

TOWN OF LAKESIDE
ANNUAL MEETING April 15, 2014

Agenda:

- 1) **Meeting**: Called to order by Chairman Tom Johnson at 7:02 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. The board members were also introduced.
 - a) **Roll Call**: Present: Chairman Tom Johnson, Supervisor Nick Korhonen, Supervisor Scott Luostari, Tom Schnepfer, Kevin Norbie, Tim Johnson, Mark Saari, Tom Karas, TracyRuppe, Ted Helin, Treasurer Denise Rajala and Clerk Ruth Ann Schnepfer.
- 2) **Approval of 2013 annual meeting minutes**: minutes approved with 1 correction, the fire department was looking to repair the engine on the pumper. Scott Luostari motioned to approve the minutes with the correction, Tim Johnson seconded, 12 ayes, 0 nays, carried 7:06 pm
- 3) **Treasurer's report**: Denise Rajala presented the treasure's report for 2013. Beginning balance of all accounts \$212,888.52, revenues \$ 1,247,110.06, expenditures \$ 1,071,488.92 with and ending balance of \$175,621.14. Question from the floor on bonding for the treasurer. The balances were questioned as well as the annual report. It was determined the wording in the annual report for the final amount should have read "difference in expenditures versus revenue" and not "cash on hand". This led to questioning the balance on hand. A motion was made by Nick Korhonen, and seconded by Tom Schnepfer to accept a corrected treasurer's report. 11 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstained. Carried at 7:15 pm. **The revenue balance on 1/1/14 should be \$326,551.92 (\$19,959.13 checkbook balance, \$275,542.79 money market and savings balances and \$31,050 in late rollover deposits)**
- 4) **Department and committee reports**:
 - a) **Fire department**: Tracy Ruppe represented the fire department. The FD had 16 medical calls, 7 fire calls and the assist with the Garmin road fire. The FD now has a new brush truck it was formerly a DNR truck, purchased for \$1. They also purchased a used Gold Cross ambulance for \$1. They are working on getting new equipment as well as grants for new gear. They are always in need of new members.
 - b) **Town Plan Committee**: The TPC has been in limbo for some time now. Ted was the previous chairman. It was decided to just negate the old committee and start everything fresh. The town should also do a new survey to get a fresh feel for the direction the town should take. Tracy mentioned possibly looking into what other towns have done and what actions resulted, and then create our own plan. Once the town has voted on the plan, it would be the plan that would be followed. There are various resources available if the committee would need. It was decided the new committee would have its first meeting May 22nd, 2014 at 6:00 pm. Tracy, Ted, Ruth Ann and Kevin volunteered to be on the committee. Ruth Ann to send postcards out to the remaining township for any interested participants. The old Comprehensive plan is somewhere on file, Nick can get the new ones printed up when the time comes.
 - c) **Sleepy Valley Loop**: Still preliminary but everything went out to the utilities and DNR for review of the plans, construction scheduled for 2016. The town has been building savings up to cover the 20% cost the town has to pay, the county will match 10% but not until the construction is completed. Current estimated cost is \$374,000.
 - d) **Comprehensive Plan Committee**: It was determined that this is the same as the Town Plan Committee.

- e) **Cemetery Committee:** This was a small committee that made recommendations for the cemetery. Minutes were rarely presented and very little representation at the meetings. Several years ago cost of plots was reviewed, ideas were presented, recommendations presented, but no comparable data was received as requested. The town did purchase benches. Removing from next year's agenda.
- f) **Town Employees:** Mark Saari represented the employees. More snow on the way, but will not be plowed as the driveways are too soft. Ted mentioned that the guys have done a great job this season. Brandon Erickson and Dylan Schiff are the 2 employees working the collection site. The road survey is scheduled for May 7th.

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- a) **Collection Site:** Still planning on moving the collection site. Nick would like to see the moving of the site go out for bids versus what the costs would be to pull the guys off the road maintenance.

6) **New business**

- a) **Alternates for Board of Review:** Tracy Ruppe and Ted Helin volunteered to be alternates for 2014.
- b) **Driveway permit:** Can be removed from the 2015 agenda. The road damage ordinance was added to the driveway/building permit. Camp Amnicon River Road is a problem road that is improving, but still is a work in progress. All driveways need to be accessible for the fire department and emergency vehicles, not just for snowplowing.
- c) **Snowplowing of driveways:** Future methods for calculating snowplowing fees were discussed. Should the town continue with a flat fee for all interested in having the town plow their driveway, should the fee be set by length of driveway or the option for a "per visit" fee were all discussed. Topic needs to be researched more, as many variables need to be taken into consideration. In the case of a medical emergency to a resident who has not paid for plowing, the town would open the driveway for the emergency vehicles, and a possible fee assessed afterward. The ordinance for plowing snow across roads, creating a possible hazardous roadway will be added to the snow plowing letters when they are sent this fall.
- d) **Thanks:** Scott thanked Ruth Ann for stepping into the clerk's position, and also Tracy for helping throughout the transition.
- e) **Dog Licensing:** Tom brought up the need to have dogs licensed; it helps the town, county and the humane society.

7) **Adjournment**

- a) Tim Johnson made a motion to adjourn, Nick Korhonen seconded, 12 ayes 0 nays. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Ruth Ann D Schnepper, Clerk
5/8/2014

Posted Date and time:

Location, Town Hall, Collection Site, Garage

These minutes are posted as **unapproved**

