

Minutes of the Regular Township Meeting.
April 8th 2021
Rocksbury Township

Members Present: John Kotaska, Jerod Lunsetter, Bob Wald, Scott Waldal, Kristen Haase

Minutes:

The Minutes from the March meeting were sent prior. Bob made a motion to approve the minutes, Jerod seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report was read. There being the following balances:

Checking:	\$1,859.63
Savings:	\$36,332.35
CD:	\$84,027.84
Total:	\$172,317.03

Val Hall:

John put together an analysis of the complete town hall build. The complete cost was slightly over projected. Most bills are complete, just waiting for a final Bergstrom Electric bill. Scott called in for a few quotes for flooring and hasn't heard back. The Board discussed storage options if we cannot get flooring done right away so the Board doesn't have to continue paying storage throughout the winter.

Bob brought to the Board meeting the existing hall rental policy and asked Board members to review and identify what changes should be made and that Nathan Haase should also review.

Line 3:

Peter Nelson contacted Scott regarding the protest occurring off of Hwy 32 against Line 3. Peter contacted MNDOT and they advised the protest are acceptable. The Pennington County attorney, Seamus Duffy, has been contacted and is working with the MNDOT attorney to confirm how the situation should be handled. Peter is taking the lead and Nathan Haase is included on the communication to represent the township.

Insurance:

Kristen updated insurance policy to new building at what existing policy value was at \$175k.

2021 Renewals:

Pennington County – Rate change from \$100/hour to \$120/hour. Letter to approve rate increase was sent from County. Letter is signed.

Olson Construction – Board reviewed increase from Olson Gravel. The new rates will be Class 5 (

Nick Vettleson – Nick asked for a \$15 per hour rate increase from \$50/hour-\$65/hour. Board advised they would be willing to increase \$5/hour. If Nick wants to increase at the original requested increase, the Board would have to open up the position to bid.

Annual Fire Meeting:

Bob attended the Annual Fire Department meeting. Bob shared they are a few years out for needing to purchase

a new truck. The current truck is in good condition.

4H:

Jerod visited with the 4H leader. They would like to continue using the building. We advised not to hang pictures on the walls until further notice.

Spring Short Course:

Jerod shared what he learned with the MAT Spring Short Course. There was a lesson on nuisance animals. Jerod did learn the Township does have no responsibility for nuisance animals as we do not own/run a pound. An ordinance can be written. If it has penalties, it can be enforced, however the County has no written ordinance which makes the matter complicated as they would be the one who would enforce any policy.

Board of Equalization:

Board of Equalization meeting will occur on April 27th at 10:00 AM at Val Hall. Kristen confirmed with Carl it is ok to have the meeting in person. Members of the Board will be present.

Bills:

The following bills were presented and paid. Jerod made a motion to approve the bills presented and Bob seconded.

Robert Wald	Three Storage Shelves for Hall	\$641.22
Bergstrom Electric	Electrical Building	\$7,465.00
MATIT	Package Update/New Building	\$93.00
City of Thief River Falls	Engine 97 Repairs	\$1,855.11
Pennington Co Auditor	Election Coding	\$381.99
Pennington Co Hwy	February Blading	\$90.00
Pennington Co Auditor	Taxes	\$1,670.97
Rude Construction	March Blading	\$1,119.18
TRF Mini Storage	Rent April	\$80.00

Next Meeting: May 13th 7:00 AM

Adjourn:

Jerod Lunsetter made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Wald seconded it. The motion carried.

Kristen Haase, Clerk

Board Member