

**Town of Cherry
Regular Board Meeting
02/05/2020**

Minutes from the 01-08-2020 Regular Board Meeting:

The regular board meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Pittman at 7:05 pm. Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Ron Pittman, Supervisors David Leslie and Loy Adkins, Treasurer Diane Jacobson, Clerk Angela Koski, Kip Borbiconi.

Minutes from the December meeting were read and a motion was made by Ron Pittman to accept the minutes. Loy Adkins supported. Motion carried.

Diane Jacobson gave the treasurer's report. She reported the following balances:

**Town of Cherry
Monthly Fund Balances
12/01/2019**

Fund:	Beginning Balance:	Deposits:	Disbursements:	Ending Balance:
General:	\$ 196,324.86	\$ 46.95	\$ 6,151.75	\$ 190,220.06
Fire:	141,727.96	34.81	4,241.20	137,521.57
Recreation:	33,447.34	544.86	668.81	33,323.39
H/S/W:	42,094.50	4.86	-0-	42,099.36
Capital Improvements:	123,169.33	16.18	-0-	123,185.51
Totals:	\$ 536,763.99	\$ 647.66	\$ 11,061.76	\$ 526,349.89
Account:	Beginning Balance:	Deposits:	Disbursements:	Ending Balance:
Checking Account	\$ 536,763.99	\$ 647.66	\$ 11,061.76	\$ 526,349.89
Total	\$ 536,763.99	\$ 647.66	\$ 11,061.76	\$ 526,349.89

Cash on Hand:	\$ 54,931.49
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Ron Pittman made motion to accept the treasurer's report. Dave Leslie supported. Motion carried.

Claims were presented by Angela Koski for approval and payment. Loy Adkins made a motion to pay all bills out of their respected accounts. Dave Leslie supported. Motion carried.

Correspondence was presented to the board by Angela Koski.

Lake Country Power – Newsline

Teresa Hirsch-St Louis County: Letter regarding snowplow drivers intent to strike.

Phil Chapman-St Louis County MN Elections: Grant opportunity to update election counting machine for ½ price.

David Maeda-Director of Elections/Office of Secretary of State: IT infor regarding Windows 7

Minnesota Township Insider: Calendar Issue (hanging on wall in office)

Superior Fuel: Thank you card/Safety information

Dolliff Insurance: Holiday card

St Louis County Fair: Letter requesting donation

Stacy Melcher/St Louis Co Land and Minerals Dept: Tax Forfeited Parcels

SLCAT/Cathy Rouleau: Meeting notes. Next meeting January 22, 2020 in Cotto at 6:30 pm. Phil Chapman-Auditor's Office/Elections Office is speaker about the upcoming Presidential Nominating Primary Election Process

MATIT: Fleet Insurance renewal coverage information and insurance cards.

NBP – January Flyer

Oriental Trading: Party! Catalog and Business Edition catalog

Fun Express: Product Guide

Key Holder:

Nothing reported.

Fire Department:

- Loy Adkins reported for the Fire Department

-Several runs/mutual aid calls including calls with Clinton and McDavitt townships.

-Request was made for a key pad lock for the fire hall man door. There was some questions from board members wondering how the code would work. Could it be recoded in the event that the code would need to be changed. Fire department will look into this.

First Responders:

-No report

-Requested tax id number

Recreation Board:

- Presented by Dave Leslie:
- Monthly meeting was held.
- Christmas party had 43 children.
- Decorations were taken down

Maintenance:

- Presented by Ron Pittman:
- Snow blower weld was never attached. This needs to be repaired. This should still be under warranty. Oil change is needed on snow blower.

Internet:

- Kip aka Thomas Borbiconi reported that Cherry will be getting High Speed Internet – Fiber- throughout the community. CTE has been through the area with information going door to door. 250 MB/\$50 will be provided with 2 months free. TV and phone services will be offered too.

-Kip thanked the board for the support. Supervisors were very supportive when he approached the board about the possibility of getting fiber in our community.

-Kip also thanked Ron for the invite to the RAMS meeting. It was very informative.

-The Blandin Grant was awarded. This grant will extend wifi to the ball fields and parking lot. Parking lot will be a “hot spot.”

-Kip suggested a plaque to state that the extension “was made possible by a grant...”

Old Business:

- The MN Twins plaque needs to be mounted.
- Windows/Shades:** Angie will check on the progress of this project.
- Fire extinguishers** are still in need of service. Loy will call.
- Propane Tank-** Ron will watch the level of propane in the old tank. Once the tank has been “burned off” Superior Fuel will be contacted so that they can fill our new tank.
- Rest Room Vents:** Dave and Ron cleaned the roof and vents.
- Furnace Filters:** Loy changed the filters.
- Computer carrying case:** Angie purchased a computer bag and office supplies.
- Bulletin Boards:** New boards are needed at our posting locations-the Town Hall and Thirsty Moose. Kip will talk to an owner to see what size we could put on their building. The town hall building will have a size similar to what is currently hanging by the door. Enclosed cases will be purchased. Dave Leslie made a motion that two enclosed cases be purchased for the posting of township notices and information. Loy Adkins supported. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Remaining lights** will be replaced with LED lights. Dave Leslie made a motion that the remaining lights, about 20, should be replaced. Loy supported. Motion carried.

- MN Labor Law Posters** need to be replaced. Angie will look into these posters and get prices for the next meeting.
 - RAMS** Annual Dues of \$300 are due. Loy Adkins made a motion to pay the RAMS annual dues. Dave Leslie supported. Motion carried.
 - Post Office Box Request**- Angie requested that the board consider a post office box. Checking mail on Highway 37 is dangerous, the lock freezes, and our mail gets wet. Angie will contact the post office to determine if we have the option of moving the box to the parking lot. A small PO Box would be \$112/year.
 - Election Machines**- Angie reported that a grant is available for updating our ballot counting machine. To purchase the new DS200 is \$5000. A grant is available that would cover half of the expense. If we wish to apply for the grant, the deadline is 01/31. Board members decided to continue using what we currently have.
 - Annual Board of Audit** – date was set for Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Angie will post this meeting.
 - Board of Equalization**- Loy needs to recertify. Angie will look into training.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm

Angela Koski, Clerk
Town of Cherry

Signatures of Supervisors:

Date:

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