

Town of Cherry
Regular Board Meeting
05/01/2019

Minutes from the 04-03-19 Regular Board Meeting:

The regular board meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Leslie at 7:02 pm. Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman David Leslie, Supervisors Ron Pittman and Loy Adkins, Treasurer Diane Jacobson, Clerk Angela Koski, Thomas (Kip) Borbiconi, Brock Kick, Christopher White, Cadence Kick, Aaron Kick, Heidi Lindula, and Heather Lindula were in attendance.

Visitors from the 4 H – McDavitt group were invited to make their presentation for the group before the board started the reorganization meeting. Brock Kick and his three children who are involved with an area 4H group told the board about the club and an upcoming service project. Christopher White and his father, Brock Kick, explained the “Little Free Library” to those in attendance. This is a take a book, leave a book library. There is no charge to townships for the libraries. The 4H group was asking for permission to put a library on our site. The board said that they are very interested and that they would welcome such a “little” library on the property. The 4H group will return to show the plan and time line for installation. The group is willing to build and paint whatever the board members would like to see placed on the property.

Brock Kick is also a county sheriff’s deputy. He mentioned the National Night Out will be held again. He wanted to let board members know about this. Board members expressed their support for this activity.

Heather and Heidi Lindula were also invited to address the board before the regular reorganization meeting would be started. The Lindula’s are also part of a different 4H club which holds their meetings at the town hall. They were seeking permission to bring a rabbit into the town hall building to use for a showmanship demonstration on Monday. The board did approve of a rabbit from Heather’s and Heidi’s Hens and Hares being brought in for educating the other group members about showing rabbits.

There were no other visitors so Chairman Dave Leslie called the reorganization meeting to order.

Reorganization Meeting:

Minutes from last year’s reorganization meeting were read by Angela Koski. Ron Pittman made a motion to accept the minutes. Loy supported. Motion carried.

Board Member Salaries will remain as follows:

Supervisors: \$125/meeting

Clerk: \$125/meeting & \$250/month for Clerk Duties

Treasurer: 125/meeting & \$250/month for Clerk Duties

Key Holder Pay:

After a discussion on the amount of cleaning and responsibility the key holder has, it was decided that there would be an increase in pay from \$200/month to \$250/month plus \$15/hour for extra work.

Motion was made by Ron Pittman and supported by Dave Leslie to apply these wages. Loy also supported. Motion carried.

Discussion was held about the difficulties of finding maintenance workers when our current rate of pay is considerably lower than what other agencies and businesses are offering. Loy Adkins made a motion to increase our hourly salaries for grounds keeping and other labor positions from \$11/hour to \$15/hour. Dave Leslie supported. Motion carried.

Mileage Reimbursement at the 2019 IRS rate of \$0.58/mile – Dave Leslie made the motion. Loy Adkins supported. Motion carried.

Meetings will continue to be held on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Dave Leslie made the motion. Loy Adkins supported. Motion carried.

Ex-Official to the Fire Department Relief Association will continue to be Dave Leslie and Diane Jacobson.

Motion was made by Ron Pittman and supported by Dave Leslie to have the Mesabi Daily News (Virginia) continue as our newspaper. Motion carried.

Our banking will continue to be done at American Bank. Ron Pittman made the motion, Dave Leslie supported. Motion carried.

Dave Leslie made motion to have Ron Pittman serve as the acting chairman for the supervisors. Loy Adkins supported. Motion carried.

Cheryl Borbiconi will continue as our Deputy Clerk. Loy Adkins made the motion. Dave Leslie supported. Motion carried.

Reorganization meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm. Dave made the motion. Loy Adkins supported. Motion carried. The regular board meeting was then started.

Regular Board Meeting:

At approximately 7:44 pm Ron Pittman welcomed everyone to the regular board meeting.

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

Ron invited Diane Jacobson to give the treasurer's report.

Diane Jacobson presented the treasurer's report for approval. She reported the following balances:

**Town of Cherry
Monthly Fund Balances
04/01/2019**

| Fund: | Beginning Balance: | Deposits: | Disbursements: | Ending Balance: |
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| General: | \$ 206,761.88 | \$ 7,654.98 | \$ 7,024.73 | \$ 207,392.13 |
| Fire: | 149,829.43 | 5,675.24 | 2,212.00 | 153,292.67 |
| Recreation: | 28,058.40 | 791.90 | 0 | 28,850.30 |
| H/S/W: | 43,920.71 | 791.90 | 290.00 | 44,422.61 |
| Capital Improvements: | 108,973.08 | 2,639.64 | 4,225.00 | 107,387.72 |
| Totals: | \$ 537,543.50 | \$ 17,553.66 | \$ 13,751.73 | \$ 541,345.43 |
| Account: | Beginning Balance: | Deposits: | Disbursements: | Ending Balance: |
| Checking Account | \$ 537,543.50 | \$ 17,553.66 | \$ 13,751.73 | \$ 541,345.43 |
| Total | \$ 537,543.50 | \$ 17,553.66 | \$ 13,751.73 | \$ 541,345.43 |

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| Cash on Hand: | \$ 12,455.78 |
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Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Ron Pittman. Supported by Dave Leslie. Motion carried.

Claims were presented by Angela Koski for approval and payment. Loy 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

Correspondence:

Novelty Inc Accounting Department – Request for Sales Tax Exemption Form

Ohmans- 2 Absentee Ballots Postmarked “St Paul 12 Mar 2019” – They were not counted because they were received after the election deadline.

KiPP Brothers catalog

Lake Country Power – Newsline

McDavitt 4-H Club/Brock Kick – Request for a donation for the 4-H Club that was formed for the McDavitt, Clinton, and Cherry area. Students in 4th grade and under participate in this club.

Varsity Scoreboards Catalog

Minnesota/Wisconsin Playground Catalog

Fire Department:

Loy Adkins presented the following information.

- All new employees passed the physicals and drug tests.
- First Responder Training will be next.
- Members have been busy going through trucks and cleaning too.
- They are applying for the DNR grant.

First Responders:

-Nothing new to report

Key Holder:

-All is going well!

Recreation Board:

- Rec members met on 03-27-19
- The MN Twins grant final report package was sent off. Everything is now complete!
- Bingo has been postponed until May 5th at 1 pm.
- Lauri Gunderson is busy buying things for the bingo.
- Ron Pittman will call on fencing and any necessary work that will be needed on the fields.
- Check for baseball liability insurance and entry fee will be needed.
- Cherry Baseball will be hosting 5 tournaments this year!

Internet Committee Report:

- Today was the big State Capitol Day meeting about broadband. The group is waiting to hear what is next.
- No recent meetings.
- Nothing new
- Reminded by Kip that if anyone notices errors on the webpage, he would appreciate notification. The webpage is a “work in progress.”

Maintenance:

- Leaves need to be raked up when it warms up.
- Todd Lindstrom did an excellent job! There was NO damage done to any of our property!

Old Business:

- Highway 37 Light – no update on this light.
- Still need to hire an electrician to wire 220 in the fire hall.
- Loy will call again on the fire extinguishers.
- Annual Meeting and elections were held. All went well.
- Ron removed the old snow blower. Kip is interested in using it for parts.
- Nurdy’s needs to paint the doors. Building looks great!
- Bob Elias will be coming to look at the windows.
- Lights in the main hall need to be switched out. We need more light. LED bulbs will be installed.
- Exit lights need replacing.
- Building capacity needs to be posted.
- We will once again pay Minnesota Power \$100 to “pre-pay” for the light on highways 37 and 5.
- Roof – Ice build up damaged the roof. There are some leaking issues that need addressing. It is believed that heat leakage is causing the issues.
- Short Course Training will be held in Duluth at the DECC on Friday, April 5th. Diane Jacobson, Dave Leslie, and Ron Pittman will be attending.

New Business:

- Local Board of Appeals and Equalization Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 11 at 6:00 pm.
- RAMS meetings’ minutes are posted on their website. Other information is also available.
- We are in need of a bulletin board to be placed at the Thirsty Moose. Kip has the materials to make this. Ron made a motion to have Kip make the bulletin board. Dave Leslie supported. Motion carried.
- Cemetery Appropriations was approved at the annual meeting. Ron Pittman made a motion to have a check made to the Cherry Clinton Cemetery for \$1500.00. Dave Leslie supported. Motion carried.

Ron Pittman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 pm. Dave and Loy supported. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Koski, Clerk
Town of Cherry

Signatures of Supervisors:
