

**BEMIDJI TOWNSHIP TOWN BOARD  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, April 10, 2012  
MINUTES**

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**PRESENT:** Jan Heuer, Pete Fredrickson, Brian Merschman, Lowell Vagle, Mary Lou Milender and Tim Wang.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Bemidji Township Town Board was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chairperson Jan Heuer and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA:** Chairperson Jan Heuer informed the board that in John Rowles absence, Lowell Vagle needs to leave the meeting early to attend the Rural Fire Association Meeting. Therefore she wanted to modify the agenda to allow Lowell to give his reports for discussion and enable him to vote. Motion by Pete Fredrickson, seconded by Brian Merschman to allow the modification of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**Other Business:** Lowell Vagle attended the City Council Work Session and reported the following:

- General Fund had extra money in the amount of \$13,000.00.
- Lighting along 197 South is bad. DOT is not responsible and the city will not fix it.
- Liquor sales are up and undecided where to spend the money.
- The City is short 4 police officers.
- Greg Negard asked if everybody had to vote to approve Bemidji Township annexation.
- The city has increased their 2013 levy by 4.6%.

Jan Heuer informed the constituents and the board that she would do all the legal duties until a new clerk is hired to replace Lanee Paulson. Two individuals did apply for the position; however no decision has been made until the board discusses exactly what duties and office hours they expect from the new applicant.

Motion by Brian Merschman, seconded by Pete Fredrickson to approve Michelle Anderson to take the minutes at the April 24<sup>th</sup> regular board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**JPB BOARD:** Mayana Rice will be invited to attend the Bemidji Township regularly scheduled Township Board Meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 to discuss the rental enforcement options.

Jan Heuer indicated she had some questions about the items on the agenda for the upcoming JPB meeting but promised the constituents she would have a full report by the next meeting.

One constituent wondered if the marina was going in at the Sanford Center. He said the marina was in the original plans to replace the swimming area in Nymore.

Constituents were also informed that the Minnesota Design Team is coming to Bemidji September 13 – 15 and the JPB has a signed contract with them. The community is required to provide housing and meals for 300 people. There will be committees to work on this.

Constituents were also informed there is a closed meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. with the township attorney to discuss the annexation. Jan Heuer informed the residents that she would post any decisions on the township website or information as it becomes available. The first phase of annexation was put on hold earlier because the city did not go through the expected channels. All correspondence from the city to the township was to go through the attorney's office and that never happened.

#### **MINUTES:**

Lowell Vagle made a motion, seconded by Pete Fredrickson, to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2012, (regular meeting) as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

Lowell Vagle made a motion, seconded by Brian Merschman, to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2012 (restructuring meeting) as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Pete Frederickson, seconded by Lowell Vagle, to approve Resolution 2012-1 whereas Bemidji Township establishes the boundaries of the voting precinct and the polling place as the Bemidji Town Hall, 148 Carr Lake road SE.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Tim Wang presented the treasurer's report as follows:

Beginning Balance		\$567,886.66
Receipts		
Beltrami County	\$28,876.82	
Money Market Int.	168.51	
State of Minnesota	<u>75.00</u>	
Total	\$29,120.33	
Disbursements		
General	\$13,079.18	
Road & Bridge	6,776.64	
Fire	<u>.00</u>	
Total	\$19,855.82	
Ending Balance 04-10-12		\$577,151.17

Lowell Vagle made a motion, seconded by Pete Fredrickson, to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

## **BILLS**

Motion by Pete Fredrickson, seconded by Lowell Vagle to approve the payment of checks 9026 to 9035 (see attached Claims List and Net Pay Distribution lists) and to approve the Beltrami Electric, First National Bank, Ottertail Power Company, and Paul Bunyan Communications automatic withdrawals. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wang indicated that check #9020 was voided due to improper paper feeding.

Motion by Lowell Vagle, seconded by Brian Merschman to approve the renewal of CD #9767 in the amount of \$27,562.18 maturing on April 11, 2012 for one year. The present interest rate is 1.05%. Motion carried unanimously.

## **DONATIONS**

Motion by Lowell Vagle, seconded by Brian Merschman to hold off making any decisions on other donation requests at this time. Motion carried unanimously.

## **CONTRACT FOR MOWING**

Motion by Brian Mershman, seconded by Lowell Vagle to approve the contract with T&K Outdoors, Inc. for mowing and trimming the Bemidji Town Hall and park. Motion carried unanimously. The contract has been mailed to T&K for signature and the town board is waiting for an invoice.

## **ROAD REVIEW**

The Road Review is scheduled for May 5, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. A van will be rented for this road review. Jan Heuer will email the town board members if this date needs to be changed.

### **Calcium Chloride:**

Pete Frederickson checked with Bruce Hasbargen, Beltrami County Highway Department, who may have the calcium chloride available for county roads. Gladden Construction has the best binder for the roads so that would be placed on Fox Drive before the calcium chloride is applied.

### **Signs:**

A constituent inquired about the "Slow, Watch for Children" sign which disappeared from the intersection of Merle Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Street and asked if it would be replaced. Jan Heuer

informed him that that sign was actually an advisory sign and is no longer in force. In fact, she stated that this type of sign is not effective and gave a false sense of security. It also was a magnet for child offenders.

A constituent inquired about the possibility of reinstating the bounty on pocket gophers. Jan Heuer tabled this until all the board members would be present which will be May 8, 2012. A new resolution for gophers will be put on the agenda for that date.

**Animal Control:** A meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. at the Northern Town Hall.

**Fire:** No report.

**Weeds:** No report.

**BATO:** Lowell Vagle will attend the next meeting scheduled for April 24, 2010 at the Northern Town Hall. Directors meet at 6:30 p.m. Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

## **ADJOURN**

Pete Frederickson made a motion, seconded by Brian Merschman, to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Prepared by Mary Lou Milender, Deputy Clerk

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Jan Heuer, Chairperson