

**POKEGAMA TOWNSHIP
APPROVED REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 12TH, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Dave Deutschlander called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Supervisors who were present was Dean Swenson, Terry Peterson, Wayne Whited, Jason Zastera. Also, present were Treasurer Darla Hall. Zoning Administrator Gordy Johnson, and Administrator Clerk Christy Belsheim.

AGENDA

Administrative Clerk Christy Belsheim suggested to add the Attorney General's Office letter to the agenda under New Business. Dave Deutschlander **motioned** Terry Peterson seconded to approve the agenda with one addition. All in favor motion carried.

AGENDA REQUESTS

Agenda request from Pamela Chafhoub via phone call regarding sewer bill for Pokegama Lake RV Park 18909 Island Resort Road. Administrative Clerk Christy Belsheim called Pamela and put her on speaker phone. Pamela introduced Matt into our conversation. Matt explained to the Board when Woischke owned the park he was on a flat fee structure bill ranging from \$7,000-\$7,500. Matt stated that it was their understanding if they would switch to the meters the sewer bills would go down. Matt explained they paid \$450,000 on meter installation, and since they were installed, their bills increased significantly to around \$10,000. Matt & Pamela were wondering if they could go back to the flat fee schedule. Chairman Dave Deutschlander stated that all wastewater flow goes through the meters and Pokegama Township have to pay for it when goes into the City of Pine City wastewater treatment plant. Pamela stated she talked to Gordy, and he mentioned putting a camera down to see if we could find the issue. Matt said he is willing to pay to camera the lines, if Township is willing to work with him to find a solution for the problem. Zoning Administrator explained how the formula works in figuring out the sewer bill. Wastewater flow from commercial uses is charged at \$16.34 per 1,000 gallons. Also, explained flat rate fee is 1 REU for 240 gallons a day. An RV uses 100 gallons a day per 7084 rules, the ratio for RV's is 3 RV's per 1 REU \$35 per month. It was mentioned again the gallons in pipe has to be paid to the City of Pine City, and before we can go back, we have to find where the inflow is coming from. Matt questioned on how would inflow get into the pipes if they are new. Supervisor Terry Peterson stated that Inflow can occur when campers not being hooked up properly, pipes not capped. Matt said he would be willing to spend more money to find a solution. ZA Gordy Johnson mentioned to go to flat rate that we would need to have the total number of RV's and Manufactured homes in the parks. Decision made Matt will have a camera down the lines to find where the inflow is coming from.

APPROVE MINUTES

Terry Peterson **motioned** Dean Swenson seconded to approve the minutes from the April 14th, 2022 Regular Board Meeting. All in favor motioned carried.

Wayne Whited **motioned** Terry Peterson seconded to approve the minutes from the April 14th, 2022 Reorganizational Meeting. All in favor motion carried.

Terry Peterson **motioned** Wayne Whited seconded to approve the minutes from the April 19th, 2022 Local Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting. All in favor motion carried.

PAYROLL

Jason Zastera **motioned** Wayne Whited seconded to approve Check #13466 through Check #13472 & Check #13485 through Check #13487 for a total of \$15,217.90. All in favor motioned carried.

SEWER

Dean Swenson **motioned** Terry Peterson seconded to approve check # 3401 through check #3408 for a total of \$13,967.56. All in favor motion carried.

TOWNSHIP

Dave Deutschlander **motioned** and Wayne Whited seconded to approve check # 13473 through check # 13475 and check # 13486 and check # 13488 through check # 13504 for a total of \$54,509.44. All in favor motion carried.

TREASURER

Treasurer Darla Hall read off the ending balances in each fund General \$54,189.03, Road and Bridge \$211,933.16, Covid –ARPA \$48,113.53, Equipment \$27,193.85, Zoning \$29,856.31, Fire \$106,872.14, Shop \$39,639.36 for a total \$517,797.38. Terry Peterson asked how the audit was going. Treasurer Hall stated last she talked to them they were almost done with 2019 & 2022. She sent an email last week asking for another update. Terry Peterson **motioned** and Dean Swenson seconded to approve the Treasurers report as given. All in favor motion carried.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Chairman Dave Deutschlander mentioned we have an estimate for the shop addition. It did not include the front door. We are waiting for another estimate from a different contractor. He contacted the plumber and electrician about moving mechanicals when needed.

CLERK

Administrator Clerk Christy Belsheim mentioned the clean-up day sheet was in the packets. She asked if there were any changes that needed to be made and how they wanted to advertise. Terry Peterson **motioned** Wayne Whited seconded to advertise it in the paper for 1 week and to post it on the website. All in favor motion carried. Clerk Belsheim also mentioned the Township

Legal Seminar is in September. Treasurer Darla stated we submitted the annual ARPA Funds report. The ARPA Funds Report needs to be submitted annually by April 30th.

ZONING DEPARTMENT – None

ROADS

Road Supervisor Jason Zastera stated the grader operators are busy and trying to keep up. Jason asked if we should look for another back up operator. The Supervisors agreed looking for another back up is a good idea. There have been a few trees falling down lately on the roads. The grader has been serviced and a plan was set up for future services. All four of the backhoe tires are worn out. Wayne Whited **motioned** Terry Peterson seconded to purchase new tires for the backhoe. All in favor motion carried. Jason will check in to purchasing new tires.

Administrative Clerk Christy Belsheim mentioned that she had sent a letter and invoice to Sherry Feela regarding road damage on Sod Road. Clerk Belsheim received phone call from Sherry saying that it she was not going to pay. Supervisor Terry Peterson said on May 3rd, they were out tearing up the road and the police were called and a report was filed. He said there are names on the police report. Dave Deutschlander **motioned** Terry Peterson seconded to send another letter and invoice with the police report attached. If she does not pay the amount of the invoice, it will be certified to her taxes. All in favor motioned carried. Lastly, Clerk Belsheim mentioned EnviroTech will be dust coating on May 24th.

FIRE – None

SEWER

Sewer Supervisor Dean Swenson stated everything is going good right now. Supervisor Terry Peterson mentioned they will start jetting soon. Audrey Gayle Extension will be going in this year. Paperwork must be completed from the homeowners before they are hooked up.

NEW BUSINESS

We received a letter from the Attorney General's Office regarding Floppie Crappie Lakeside Pub sewer bills. Treasurer Darla Hall will respond with a letter and the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting from April 14th, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pauline Royce mentioned she saw in the Pine City Pioneer about a new ordinance that living in recreational vehicles are not allowed. She stated that someone behind her is living in one. Zoning Administrator Gordy Johnson mentioned that in Pokegama Township it has never been allowed

to live in a recreational vehicle. The Township has tried before to get that person out and the judge ruled against it. The Judge would not make someone move out if they had no place else to go.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

REMINDERS

- A. Next Planning Commission Meeting May 16th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Next Regular Board Meeting June 9th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- C. Next Sewer Meeting June 1st, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

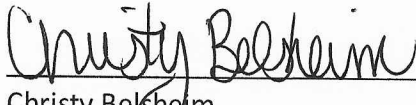
JUNK MAIL

Dave Deutschlander **motioned** Terry Peterson seconded to the destroy the junk mail. All in favor motion carried.

ADJOURN

Dave Deutschlander **motioned** Dean Swenson seconded to adjourn the April 12th, 2022 Regular Board Meeting. All in favor motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Submitted By:



Christy Belshem
Administrative Clerk



Dave Deutschlander
Chairman