

**BEMIDJI TOWNSHIP TOWN BOARD  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Jan Heuer, Pete Fredrickson, John Rowles, Brian Merschman, Lowell Vagle  
Michelle Anderson as Deputy Clerk for Erin Stieg

**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, the item "Legal Issues" was moved to the top of the agenda so it could be discussed before Lowell would have to leave for the Weed Committee meeting. Pete Fredrickson made a motion, seconded by Brian Merschman to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES:** The meeting minutes for April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 were reviewed and it was mentioned that there was an error in the spelling of Donna Andersen's name under the item "Fire". Brian Merschman motioned to approve the minutes with corrections. The motion was seconded by Pete Fredrickson and carried unanimously.

**CONSTITUENTS (see attached attendance sheet):** No constituent issues

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Legal Issues:** Jan Heuer reported that David Meyers has been mutually selected as the mediator and is working with both parties in the Annexation law suit.

**Roads:** Curt and Sandy Beck of Bemidji Township filed a petition with Michelle Anderson, Deputy Clerk, for the vacation of the road and they have asked that the Township proceed with a road hearing within 30 days- the first part of June.

Rosby Acres Plat: There was some discussion about a 32' X 33' T-turnaround on Rosby Acres, further discussion will take place at the Road Review meeting, tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am.

There was discussion about unsatisfactory results from the calcium chloride on Fox Drive. It is not firming up and causing a lot of dust.

**BATO/ BRACO:** This item was moved to the 5/28/13 meeting agenda.

**Signs:** Speed limit sign on 1<sup>st</sup> St E: It was recommended that this sign be discarded and not replaced as this is a residential area. Pete Fredrickson will check on this and update later.

**Fire:** Donna Andersen and Russell Hiltz were again present to discuss a long-range plan for the future of the Rural Fire Association. Fire Chief Dave Hoefler will be invited to the June 11<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting to further discuss the propositions.

**Weeds:** Lowell Vagle left the Town Board Meeting at 6:24pm to attend the Weed Committee meeting. He will give an update at the May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Board meeting.

**Joint Governance:** Discussion continued about the Agriculture Ordinance being amended. Bemidji Township reiterated that the Agriculture Zone needs to be fully restored before making any changes to the Ordinance.

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

Beginning Balance 3/31/2013 \$717,726.88

Receipts

Money Market Interest	\$	112.72
Total	\$	112.72

Disbursements

General	\$	14,607.04
Road & Bridge	\$	9,472.95
Fire	\$	- - -
Total	\$	24,079.99

Ending Balance 4/30/2013 \$693,759.61

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 John Rowles to approve the payment of checks 10147 to 10163 (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.

Discussion about reviewing Tim Wang's wages took place, he will further review the options and a decision will be made later.

Brian Merschman made a motion, seconded by Pete Fredrickson, to approve the sale of investments for \$12,000.00 from money market fund to checking. The motion passed unanimously.

**JOINT PLANNING:**

**Administrator's Report:** None given, Administrator is out on maternity leave.

**JPC Representatives Attendance:** Joseph McKinnon and George Stowe were absent.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Paul Bunyan Communications Ballot for Director: The Town Board collectively voted for the Paul Bunyan Communications Director.

**ADJOURN:**

Jan Heuer made a motion, seconded by John Rowles, to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Prepared by Erin Stieg, Bemidji Township Clerk

  
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Approved 5/28/2013

  
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Jan Heuer, Chairperson