the grant and Tom thinks Blandin would probably send the receipt, but Tom stated he would need something written down on Cherry's commitment to \$2500 towards the feasibility study. The clerk had written down the amount of \$2500 on the printed email from Tom Whiteside dated it and Tom Whiteside and clerk Cheryl Borbiconi signed the paper.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m. by Ron Pittman and Dave Leslie supported.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Borbiconi, Clerk
Town of Cherry
