May 11, 2023

**Shafer Township**

**Monthly Board Meeting**

The Board of Shafer Township met at the Shafer Town Hall on Thursday, May 11, 2023. Board members present included Chairman Mark Stovern, Supervisor John Schmalz, Supervisor John Hoffman, Treasurer, Dominique Haller, and Clerk, Faith Lichtscheidl.

Residents present include Joe Mattson, Brad Johnson, Tommy Waldemar, Kyle Johnson,

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Supervisor Hoffman, 2nd by Supervisor Schmalz; all in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Hoffman made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2023 regularly scheduled board meeting, Supervisor Schmalz 2nd motion, all in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the Board of Audit meeting held on April 25, 2023 by Supervisor Schmalz. Chairman Stovern had a change so the minutes read “No residents showed up to appeal their estimated Market Value during this meeting. Supervisor Hoffman 2nd; all in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Haller presented the April, 2023 Treasurer’s report. The disbursement register shows a balance of $19,760.47. The receipts register shows a balance of $272.08 and the cash control statement shows a balance of $275,658.84.

Outstanding checks show a total balance of $1,466.04.

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer’s report by Supervisor Schmalz, 2nd by Supervisor Hoffman; all in favor, motion carried.

The claims were reviewed, motion made by Supervisor Schmalz to approve the claims, 2nd by Supervisor Hoffman; all in favor, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Almelund Lions Club / Liquor License**

The Lions Club would like to have the Liquor License approved for the 2023 Threshing Show but they did not have a representative who was able to attend the meeting this evening. A motion was made by Chairman Stovern to approve the liquor license, Supervisor Hoffman 2nd the motion; (Supervisor Schmalz upstained from voting); Chairman Stovern and Chairman were in favor, motion carried.

**Bridgette Konrad Letter**

A letter came from the county that there is property within the township that is in foreclosure. The township has 60 days to decide if they want to do anything with it. We will need to respond by June 21 so this can be decided on before the next meeting.

**Public Comment**

No comment at this time

 **Old Business**

**2023 Service Contracts Paid**

Chisago County Age Well Coalition $250

Chisago County Ag Society $250

Chisago County Historical Society $250

Family Pathways $250

**Mowing Contracts**

A motion was made by Supervisor Hoffman to hire TJC to mow grass for a flat rate of $240 per time (estimated 4 hours), Supervisor Schmalz 2nd the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

**Newsletter**

The newsletter came out this week, currently we have 1 person that has requested chloride.

**Taylors Falls Fire Contract**

Clerk Lichtscheidl and Chairman Stovern met with Troy Aanonsen, Council member and Brandon Wieberg, Mayor, from the city of Taylors Falls to review the fire contract. Chairman Stovern presented corrections to the contract and it was agreed that the updated contract should reflect a payment of $19,000 versus $26,000.

A motion was made to accept the Taylors Falls Fire Contract by Supervisor Hoffman, 2nd by Supervisor Schmalz; all in favor, motion carried for a 2-year contract for the dollar amount of $19,032.

**Upland Road**

No new information about covering the road with anything other than gravel.

A motion was made by Supervisor Schmalz to add a commercial driveway permit, 2nd by Supervisor Hoffman; all in favor, motion carried.

**Teal Avenue Update**

Chairman Stovern reported that he spoke with LARA representative, Alex Turk, and LARA agrees to put down 200 feet of dust control in front of each resident’s home if the residents put down 200 feet. We will then need to bill LARA for the cost.

**Additional Cold Storage Update**

There was a meeting with Kurt Peterson about building the cold storage. Supervisor Schmalz reviewed current discussion around the addition and the biggest concern is to ensure that the drain field is cleared.

The drawings for the addition will need to be brought into Chisago County and Shafer Township will need to pull our own permits for the additions.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hoffman to proceed with the addition for cold storage and Supervisor Schmalz 2nd the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

 **Maintenance Update**

Brad reports that there are only a couple of roads that haven’t been taken care of yet as far as reclaiming gravel.

There are a few spots in the road that need some material to rebuild them back up. There are some culverts that are pretty shallow.

During the road tour they found some road break up on Vista, Unity Avenue needs some gravel, culverts on Teal and Upland could use some line sealing, some driveways in Dry Creek Gultch that are not build up to township specifications that need to be taken care of by the developer.

Clerk Lichtscheidl reported that the developer’s agreement was sent to the attorney last month as requested and there has been no contact since then with anyone. A motion was made by Supervisor Schmalz to send the developer a letter, give them 30 days to finish and repair the driveways. If they do not respond and complete the work, Shafer Township will complete the driveways and take the fees out of the escrow. This was 2nd by Supervisor Hoffman; all in favor, motion carried.

There needs to be some ditch cleaning in the area around culverts for better water flowage. There are some driveway culverts that need to be replaced. It was decided that we will get some quotes for replacing the culverts.

May look at renting a mini excavator to do some ditch cleaning. Asked Brad to try and line one up in late June.

May need to get some quotes for some graveling and gravel hauling. Brad will get us a mileage estimate regarding graveling.

**Miscellaneous**

There was some discussion on looking into getting cameras for inside and outside the building. If anyone has time to review this, we can discuss it again next month, regarding fees, logistics, etc.

**Park**

There was discussion on adding frisbee golf, a small basketball court and horse shoes to the park area. Supervisor Hoffman will reach out to Peterson Companies for further discussion and direction on this request.

**Public Comment**

Joe Mattson reported that there was a change in ownership regarding the builder at Dry Creek Gultch. If the company who pulled the permit is no longer in business, the responsibility of the driveways does not fall to the next company.

Supervisor Schmalz made a motion made to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm, 2nd by Supervisor Hoffman, all in favor, motion carried.

Faith Lichtscheidl, Township Clerk

Mark Stovern, Chairman