

TOWN OF CLINTON REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 21, 2020

The regular meeting of the Town of Clinton was called to order by Chairman Ray Svatos at 7:00 PM with Chairman Svatos, Supervisor Cal Warwas, Supervisor Jeff Skaudis, Treasurer Jake Mayry, Clerk Brian Mayry, Fire Chief Theodore, Jim Shavor and Kent Bielejeski present in this meeting being held electronically using Zoom due to current social distancing standards in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The minutes of the last meeting were distributed by the Clerk. Chairman Svatos motioned to wave reading the minutes and accept the minutes as distributed, second by Supervisor Skaudis. Motion carried unanimously.

The Financial Summary was presented by the Treasurer:

Balance for Month Ended February	320,702.79
Receipts for March	1,635.95
Disbursements for March	<u>25,081.65</u>
Balance for Month Ended March	<u><u>\$297,257.09</u></u>
Balance in Miners Bank Checking	\$100,758.91
Balance in Edward Jones Investment	100,000.00
Balance in Edward Jones Truck Fund	25,000.00
Balance in American Bank Investment	<u>71,498.18</u>
Balance for Month Ended January	<u><u>\$297,257.09</u></u>

Regular monthly invoice and claims were presented. Supervisor Warwas motioned to pay the submitted bills claim forms 11272-11296 and electronic payments totaling \$22,248.27. Supervisor Warwas second the motion to pay all claim forms. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Department – Fire Chief Jim Theodore stated the Department and no calls since the last meeting. The truck repairs carrying from 2019 are complete soon along with safety inspections / evaluations on the older apparatus. The Department is conducting meetings electronically via Zoom and are well attended. The Department created a public relations video honoring all front-line workers during the COVID-19 pandemic, the video can be seen on YouTube. Wild land firefighting had tools and replacement pressure washer hose reel were ordered and will be placed in service when received. Chief Theodore discussed the Department responding to wildfire calls with the US Forest Service or MN DNR with the J-5 and asked how those who respond should be paid. Chief Theodore also reminded Township Board to be included the fire hall when purchasing new meeting room chairs.

Recreation Board – Kent Bielejeski reported to the Board that the youth summer baseball season is still unknown. The baseball association will determine later whether or not there will be a summer baseball season.

Community Building- Most Community Building rentals have been cancelled in the short term. ISD #2154 will be renting the Community Building and voting equipment for a special election on May 12, the custodian will send a rental agreement and invoice for the rental.

Summertime casual labor positions were briefly discussed and Chairman Svatos recommended that the summer casual labor positions be posted.

Emergency Medical – The emergency responders group had six calls since the last township meeting.

Roads and Bridge – Jim Shavor informed the Board that a culvert on Mayry Road has caused a large dip / bump in the road and that cones should be placed there to warn drivers of the hazard. The time and date for a road inspection was discussed and it was decided that it will be conducted on April 29 leaving the Community Building at 4:00 PM.

New Business – Jim Shavor of Holmes Recycling informed the Board that their company is interested in bidding on jobs or projects for Township. He stated that the company has contractor license and insurance.

Kent Bielejeski from Crossroads Convenience and Liquor requested that the Township grant a new off-sale liquor license. Supervisor Skaudis motioned to grant the license, Supervisor Warwas second. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Skaudis motioned that when the fire department sends the J-5 on a USFS or MN DNR call for hire, two operators will be paid \$30 per hour each to be paid from the proceeds from that job, Chairman Svatos second. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Skaudis motioned that due to the uncertainty of the Townships future proceedings, the contract with MPSG be ended at this time and reevaluated in the future, second by Chairman Svatos. Motion unanimously carried.

Supervisor Warwas motioned to reinstate Michele Mayry as the Townships EMS coordinator, Supervisor Skaudis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The clerk informed the Board that the North East Service Cooperative is now working with townships to expand the internet availability within the township properties. Expanded internet availability within the buildings and grounds is a service the public is needing especially with schools and other public buildings being closed. Supervisor Warwas motioned that the Township move forward immediately in expanding internet availability within the township's buildings and grounds at a cost not to exceed \$3,000 from NESC. Supervisor Skaudis second, the motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Skaudis motioned that the estimate provided by Davis-Bird Contracting, Inc to recalk the community building and fire hall be approved and the work to begin, Chairman Svatos seconded. Motion was carried unanimously.

The clerk recommend that the town provide an electronic device for each township supervisor to make electronic communication such as emails and video conferencing simpler and more accessible. Supervisor Warwas suggested that each supervisor use the email address that is to be assigned to them through the web site provided by Tech Bytes and evaluate the need of a town provided device later. The clerk will check on the progress of the web site and email addresses with Tech Bytes.

As there was no further business, Chairman Svatos motioned to the next meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 beginning at 7:00 PM by teleconference via Zoom and that the annual road inspection will be held on April 29th leaving the community building at 4:00 PM. The motion was second Supervisor Warwas, meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Sincerely,

Brian Mayry, Clerk

Ray Svatos, Board Chairman