Town of Embarrass

Board meeting

October 9, 2019

**PENDING BOARD APPROVAL**

Present: Roy Worsham, Gary Rantala, Gene Wright, Mary Novak, Jennifer Boese

Visitors: Dennis Niemi, Roland Fowler, Mickey White, Julie Vnak, Kathy Johnson, Bonnie Davies, Jack LaMar

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 by Worsham with The Pledge of Allegiance.

*September minutes approved (Motion/ Wright: Second/ Rantala) Carried 3-0.*

*Treasures Report accepted (Motion/ Wright: Second/ Worsham) Carried 3-0.*

Rantala states roads are fine at this point even with all the rain we have been having.

Maintenance Report was given by Wright.

A hunter was seen on the walking trail and at the Pyhala Homestead, sheriff was notified, and hunter was located. Visitor expressed her concern with the board about the situation. Maintenance to purchase more no hunting signs.

Bog walk has been repaired and reopened. Compliments were given on the care given to the walking trail and repairs to the bog walk.

(*Motion/Wright: Second/Rantala) to purchase new tires for the trailer. Carried 3-0.*

*(Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala) to put the Cub Cadet up for bids. Carried 3-0.*

Campground applicant speaks to the board. Supervisors completed an interview and were very pleased. *(Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham) to hire the applicant as the 2020 Heritage Campground Caretaker. Carried 3-0.*

*(Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham) to sign and return the support letter for Mesabi Trail from the IRRRB. Carried 3-0.*

*(Motion/Rantala: Second/Wright) to sign resolution (MN St Stat. 204.16) to designate the Town Hall as the 2020 polling place. Carried 3-0.*

*(Motion/Rantala: Second/Wright) to approve and sign the two cemetery deeds. Carried 3-0.*

*(Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright) to have clerk work on grant for plow truck and to allow clerk more hours until work is completed. Clerk to close office at regular time and remain in office to work on grant when needed. Carried 3-0.*

*(Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham) to sign the SISU agreement with the correction of a few typos. Carried 3-0.*

*(Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham) to leave board supervisor positions as they currently are. Carried 3-0.*

Julie Vnak spoke to the board about her interest in purchasing the Pyhala Homestead. Julie explains how she would love to be a caretaker of the homestead. She is aware there is nothing livable on the property and has no intentions on tearing anything down. Her plan would be to build something livable to move into but would want to keep it fitting with the homestead. Julie would also like to build a second cabin to bring over night guests to the area to share her passion with. Julie also provides to the board a second proposal if they are not ready to sell, she would be interested in buying a couple acres with the buildings which would give the township a little more money with the sale and provide a caretaker on the property. Wright asks if she would keep it on the national register of historical places. Julie answers of course. Question by visitor was asked if the property is going to be sold. Wright explains right now we are just talking nothing is being done at this time. Still currently looking for any paperwork stating the family is to have first option to purchase the homestead.

*(Motion/Wright: Second/Rantala) to approve the claims and correspondence. Carried 3-0.*

*(Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala) to have bank records signers updated. Gary Rantala, Roy Worsham, Gene Wright, Jennifer Boese and Mary Novak on all banking accounts with Northern State Bank and Embarrass Vermillion Federal Credit Union. Carried 3-0.*

*(Motion/ Rantala: Second/Worsham) to approve board audit. All claims and disbursements found to be accurate. Carried 3-0.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Boese