

**BEMIDJI TOWNSHIP TOWN BOARD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, July 9th, 2013
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Jan Heuer, Pete Fredrickson, John Rowles, Brian Merschman, Lowell Vagle, and Erin Stieg, Clerk and Tim Wang, Treasurer

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, Jan Heuer suggested that the item "Rentals" be added under Committee Reports. Brian Merschman made a motion, seconded by Pete Fredrickson to approve the agenda with the amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES: The meeting minutes for June 25th, 2013 were reviewed and a typo was found under "Other: Questions Regarding Permits/Ordinances" instead of "For no..." the statement should read "For now..." Also, there was some discussion under the item "Other: Joint Commission/Board Meetings" that was not included. It should be added that Board Members and Commission Members are not representing Bemidji Township and will not be paid by Bemidji Township. Bemidji Township is taking back their jurisdiction over planning and zoning as per the mediated agreement signed on 5/31/2013. Pete Fredrickson motioned to approve the minutes with the added corrections. The motion was seconded by John Rowles and carried unanimously.

CONSTITUENTS (see attached attendance sheet): Michelle Anderson was present to announce that she and her husband Mark will be moving out of Bemidji Township. She stated that she will maintain her role as Deputy Clerk and will still be present at meetings as her schedule allows.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Roads: Brian with Barga from Mountain Lake was present to discuss Bemidji Township's need for chip-sealing and other road repairs. He is in the area doing work for the City of Bemidji and is wondering if there is any work he can do for Bemidji Township. After some discussion, road supervisor Pete Fredrickson stated that it's not in the budget right now, but the Board will keep his information for reference at next year's road review.

Pete Fredrickson has requested an estimate from J.D. Hansen and Sons to work on a 36" pipe for a culvert with blacktop over it on Jackson Ave. He also suggested that Tyler Avenue be worked on 2/10 of a mile per year. Gravel could be put down and the area would be marked "Construction Zone." This may help to alleviate some of the traffic concerns on this road. It was mentioned that Beltrami County has started mowing ditches for Bemidji Township.

Signs: There has not been an opportunity to pull the faded stop sign out at Briar and Doral yet. Lowell or Pete will try to get it done before the next Board meeting.

Fire: Although Bemidji Township Board members have never approved a Rural Fire District, it has been agreed that the Fire Levy will be based on "X amount of dollars per hundred thousand dollar building values". While John Rowles is the spokesperson for the Rural Fire Association Meetings, Brian Merschman has been designated as the official spokesperson at the Rural Fire

Committee meetings. John and Brian will both be involved and keep each other informed in all Fire Association/Committee issues.

BATO/ BRACO: No Report.

Weeds: Lowell has spoken with Lenny Bergstrom about the two of them taking a tour of Bemidji Township to observe weed problem areas. This will be happening sometime in the near future and Lowell will keep us updated as to what they find.

Legal Issues: There was discussion about a meeting that was set up between Bemidji Township, the City of Bemidji, and Northern Township to discuss the annexation lawsuit and the mediated agreement. The date and time is still unclear as well as whether or not each LGU will have a quorum of members present at the meeting. If a quorum is necessary, which is recommended by the Township Lawyer, the Clerk will need to put notice in the Pioneer. Board members agreed upon 3 alternative dates to present if the date suggested would not work for them.

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

Beginning Balance 5/31/2013 \$674,450.14

Receipts

Beltrami County	\$ 316,623.71
Animal Control Fine	\$ 200.00
Town Hall Rent	\$ 50.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 2.50
Money Market Interest	\$ 113.90
Total	\$ 316,990.11

Disbursements

General	\$ 18,842.94
Road & Bridge	\$ 1,667.78
Fire	\$ - - -
Total	\$ 20,510.72

Ending Balance 5/31/2013 \$970,929.53

Lowell Vagle made a motion, seconded by Pete Fredrickson, 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 Lowell Vagle to approve the payment of checks 10185 to 10199 with the exception of check number 10196 to the Joint Planning Board (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.

Brian Merschman made a motion, seconded by Pete Fredrickson, to approve the sale of investments for \$39,000.00 from money market fund to checking. The motion passed unanimously. Tim mentioned that a Bemidji Township had a Certificate of Deposit at Riverwood Bank that renewed for 1 year on 6/6/2013. CD number 101069904 renewed for \$ 144,113.12 at 0.6% interest.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Rentals: Pat Winkler has a home that he would like to rent out and needs the paperwork for acquiring a rental permit. The clerk will find out what he needs and send it to him.

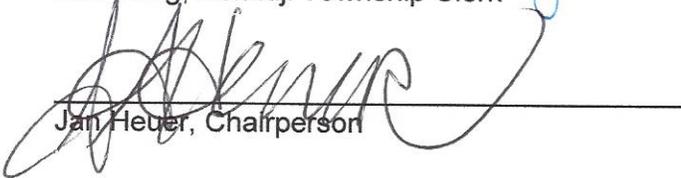
ADJOURN:

Lowell Vagle made a motion, seconded by Peter Fredrickson, to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Prepared by Erin Stieg, Bemidji Township Clerk


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Approved 7/23/13


Jan Heuer, Chairperson