

**BEMIDJI TOWNSHIP TOWN BOARD  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Jan Heuer, Pete Fredrickson, John Rowles, Brian Merschman, Erin Stieg

**Absent:** Lowell Vagle

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Bemidji Township Town Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Jan Heuer and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA:** After review and discussion, John Rowles made a motion, seconded by Brian Merschman to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES:** The meeting minutes for March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 were reviewed Brian Merschman motioned to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by John Rowles and carried unanimously.

**CONSTITUENTS (see attached attendance sheet):** Sandy and Curt Beck proposed that the road on their property that was previously a township road be vacated back to them as property owners so they may build on that land in the future.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Roads:** After discussing the constituent issue, Pete Fredrickson motioned for a public hearing regarding the vacation of road on Beck's property on the South end of Tyler Ave. This will be discussed further at the 1<sup>st</sup> Town Board meeting in May. Brian seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Signs:** No report.

**Fire:** The clerk was given an original copy of the Letter that Bemidji Township is to send to all the members of the Rural Fire Association stating the Board's concerns. Erin is to make copies and get them sent out as soon as possible.

**Weeds:** Beltrami County is requesting a representative's presence at the Weed Committee meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup>. This item will be placed on the 4/23/13 agenda for further discussion.

**BATO/ BRACO:** No report.

#### **Joint Governance:**

**Joint L.G.U. meeting Date:** It was determined that more discussion is needed on this item and will be continued at the next Board meeting.

**Legal Issues:** Later in the meeting, constituent John Isakson asked about mediation and the annexation issue. Jan Heuer explained the process of mediation and added that if the lawsuit were to move forward, there will most likely be a trial date in the fall sometime.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tim Wang presented the treasurer's report as follows:

Beginning Balance 2/28/2013 \$703,666.00

Receipts

Beltrami County	\$ 30,308.39
Money Market Interest	\$ 116.92
Total	\$ 30,425.31

Disbursements

General	\$ 10,559.92
Road & Bridge	\$ 5,804.51
Fire	\$ - - -
Total	\$16,364.43

Ending Balance 3/31/2012 \$717,726.88

Pete Fredrickson made a motion, seconded by Brian Merschman, to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed. The motion carried unanimously. This report was filed subject to audit.

**Bills:**

Pete Fredrickson made a motion, seconded by Brian Merschman to approve the payment of checks 10125 to 10146 (see attached Claims List and Net Pay Distribution lists) and to approve the Beltrami Electric, First National Bank, Minnesota Energy, Otter Tail Power, and Paul Bunyan Communications automatic withdrawals. The motion passed unanimously.

After some discussion, Pete Fredrickson made a motion, seconded by Brian Merschman, to approve the rollover renewal of the 12 month- C.D. 9767. The motion passed unanimously.

**JOINT PLANNING:**

**Administrator's Report:** None given.

**JPC Representatives Attendance:** No representatives were present.

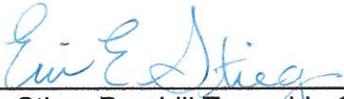
**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- **Donations:** Ernie Beitel and Jason Riggs of Beltrami County Sheriff's Department came to speak about their need for expansion of their K-9 unit. They currently have one dog, but would like to purchase and train at least 2 more for apprehension dogs. Pete Fredrickson motioned for Bemidji Township to give the full amount of funds set aside for donations (\$5,000.00) to the Sheriff's Department for their K-9 unit. Brian Merschman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The clerk will write a check to them when checks go out next month.

**ADJOURN:**

Brian Merschman made a motion, seconded by Pete Fredrickson, to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Prepared by Erin Stieg, Bemidji Township Clerk

  
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Approved 4/23/2013

  
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Jan Heuer, Chairperson