

TOWN OF CLINTON REGULAR BOARD MEETING

October 20, 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, Kevin Peterson and Mark Larson were present in this meeting being held virtually using Zoom due to current social distancing standards in place and the Phase 3 of the Governor's Minnesota Stay Safe Plan.

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

The Financial Summary was presented by the Treasurer:

Balance for Month Ended August	333,941.54
Receipts for September	25,359.25
Disbursements for September	<u>8,551.43</u>
Balance for Month Ended September	<u>\$350,749.36</u>
Balance in Miners Bank Checking	\$204,238.26
Balance in CD's	100,000.00
Balance in Truck Fund	25,000.00
Balance in American Bank Investment	<u>21,511.10</u>
Balance for Month Ended September	<u>\$350,749.36</u>

Regular monthly invoice and claims were presented. Supervisor Skaudis motioned to pay the submitted bills claim forms 11436-11461 and electronic payments totaling \$12,531.81. Supervisor Warwas second the motion to pay all claim forms. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Department – Fire Chief Jim Theodore stated the Department responded to one fire call and one motor vehicle accident since the last meeting. On training session was canceled due to the fire call to Ellsburg. The Department has subscribed to a new online training provider. Twelve lockers have been purchased and are to be installed. A fire prevention event was held for school age kids at the Clinton Fire Hall in cooperation with McDavitt Township. A water shuttle training drill is scheduled to be held with neighboring departments. The Department is currently shipping for a quality four gas meter to be used during the upcoming heating season, the meter will be used to detect primarily carbon monoxide and propane. A fire detection system still being shopped for as well as annual hose and ladder testing. There are a few minor repairs to be made on the fire apparatus. Chief Theodore recommended to the Board that the Fire Department move forward working to lower the departments ISO rating. Homeowners in the township will realize decreased homeowners insurance costs with an improved fire department ISO rating.

Recreation Board – The Board discussed the opening of the skating rink this winter. Due to distancing guidelines it was agreed that the rink will operate as normal but with the warming shack being closed to the public this winter. The warming shack is too small to effectively distance and is not conducive to regular and proper disinfecting so it will be closed to the public. The Clerk will post for winter labor candidates.

Community Building- Grounds are in nice condition. Roof repairs are complete. Community Building rentals / usage is nearly none. Dusty Denzel submitted his proposal for snow plowing for the Community Building and Fire Hall.

Emergency Medical – The emergency responders were paged out and responded to one call since the last meeting. Responders are being selective to answered calls based on severity due to the COVID-19 situation.

Roads and Bridge – The township roads are in fair condition; grading may be completed prior to freeze up. Brushing is complete for this season.

New Business – Supervisor Skaudis reported that a \$25,000 is now matured and the funds are moved to Miners National Bank of Eveleth. The Township will reinvest in a new CD at Miners National Bank for one year at \$75,000. It was recommended that Supervisor Skaudis be authorized to initiate the purchase of the CD on behalf of Clinton Township. Supervisor Warwas motioned that Supervisor Skaudis purchase the CD with Miners National Bank, be authorized to sign for its purchase. Chairman Svatos second, the motion passed unanimously.

Mark Larson, local resident and Boy Scout leader, requested permission to conduct outdoor winter camping on the Community Building grounds during an winter scout event being held at the Community Building. None of the Supervisors opposed the scouts camping on the property.

Supervisor Warwas motioned that a railing be built from the skate shack to the rink Chairman Svatos second, motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Skaudis motioned to hire Dusty Denzel for Community Building and Fire Hall snow plowing. Supervisor Warwas second, motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Warwas motioned that the fire department move forward with the task of lowering the departments ISO rating. Supervisor Skaudis second, motion carried unanimously.

As there was no further business, Chairman Svatos motioned to the next meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 beginning at 7:00 PM by teleconference via Zoom. The motion was second Supervisor Warwas, meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM

Sincerely,

Brian Mayry, Clerk

Ray Svatos, Board Chairman