Town of Embarrass

Board Meeting

April 14, 2021

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

Visitors: William Wright, Bonnie Davies, Jake Mutchler

Present: Gene Wright, Bernie Mettler, Roy Worsham, Mary Novak, Jennifer Boese

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Gene Wright with The Pledge of Allegiance.

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Mettler to approve the March 10, 2021 minutes. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to approve the Treasures Report. Carried 3-0.*

Road Report was given by Worsham. Roads are rough in areas but not able to do anything currently because of road restrictions and rain. St. Louis County did attempt to grade but made it worse. Worsham says that the county will grade next week. Frank Maki will be contacted and will possibly start grading township roads by Wednesday the 21st. Culvert on Hanka Nevala was steamed to prevent the water from flooding the road.

Maintenance Report for March was given by Mettler. Snow removal, Town Hall exterior light replaced, Interior doors cleaned, refinished and new kick plates installed. AEOA food distribution. Large kitchen cleaning, annual meeting setup and breakdown. Rink and Ball Fields closed, equipment put away and entry blocked. Gate installed at Mathson Field to prevent motorized vehicle access. Nelimark, Salo Road entrance blocked off due to thawing. Post Office, Iron Range Plumbing and Heating installed new water heater, Amptek Electric wired to operate new water heater. Equipment, Wheeler plow removed, cleaned, and repainted. V-plow serviced and removed from truck. Per Gene Wright “other” category removed from weekly time sheet as it seemed to lead to some confusion. *Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to purchase new trailer from L&M to replace the one that was wrecked. Carried 3-0.*

Post Office Report was given by Clerk. Clerk was contacted by Cindy Sherer at EVFCU she stated they will be replacing ATM and would like to move it if it does not interfere with Postal customer and employee parking. Clerk contacted Postmaster who later spoke with Cindy to let her know that there would be no issues with the new placement of the ATM. Water heater replaced and Amptek completed wiring. Non-working exterior light will be replaced by maintenance.

Jake Mutchler discussed the temporary easement given by township to gain access to property to log. Questions on the permanent easement were discussed as well as gate for the road, Jake and clerk will be in contact. Supervisors ask of Jake, for attorney to write up easement and have described. Supervisors request that Kirk Saranpa and owner of property that was logged to purchase the gate instead of township going half.

*Motion/Wright: Second/Mettler to post for one summer hire at the wage of $10.15 an hour at 28 hours a week. Applications to be in clerk’s office by May 12th. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Wright: Second/Mettler to approve the liquor license for Trapline. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to approve the liquor license for the Embarrass Fair by the Babbitt Lions Club. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Wright: Second/Mettler to approve Clerk’s request to have Treasurer become a second notary for township. Carried 3-0.*

Roadside cleanup for Embarrass Township will be the entire month of May.

Property Inspection will be held on May 10th at 5:30 p.m.

Pyhala House was broken into once again, report was filed with sheriff. *Motion/Mettler: Second/Worsham for Wright to contact C&C Winger to get and estimate on blocking up the main floor level and basement with cement. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Mettler to keep the deposit of $100 from recent town hall rental for damage done and cleaning that maintenance did afterwards. Wright abstained. Carried 2-0.*

Supervisors discuss a concern presented by maintenance employee. Letter will be sent to address the issue.

Information was given to supervisors on the funding received so far for the restroom project. IRRRB - $45,000, Twin Metals - $5,000, Operation Round Up - $3,000, Embarrass Township - $10,000, St. Louis County - $12,000, clerk working with Cleveland Cliffs on application for $5,000 - $7,000. Clerk asking SISU Heritage Inc. to help with the Nonprofit application requested by Cleveland Cliffs. Chris Ismil with IRRRB is working on one more possible funding source. *Motion/Worsham: Second/Mettler to accept the bid for the CXT Double Cascadian restroom for the Information/Visitor Center restroom project. Carried 3-0. Motion/Mettler: Second/Worsham to move forward with the project.* Clerk and Wright will meet to take next steps. *Carried 3-0.* Wright suggested Clerk grant writing wage, to be determined later. Supervisors agree to donate the old outhouses once removed. Next board meeting to be posted, request from township to use township funds towards restroom project till IRRRB reimbursement is made.

*Motion//Worsham: Second/Mettler to accept the claims (17776 -17798, $8,188.81) and correspondence. Carried 3-0.*

Wright adjourned meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Boese