

**Town of Cherry
Regular Board Meeting
10/02/2019**

Minutes from the 09-04-19 Regular Board Meeting:

The regular board meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Pittman at 7:08 pm. Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Ron Pittman, Supervisors David Leslie and Loy Adkins, Clerk Angela Koski, Fire Chief Phil Fleetwood, EMS Officer Ryan Appleby, and Kip Borbiconi were in attendance.

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

There was no treasurer report at this time because Treasurer Diane Jacobson was ill. She presented the following balances the following week which will be approved at the next meeting. These numbers are not official until the board approves the report. They are included in this report for convenience for the various department leaders/supervisors.

**Town of Cherry
Monthly Fund Balances
09/01/2019**

Fund:	Beginning Balance:	Deposits:	Disbursements:	Ending Balance:
General:	\$ 187,955.25	\$ 35,991.73	\$ 5,520.27	\$ 218,426.71
Fire:	140,460.37	26,480.75	9,334.01	157,607.11
Recreation:	27,082.89	3,695.01	674.99	30,102.91
H/S/W:	40,668.85	3,695.01	-0-	44,363.86
Capital Improvements:	107,572.66	12,316.65	-0-	119,889.31
Totals:	\$ 503,740.02	\$ 82,179.15	\$ 15,529.27	570,389.90
Account:	Beginning Balance:	Deposits:	Disbursements:	Ending Balance:
Checking Account	\$ 503,740.02	\$ 82,179.15	\$ 15,529.27	\$ 570,389.90
Total	\$ 503,740.02	\$ 82,179.15	\$ 15,529.27	\$ 570,389.90

Cash on Hand:	\$ 24,611.39
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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: Strictly Business (flyer) and Newslite (newsletter that comes with monthly statement)

Minnesota Fall Maintenance Expo: Info on the upcoming expo to be held in St Cloud, MN on Oct 2-3, 2019.

MN Township Insider- (magazine from MAT)

St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Department: Proposed Revisions to St Louis Zoning Ordinance 62 information letter from Darren Jablonsky, Interim Director

St. Louis County Public Works Department: Information about 2020 St Louis County Aggregate Crushing, Maintenance Striping, and Crack Sealing, etc. from James T Foldesi, PE

St. Louis County Land and Minerals Dept: Courtesy letter about proposed sale of state tax forfeited land.

St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Department: Letter from Steve Nelson about CDMG Program Requalification. (HUD)

Lake Country Power: Installation of new electric meters

ISD 2142 St. Louis County Schools Newsletter

Fire Department:

- Chief Phil Fleetwood reported for the Fire Department
- FEMA Grant is moving along very slowly.
- DNR Grant is \$1,000.00 match grant.
- Fire classes are going on. They have 9 more meetings.
- Fire Safety at the Cherry School-Enrollment has gone up and costs have gone up. They will be asking for more money from the area fire departments.
- Supplies have been ordered.
- New gear is needed for the 9 new fire fighters. It will be expensive to get everyone outfitted with radios, pagers, etc. The fire department now has a full roster. This is a wonderful situation and worth the costs!
- Seven of the Nine new fire fighters are also First Responders for our EMS.

First Responders:

- Ryan Appleby, Medical Officer, reported that there were 2 mutual aid runs and 3 more since they had met!
- There are 7 new EMS First Responders. All are certified and ready to go! Additional training will be coming up.
- Supplies are being ordered. They are “shopping around” for best prices.
- No home football games this year. Our home football games will be held at the Mountain Iron High School Football Field because the Cherry fields are being redone. Mountain Iron EMS has asked that Cherry cover if they are unable to cover. They would call if they need our EMS to cover.
- Ryan Appleby’s former classmate R. Passal is interested in doing a story on rural EMS/Fire Departments
- There are currently 14 First Responders. Ems needs to put together more Jump Bags for the new responders.

Recreation Board:

- Presented by Dave Leslie:
- Meeting held last week.
- Plans are underway for the upcoming Mr. Ed's event. Event is on September 14th. Set up will be on September 13th.
- Basketball court needs new backboards. Cracks in the asphalt need to be filled.
- The Cherry High School asked if they could use the back field for practice. The school's football field was dug up three weeks earlier than originally planned.
- Rec building will be winterized soon.

Maintenance:

- Presented by Ron Pittman:
- Grass is not growing as fast as it was earlier this summer. Ron will mow once more and then prepare equipment for winter storage.

Internet:

- Century Link is putting the fiber lines –fiber to copper lines to house-in our area. This is different than the company we have been working with.
- Internet domain site renewal is due in October. Board needs to select the number of years they want to renew. Choices include 1-5 years.
- Extending the WIFI to the ball fields would be very expensive! \$4198.00-6,642.00

Key Holder:

- Stove have been repaired. Kip ordered the part and replaced it.

Old Business:

- Dave Leslie replaced the light in the small room. It is now working well!
- Shades are needed for the windows. Dave measured all of the windows. Angie will present options next month.
- Phil Fleetwood met with an electrician about wiring in the fire hall.
- Kip contacted LLC Fire Extinguisher. He met with them and is waiting for an estimate.
- IRRRB Reimbursement is progressing. Angie needed to get pictures of the completed project and a report from the contractor and will then forward it on to the IRRRB.
- Janet Z would like to turn over the treasurer/secretary responsibilities over to someone else. Kip will post info on the website looking for volunteers.

New Business:

- The wells were tested. The main hall passed. The Rect Building did not. It will be tested again. A contractor will be contacted to see what our options are and the costs to have water at both buildings.
- Basketball hoops need straightening. Ron will check on having this done.
- The Fire Department Garage Doors are dying. Overhead Doors quote included 3 doors w/openers=\$14,500, installed. These are 12x12 doors. Dave made a motion to replace the garage doors with a budget of up to \$16,000.00. Loy supported.
- Domain Name – Ron made a motion for the renewal of the Township Website Domain Name for 3 years for \$135. Loy supported.

- Window shades need to be replaced. Loy made a motion to set a limit of \$3500 for the replacement of window shades. Dave supported. Angie will look into hiring someone to take care of these. No vertical blinds.
- Propane costs – Ron Pittman will call and ask about propane costs.

Ron Pittman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Dave & Loy supported. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Koski, Clerk
Town of Cherry

Signatures of Supervisors:

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