Town of Embarrass

Board Meeting

December 9, 2020

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

Visitors: Roger Davies, Bernie Mettler, Kirk Saranppa

Present: Roy Worsham, Gary Rantala, May Novak, Jennifer Boese, Gene Wright (*via phone)*

Meeting was called to order by Roy Worsham at 6:02 p.m. with The Pledge of Allegiance.

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to approve the November 2020 minutes. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to approve the November Treasurers Report. Carried3-0.*

Clerk informs supervisors that the Post Office furnace repairs were made but were not covered under warranty, it was considered yearly maintenance. *Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to have the furnace at the post office on a list for yearly maintenance. Carried 3-0.*

Rantala reports that the township roads are in good shape for this time of year.

Worsham gives maintenance report for November.

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to put the two heaters up for bids. Minimum bid of $100 to include both heaters, one listed as is, not working but can use for parts. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to recall Ed to work for 21 hours a week, until another decision is made in January. Carried 3-0.*

Cemetery deeds were signed by all supervisors and clerk.

Clerk informs the supervisors about a Covid Relief Grant from St. Louis County that was applied for by an unknown source for the Nelimark Museum. Clerk contacted SISU board with no results as to who applied. St. Louis County was in contact with clerk requesting information but was only able to provide known information for the grant, due to the fact of the unknown source and expenses that were being asked of. Clerk completed grant best to ability and funds in the amount of $469 were approved and sent. Clerk requests to be contacted if any grants are applied for to save time and confusion. *Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to sign the $469 check from St. Louis County Covid Relief Grant, over to SISU treasurer that came for Covid relief costs for the Nelimark. Wright would like the clerk and supervisors to be informed next time there is a grant applied for by any SISU board or members to avoid confusion. Carried 3-0.*

Discussion was held on the GMC truck claim. *Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to contact MATIT Insurance Agent with questions regarding the GMC claim. The board decided to keep the truck as salvage and put it up for bids at a minimum bid of $260. Carried 3-0.*

Discussion was held on trailer that was damaged. To fix the trailer to make it safe to use on roads would cost in the range of $500 - $600. Not worth the price for the older trailer. *Motion/Wright: Second/Rantala to put the damaged trailer up for bids. Minimum bid of $1. Carried 3-0.*

Worsham received a call that the new plow truck is in and will be ready to be picked up once the plow has been installed on the truck. *Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to take $12,250 from General Fund, $10,000 from Capitol Fund, $5,000 from Recreation Fund, and $10,600 from savings to pay for the truck. Once truck is paid for by township the $12,250 will be reimbursed from the USDA grant that was approved will need to be put back into the general fund account. The $2,840 received from MATIT insurance claim back into the general account to cover sales tax. Carried 3-0.*

Clerk informs supervisors of January 5th Annual Fire Department Meeting. Discussion was had on contract and supervisors agree they need to come to township meeting. *Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala that the ERVFD will need to be contacted regarding the contract and feel this should be negotiated by both boards. Supervisors request for a board member of the department come to a township meeting to discuss the issue, if unable to attend township meeting then a special meeting can be set up. Carried 3-0.*

All present at meeting thank Gary Rantala for the wonderful work with the township as this was his last meeting as a supervisor on the Embarrass Town Board. Thank you, Gary.

Questions were asked by Saranppa about the temporary easement on township land. Worsham was given phone number to call to contact logging company. After contacting and relooking at easement agreement the logging is accurate to agreement.

Audit was completed by supervisors. All claims and disbursements were found accurate and in order. *Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to accept the audit completed by the supervisors. Carried 2-0. Wright abstained as he was present by phone.*

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to accept the claims (17680-17703, $$10,039.31) and correspondence. Carried 3- 0.*

*Worsham adjourned meeting at 7:03 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Boese