Town of Embarrass

Board Meeting

July 15, 2020

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

Visitors: Wally O’Farrell

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

Meeting was called to order by Worsham at 6:02 p.m. with The Pledge of Allegiance.

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to accept the June 10th minutes. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Carried 3-0.*

Road Report was given by Rantala. Couple complaints were received. Rantala and others have driven the roads in question, and all have come to an agreement that they are in good shape and grader operator has been doing a good job. Few roads now need grading after the recent rain and the Information/Visitor Center also needs grading, paying close attention to the Hwy 21 entrance side. Rantala will contact grader operator. Worsham speaks to explain the chloriding of six roads that has been completed. *Motion/Wright:Second/Rantala to transfer $500 out of* *General Fund into Road & Bridge Fund to cover snow plowing costs. Carried 3-0. Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to have Rodney Dale bring a load of black dirt to the cemetery. Carried 3-0.*

June maintenance report was given by Wright. Wright says the maintenance crew has been very busy the past month. Mowing of all town properties, roadside cleanup, outhouses at Info Center reopened, repaired water leak at campground, replaced GFCI breaker at campground, power washed roofs and cleaned outhouses at the Town Hall, repairs to the Husqvarna mower, trees blocked and wood split for woodshed at rink and campground, Pyhala Homestead house broken into evening of 6/29 and report made along with pictures of individuals sent to sheriff, field at Pyhala mowed 6/2, daily maintenance duties, and maintenance worker has returned with no restrictions. BEST little league notified township of July/August season. *Motion/Rantala: Second/Worsham for Wright to check on the needed repairs of the GMC and to get the corrected repairs on the truck. Carried 3-0.* Nelimark basement windows have been ordered and will be replaced when they come in. Tennis area at the Town Hall will be locked due to cracks and heaves in the cement. Board feels it is unsafe for the public. *Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to close and lock up the tennis court. Carried* 3-0.

Light at campground is flickering and disturbing camping patrons. Clerk, Davies and a camping patron have all contacted Lake Country Power to see if light can be replaced. It is not a Lake Country Power owned pole, so the problem is the townships. Board would like the cost of the light to be looked into. Roger Davies has investigated costs and has come up with an estimate of $250 for the light plus the additional cost of labor. Clerk suggested the pole to be replaced by Lake Country Power so that any problems would be handled by them and not the township. *Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham for clerk to contact LCP to see what the cost will be to have it switched to LCP pole and have replaced with LED light if it will cost less than $500*. Carried 3-0. Campground host believes there is a leak that still exists in the shower house, maintenance let water run for thirty minutes in both showers and no leaks noted. It is suspected to be coming over the threshold for the shower stalls and causing pooling by sink in south shower room. Suggestion made to get actual handicapped thresholds to prevent this from occurring. Wright would like the maintenance to bring the shower mats into town to wash at least once a month, also for the outhouse to be cleaned of spider webs when things slow down.

Sexton Wally O’Farrell was notified of family members cremains that were placed in a lot that are not wanted in the family plot. The board would like a court order before the cremains are removed and placed in a different location and the family is to purchase a lot where the cremains are to be placed. O’Farrell will also contact the funeral home to get information on what and how this can be done. The board agree that all costs will be covered by the family. *Motion/Wright: Second/Rantala that there are too many legal variables. Bring us a court order and it can be done. Carried 3-0. Motion/Rantala: Second/Worsham* *pending legal opinion that the move will be allowed being* that *no way that the township can be held liable. Carried 3-0.*

Flower Club has requested that rain gutters be placed at the Information/Visitor Center. A barrel has been donated to the club to collect the rain to water the plants. *Motion*/*Rantala:* *Second/Worsham to remove gutters from the back side of the town hall then have maintenance place on one side of the Information/Visitor Center. Carried 3-0.*

Notice of Candidate Filing. Two supervisor positions and the Town Clerk are up in November. The filing dates are July 28th through August 11th.

*Motion/Wright: Second/Rantala to sign and approve the contract with the Embarrass Volunteer Fire Department for$27,135.35 for the period of August 1. 2020 – July 31, 2021.*

Discussion was held on the CARES Act Federal Funding that the township is eligible to complete an application to request funds due to the COVID – 19. Embarrass is eligible to receive $14,624 but clerk explains that very specific guidelines must be followed on what the money can spent on. The supervisors would like to discuss this further at the next meeting after they have all had more time to think about where the money could be spent. Because of COVID-19 the supervisors agreed that a temperature gun and face shields should be purchased for the township workers to check temperatures before the workday starts. Supervisors would also like to see the bottom part of the Clerk’s Office door in remain closed during office hours.

Notice was received from St. Louis County regarding the turnaround on Petrell Road. The county needs to have it widened to allow the snowplows to fit. Worsham agrees to go to Petrell Road to measure and contact family of the turnaround area to see what can be done.

Supervisors sign the State and Federal Surplus Form.

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to accept the election judge list presented by the clerk for the Primary Election on August 11, 2020. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to approve ATVAM signs to be placed on township properties by Gene Wright. Carried 2-0. Wright abstained.*

Discussion was held on possibly putting heat tape on sections at the townhall. Clerk was asked if there have been any more leaks. Clerks explains that there are no leaks during the summer season only during the spring when the snow and ice are melting.

*Motion/Rantala: Second/ Wright for maintenance to mow the Pyhala Field every even year in mid-July. Carried 3-0.*

Supervisors agree on the date of July 24th at 9:00 A.M. to meet with Marlin Bjornrud, SISU President.

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to approve and accept the claims 17533 – 17558 ($9,994.37) and correspondence. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to close the meeting at 9:10 P.M. to discuss roof at townhall and employee conduct. Carried 3-0.*

*Worsham adjourns meeting at 8:25 p.m.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Jennifer Boese*