

Biwabik Township Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
Biwabik Township Hall - 6555 Oak Drive, Gilbert, MN
Monday, March 8, 2021

Call to Order: 5:31 PM by Chairman Soderling

Present: Supervisors Paris, Hautala and Soderling, Deputy Clerk Kirstie Hall, Todd Hall, Treasurer Hines and Kevin

1 Guest Via Zoom: Gordon Imberg

Absent: Clerk Highland

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

Special Agenda Request: Yvonne received email from City of Biwabik about vaccination clinic for workers.

Minutes: Tabled all minutes for Clerk's return

Financial Report: Treasurer Hines went over the February Financial Report with the Board.

Opening Balance 02/01/2021	\$ 429,941.19
Receipts	\$ 66,405.05
Disbursements	\$ 34,299.44
Ending Balance 02/28/2021	\$ 463,712.89
Deposits in Transit	\$ - 8.00
Outstanding Checks	\$ 868.16
Petty Cash	\$ - 100.00
Total Checking Acct.	\$ 430,801.35
Total Investments	\$ 210,787.88

The Clerk and Treasurer are in balance with the bank

Motion by Supervisor Paris, seconded by Supervisor Hautala to approve the financial report for February 2021 with the Motion carried unanimously.

Claims: Paris and Hautala motioned to approve claims for \$11,529.35. Unanimously carried.

Reports:

Road & Equipment- Discussion brought forward to purchase a tractor on a month trial basis \$6000 for a hundred hour trial, \$600 for transporting cost and \$250 for blades for a total of \$6825. Cost of trial will be deducted from final cost of \$67,500 if bought. Supervisor Paris brought motion to lease with option to buy at end of trial if department likes equipment. Supervisor Soderling seconded after amending to also purchase Diamond Mower reclaiming disk for \$8162 with transporting \$450 for a total of \$8612. Supervisor Hautala made corrected motion to also include purchase of Roller for \$35,000. Install price is on-going negotiation with Titan. Supervisor Soderling brought forward final second. There is a dip on Judd Road and need stop ahead sign replacement on Ajax/Oak junction.

Fire- Looking to resume training in March.

First Responders- No report.

Recreation- Discussion on skating rink. Was lined.

Cemetery- Lilac bush to be donated for placement by the bench Takanen. Need to replace No Hunting signs.

Motion by Supervisor Paris, seconded by Supervisor Hautala to approve the reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Sign Retro-Reflectivity – No update.

Culvert Policy review/edit – No update.

Broadband Info No update

Gazebo/Shade Area – Soderling asked for picture suggestions for Gazebos or picnic buildings from residents.

Walk and Roll packer - Discussed during Road and Equipment section of this meeting.

R&B Vacation Request –Employee requesting to take two weeks off in July has been approved by the board. Paris and Soderling motioned, unanimous approval.

New Business:

Election Payroll for March – Paris and Hautala motioned, unanimous approval.

MAT Spring Short Courses –

R&B Open Contract – Tabled to next meeting

Other Concerns – Luke talked with Barb Buttler about clearing trees on the corner of Ajax/Oak.

Correspondence: The correspondence was reviewed by the Board.

- St. Louis County
 - Public Health Emergency Communications (weekly email to clerk)
- MAT email – Spring Short Course Registration
- IUOE – Open Contract

Walt questioned how often the Board of Appeal and Equalization class is.

Hall Rentals:

- Jered Krahl- Saturday March 27th, 2021
- Christina Sturgis – Saturday, April 17, 2021,

Motion made to approve rentals by Jim seconded by Luke, unanimously approved.

Comments from the Audience: None

The next Board meeting will be held in the same format, officials present and public via Zoom.

Adjourn: Chairman Soderling adjourned the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Walter W. Hautala
Chairperson:

4-12-21
Date:

Christina Sturgis (Deputy)
Attest by Clerk:

Filed by: E. Hsu