January 10, 2017

A regular meeting was held January 10, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. All board members were present. There were four public attendees present. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the regular meeting minutes from December 13. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Gustafson, supported by Seppala to approve the agenda with the addition to New Business F.) Fiber Optic Service. All ayes. Motion carried.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN'S REPORT: Supervisor Lesandrini reviewed the Water Superintendent's report. Motion by Seppala, supported by Niemi to accept the report. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Supervisor Lesandrini reviewed the Fire Chief's report. Motion by Gustafson, supported by Seppala to accept the Fire Chief's report. All ayes. Motion carried.

UPDATE FROM GEI ON CONTRACTED SERVICE: Robb Anderson reviewed the engineering agreement that was included in the application to Rural Development and approved by Rural Development. Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to approve the Rural Development Water System Improvements Engineering Agreement. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

CRYSTAL FALLS TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN: Planning and Zoning chair Curt Stebic stated that a public hearing for the Master Plan was held December 14. Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to approve the Crystal Falls Township Master Plan. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Supervisor Lesandrini thanked all that were involved and complimented on a job really well done.

BOARD MEMBER PLANNING AND ZONING APPOINTMENT: Motion by Niemi, supported by Gustafson to reappoint Dan Lato to the Planning and Zoning Commission, effective March for a three year term. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

MDOT PERFORMANCE RESOLUTION FOR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES: Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the MDOT Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNTY PLAT BOOK MAPPING SOLUTIONS: Motion by Gustafson, supported by Niemi to approve the same ad in the Iron County Plat Book Mapping Solutions. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

UPEDA MEMBERSHIP 2017: Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to approve the $125 UPEDA Membership for 2017. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIBER OPTIC SERVICE: 906 Technologies recommended a fiber optic internet service. Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to approve the one-time construction charge of $4000 to install the fiber optic cable. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Lesandrini stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission will be reviewing the commercial ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comment. Motion by Gustafson, supported by Kut to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of $10,545.14, the Monthly's for $25,588.42 and the EFT's for $686.00 with a total of $36,819.56. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Jen Ketola/Deputy Clerk

January 31, 2017

A special budget workshop meeting for 2017/2018 budget was held on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 8 a.m. Board members present were T. Lesandrini, D. Gustafson, J. Seppala and N. Niemi. Absent was D. Kut but telephoned in for the meeting. J. Seppala left the meeting at 11:05 for previous commitment. There were no public attendees. Scott Kenney was present to review with the board the proposed budget for 2017/2018. Discussion held on the budget.

Motion by Gustafson, supported by Niemi to notify in writing the Crystal Falls Township employees receiving health care that a change from a fully funded plan to an 80/20 funding plan will take effect April 1, 2017. Ayes: Gustafson, Niemi and Lesandrini. Absent from vote: Kut and Seppala. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Premium License agreement for Crystal Falls Township GIS digital land information. Motion by Niemi, supported by Gustafson that the fee to use the Crystal Falls Township GIS digital land shape files will be set at $1000.00 for Premium and $250.00 for single use. Ayes: Niemi, Gustafson and Lesandrini. Absent from vote: Seppala and Kut. Motion carried.

Motion by Gustafson, supported by Niemi to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Nancy Niemi/Clerk

February 15, 2017

A regular meeting was held February 14, 2017 at 2:16 p.m. All board members were present. There were five public attendees present. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the regular meeting minutes from January 10 and Special Meeting Minutes from January 24. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to approve the agenda with the additions to New Business D.) Summer Field Work Assistant E.) UPSET Funding. All ayes. Motion carried.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN'S REPORT: Water Superintendent Terry Alexa reviewed the report with the board. Motion by Niemi, supported by Kut to accept the Water Superintendent's report. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Fire Chief Ray Niemi reviewed the report with the board. Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to accept the Fire Chief's report. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Gustafson, supported by Seppala to pay out a maximum of 250 hours of personal time off to Ray Niemi. Roll call taken. Kut – yes, Niemi – abstain, Lesandrini – yes, Gustafson – yes, Seppala – yes. Motion carried.

UPDATE FROM GEI ON CONTRACTED SERVICE: Robb Anderson informed the board that design work is continuing and a meeting will be set up soon with Terry to review the water project and go over questions. Motion by Kut, supported by Niemi to sign the agreement for GEI to review the DNR Grant Application for the Heritage Trail Extension in the amount of $1000.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

CRYSTAL FALLS ZONING PLANNING UPDATE: Planning and Zoning Chair Curt Stebic stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission discussed adding an after the fact fee to those individuals that neglect to obtain a zoning permit. Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to go ahead and revise the current Resolution Adopting Civil Infraction Penalties and Provisions for Zoning Ordinance to incorporate an after the fact zoning compliance permit in the amount of $100.00. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

BOARD WAGE INCREASE REQUEST: Motion by Gustafson, support by Seppala to increase the Supervisor's 2017/18 salary by 2.5%. Roll call taken. Gustafson – yes, Niemi – yes, Seppala – yes, Kut, - yes, Lesandrini – abstain. Motion by Niemi, supported by Kut to increase the 2017/18 Treasurer's salary by 2.5%. Roll call taken. Kut – yes, Niemi – yes, Gustafson – abstain, Lesandrini – yes, Seppala – yes. Motion carried. Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to increase the 2017/18 Trustee Kut's salary by 2.5%. Roll call taken. Gustafson – yes, Niemi – yes, Kut – abstain, Lesandrini – yes, Seppala – yes. Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to increase the 2017/18 Trustee Seppala's salary by 2.5%. Roll call taken. Gustafson – yes, Niemi – yes, Seppala – abstain, Kut – yes, Lesandrini – yes. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to increase the Clerk's salary to $25,000. Roll call taken. Gustafson – yes, Niemi – abstain, Seppala – yes, Kut – yes, Lesandrini – yes. Motion carried.

SET DATE FOR 2017/2018 BUDGET HEARING: Motion by Niemi, supported by Gustafson to set the date for the 2017/2018 Budget Hearing Monday, March 13th at 2:00 p.m. with the regular monthly meeting to follow. All ayes. Motion carried.

SUMMER FIELD WORK ASSISTANT: Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to hire Matt Baumgartner not to exceed $2500.00 at $10.00 an hour plus mileage as the Assessor's Fieldwork Assistant. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

UPSET FUNDING: Discussion tabled.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Hematite Township Supervisor Joe Hoening asked the board for possible assistance with Hematite Township's water operation. The current water inspector will be leaving in April. Discussion held.

Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of $82,142.51, the Monthly's for $48,309.15 and the EFT's for $1029.00 with a total of $131,480.66. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Seppala, supported by Niemi to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Jen Ketola/Deputy Clerk

February 15, 2017

A Public Hearing was held on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 2 p.m. Roll call taken. All Board members present. There were 5 public attendees present.
The purpose of the Public Hearing was to obtain public input for the 2017 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Development Grant Application for the extension of the existing Non-Motorized Heritage Trail. Robb Anderson from GEI was present to review and discuss the project and options. There was one public comment/question as follows:

Question: What is the proposed route to cross Fortune Lake and get to Bewabic State Park?

Answer: The tentative route would be to go along side of Resort Drive and use the bridge on Resort Drive to cross Fortune Lake. Then return to US-2 and continue west to Bewabic Park.

No written comments presented.

Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to adjourn. All ayes. Public Hearing adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Nancy Niemi/Clerk

March 13, 2017

A regular meeting was held March 13, 2017 at 2:03 p.m. All board members were present. There were seven public attendees present. Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to approve the regular meeting minutes from February 14 and Public Hearing Minutes from February 14. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to approve the agenda with the additions to Old Business E.) 2017/2018 Summary Budget. New Business H.) Amend 2016/2017 Budget to Actual Expense. All ayes. Motion carried.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN'S REPORT: Water Superintendent Terry Alexa reviewed the report with the board. Motion by Seppala, supported by Niemi to accept the Water Superintendent's report. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Fire Chief Ray Niemi reviewed the report and introduced Steven Fabbri who will be replacing Fire Chief Niemi. Motion by Kut, supported by Niemi to accept the Fire Chiefs Report. Motion by Gustafson, supported by Seppala to accept Steven Fabbri as Fire Chief starting April 22nd. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

UPDATE FROM GEI ON CONTRACTED SERVICE: Robb Anderson updated the board on upcoming projects.

WALKING PATH EXTENSION MICHIGAN TRUST FUND GRANT: Motion by Gustafson, supported by Kut to approve Crystal Falls Township supporting the Resolution of Authorization Michigan Department of Natural Resources 2017 Trust Fund Grant Application Crystal Falls Township Heritage Trail Extension TF17-0009. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

2017/2018 SUMMARY BUDGET: Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to approve the Summary Budget for 2017/2018 fiscal year. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: NOTICE OF INTENT OF ISSUE REVENUE BONDS: Discussion held with Robb Anderson. Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to approve the Resolution Authorizing Publication of Notice of Intent to Issue Revenue Bonds and Declaration of Intent to Reimburse. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

CEMETERY CONTRACT CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS: Discussion held. Supervisor Lesandrini will be requesting The City of Crystal Falls set up a meeting with Mansfield, Mastodon and Crystal Falls Townships. Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to table Cemetery Contract with the City of Crystal Falls. All ayes. Motion carried.

ADOPTING CIVIL INFRACTION PENALTIES FOR ZONING ORDINANCE: Discussion tabled.

IRON COUNTY CHAMBER ALLIANCE SERVICES: The board would like an update from Katie Clark on who is participating under the Alliance Services. Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to table the bill request. All ayes. Motion carried.

457 (b) PLAN DISCRETIONARY AMOUNT: Motion by Niemi, supported by Gustafson to approve the plan year ending March 31, 2018 the employer contributions to be allocated by the Township to the participants is $22 per payroll period. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

MEETING RESOLUTION: Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to approve meeting the second Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION CFT INVESTMENT DEPOSITORY DESIGNATION: Motion by Gustafson, supported by Seppala to approve The Crystal Falls Township Investment and Depository Designation Resolution. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

AMEND 2016/2017 BUDGET TO ACTUAL EXPENSE: Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to amend the 2016/2017 Budget to actual expenses as of March 31. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE: Water Superintendent Terry Alexa was recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation for 40 years with The Crystal Falls Township. The board thanked him for his hard work and dedication.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Julie Graff complimented the Crystal Falls Township on the care and beauty of the Gibson Lake Park. Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of $19,220.73, the Monthly's for $12,086.57 and the EFT's for $686.00 with a total of $31,993.30. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Niemi, supported by Gustafson to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Jen Ketola/Deputy Clerk

March 13, 2017

A public hearing for the 2017/2018 Budget was held March 13, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to review the property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget. All board members were present. There were seven public attendees present. No public comment. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to end the public hearing. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Jen Ketola/Deputy Clerk

April 18, 2017

A regular meeting was held April 18, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. All board members were present. There were three public attendees present. Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to approve the regular meeting minutes from March 13 and Public Hearing Minutes from March 13. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN'S REPORT: Water Superintendent Terry Alexa reviewed the report with the board. Motion by Niemi, supported by Gustafson to accept the Water Superintendent's report. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Supervisor Lesandrini went over the Fire Chiefs report with the board. Lesandrini read a letter from Fire Chief Niemi thanking the board for allowing him to serve the community for 31 years with his official day of retirement April 23, 2017. Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to accept the Fire Chiefs Report. All ayes. Motion carried.

UPDATE FROM GEI ON CONTRACTED SERVICE: Robb Anderson updated the board on the water project. Anderson submitted the SAW Grant user rate analysis and all requirements are met. The application for the Heritage Trail project was submitted and has been accepted for review. Discussion held on the GEI contracts. Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to reduce the GEI contracted amount of work to the existing roof allowing Tom and Terry to make a decision and report back to the board. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

CEMETERY CONTRACT CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS: Kut informed the board of her recent talks with the City of Crystal Falls regarding the cemetery contract and the cuts they are looking at making. Motion by Niemi, supported by Kut to pay the cost of the cemetery bill, not sign the 2017 contract and amend the budget to the contracted services. Roll call taken. Niemi – yes, Kut – yes, Lesandrini – no, Gustafson – no, Seppala – yes. Motion carried.

IRON COUNTY CHAMBER ALLIANCE SERVICES: Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to amend the budget 101-748-801-000 to $5229.00 to pay the bill for Iron County Chamber Alliance for one year. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

GIBSON LAKE PARK: Discussion held on campground rules regarding price, length of say, quiet hours and no fireworks. Motion by Gustafson, supported by Kut to amend the changes to the Gibson Lake Campground Rules and to advertise for a 2017 Campground Host subject to the approval of the board. All ayes. Motion carried.

CRYSTAL FALLS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SANITATION COLLECTION: Motion by Gustafson, supported by Seppala to set the starting wage of the sanitation collection person to $10.00 a hour for a 90 day probation period and $11.00 a hour after probation. Roll call taken. All ayes.

MACPHERSON LAND OFFER: Discussion held. Topic tabled until next meeting.

INDUSTRIAL SITE DISCUSSION: Supervisor Lesandrini asked the board to think of ideas for the property.

SPRING CLEAN UP: Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to set the Spring Clean-up date to Saturday, May 20 from 8 a.m. to noon. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mary Dumitru commented on the blight. Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of $6,518.41, the Monthly's for $45,500.96 and the EFT's for $686.00 with a total of $52,705.37. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:10p.m.

Jen Ketola/Deputy Clerk

May 09, 2017

A regular meeting was held May 9, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. All board members were present. There were no public attendees. Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to approve the regular meeting minutes from April 18. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to approve the agenda with amendments to New Business B.) Runkle Lake Association permit fee and H.) Local Government Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming License for Iron County Medical Care Facility. All ayes. Motion carried.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN'S REPORT: Supervisor Lesandrini reviewed the Water Superintendent's report. Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to accept the Water Superintendent's report. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Supervisor Lesandrini went over the Fire Chiefs report with the board. The Fire Department held the officer elections in April; Assistant Chief – Kim Nylund, Captain – Jim Sartori, Training Officer – Tom Bucek, Safety Officer – Dan Surface, Secretary/Treasurer – Brian Fabbri. Supervisor Lesandrini extended a thank you to retired Fire Chief Ray Niemi for his years with the Crystal Falls Township as Fire Chief. Motion by Niemi, supported by Kut to accept the officers presented. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Gustafson, supported by Seppala to approve the Fire Chief's report. All ayes. Motion carried.

UPDATE FROM GEI ON CONTRACTED SERVICE: Robb Anderson updated the board on the water project. Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to accept the Proposal for Services for the Design and Bidding of Improvements to the Township Hall from GEI in the amount of $5400.00. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to accept the additional services for the SAW Grant Asset Management Plan Project contract for the amount of $12,000.00. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

GIBSON LAKE PARK: Reviewed rules.

CRYSTAL FALLS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SANITATION COLLECTION: Supervisor Lesandrini informed the board that on the recommendation of Terry Alexa the board hire Mark Leonhardt.

MACPHERSON LAND OFFER: Discussion held.

WATER RESOLUTION REVIEW RATES 2017/2018: Lesandrini informed the board that discussion was not needed.

RUNKLE LAKE ASSOCIATION FEE: Reviewed the letter from Bridget Bergwahl's request. Motion by Gustafson, supported by Seppala to approved $200 for treatment of Runkle Lake. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

ZONING AND PLANNING INFORMATION AND REPORT: Motion by Niemi, supported Kut to rescind the existing rate structure and adopt a resolution with the new rates to the Civil Infraction Penalties and Provisions for Zoning Ordinance. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Kut reported on the Planning and Zoning meeting held with Dollar General. Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to approve the Zoning and Planning recommendation to approve the site plan for Dollar General. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

AMENDMENT TO ASSESSING FOR MILEAGE: Motion by Gustafson, supported Niemi to amend the budget 101-257-860-000 by $1000.00 for assessing mileage. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT AMENDMENT TO BUDGET FOR CELL PHONE: Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to amend the budget 206-336-926-001 by $600.00 for the fire cell phone. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

COUNTY FORECLOSURE PROPERTY: No interest in property.

SPRING CLEAN UP: Reminder that Spring Clean Up is May 20, 8 a.m. to noon.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODY RESOLUTION FOR CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE FOR ICMCF: Motion by Gustafson, supported by Seppala to approve the Iron County Medical Care Facility obtain a charitable gaming license. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Lesandrini updated the board on road work. The Iron County Road Commission will be identifying Sheltrow Road and Long Lake Rd. Two picnic tables will be donated by the Friends of the Court for Gibson Lake and Donahue Park.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comment. Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of $111,502.35, the Monthly's for $51,968.58 and the EFT's for $686.00 with a total of $164,156.93. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Jen Ketola/Deputy Clerk

June 14, 2017

A regular meeting was held June 14, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. Board member Joanne Seppala was absent. There were two public attendees. Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to approve the regular meeting minutes from May 9, 2017. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Niemi, supported by Kut to approve the agenda with amendments to New Business C.) Kevin Schiavo Fire Membership and D.) Roads. All ayes. Motion carried.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN'S REPORT: Water Superintendent Terry Alexa reviewed the report with the board. All water samples met DEQ standards. Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to accept the Water Superintendent's report. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Supervisor Lesandrini went over the Fire Chiefs report with the board. Motion by Niemi, supported by Gustafson to approve the Fire Chief's report. All ayes. Motion carried.

UPDATE FROM GEI ON CONTRACTED SERVICE: Robb Anderson updated the board on current projects. The right away information will be sent in and upon approval the project will begin the bidding process. Contractors have looked at the Township Hall roof and GEI will be putting together plans for the next meeting. Sewer repair project draft plans are close to completion. The SAW Grant is wrapping up.

GIBSON LAKE PARK: Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to amend the budget 101-756-930-000 by $2500.00 for dock repairs. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION APPROVING PREMIUM CONVERSION PLAN 44 NORTH: Motion by Gustafson, supported by Niemi to approve the resolution approving premium conversion plan. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

ZONING AND PLANNING REPORT: Discussion held.

KEVIN SCHIAVO FIRE MEMBERSHIP: Motion by Niemi, supported by Gustafson to accept Kevin Schiavo as a member of the Crystal Falls Fire Department. All ayes. Motion carried

ROADS: Supervisor Lesandrini reported that all the chloride has been applied. The estimates for Sheltrow Rd. have come in and will be reviewed at the next meeting

OTHER BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE: The July meeting will changed to Wednesday, July 5 at 11:00 a.m. Normally scheduled Tuesday garbage pick-up on July 4 will be moved to July 5.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comment. Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of $37,937.85, the Monthly's for $34,073.91 and the EFT's for $446.00 with a total of $72,457.76. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Jen Ketola/Deputy Clerk

July 05, 2017

A regular meeting was held June 5, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. All board members were present. There was one public attendee. Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to approve the regular meeting minutes from June 14, 2017. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to approve the agenda with removing New Business A.) Resolution Approving Premium Conversion Plan 44 North, adding New Business F.) Carpet and Vinyl G.) August Meeting Date Change. All ayes. Motion carried.
WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN'S REPORT: No report.
FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Supervisor Lesandrini went over the Fire Chiefs report with the board. Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to approve the Fire Chief's report. All ayes. Motion carried.
UPDATE FROM GEI ON CONTRACTED SERVICE: Supervisor Lesandrini informed the board that everything is moving forward with Rural Development on the water project.
GIBSON LAKE PARK: The Park is doing well. No complaints have been voiced.
ZONING AND PLANNING: Discussion held.
MEMBERSHIP IN THE IRON COUNTY LAKE AND STREAMS PARTNERSHIP: Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to renew the membership for 2017 to the Iron County Lakes and Streams Partnership at no cost to the Township. All ayes. Motion carried.
IRON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION PROJECTS: Motion by Kut, supported by Niemi to accept the bid from Bacco for $245,459.99 to prepare Sheltrow Road for paving. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Niemi to amend the budget 246-901-980-002 by $200,000.00 to cover the cost of Sheltrow Rd. and chip sealing. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Niemi, supported by Gustafson to approve $15,000 for chip sealing on Township Roads. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.
ASSESSORS POSITION: Discussion held.
CARPET AND VINYL: Supervisor Lesandrini said he will be looking into the procedure for obtaining bids.
AUGUST MEETING DATE CHANGE: Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to change the August meeting date to Wednesday, August 9th at 11:00 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried
REPORTS: A letter will be written and sent to Northern Interstate Bank stating the Townships disapproval of the new bank fees.
PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mary Dumitru commented on ordinances for small houses. Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of $4,129.56, the Monthly's for $18,621.93 and the EFT's for $223.00 with a total of $22,974.56. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Jen Ketola/Deputy Clerk

July 6, 2017

An Election Commission meeting was held on July 5, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Crystal Falls Township office. Present members were Donna Gustafson, Cary Gustafson and Nancy Niemi. There were no public attendees.

The purpose of the meeting was to appoint Election Inspectors, Election Chairperson and Receiving Board for the August 8, 2017 Special Election. Motion by Gustafson, supported by Niemi to appoint Bev Wilcox as Chairperson, Doug Clairmont, Linda Clairmont and Rietta Erickson as Election Inspectors. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Gustafson, supported by Niemi to appoint Linda Clairmont and Rietta Erickson Receiving Board Inspectors. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Gustafson, supported by Niemi to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Nancy Niemi/Clerk

August 09, 2017

A regular meeting was held August 9, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. All board members were present. There were three public attendees. Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to approve the regular meeting minutes from July 5, 2017 and the Special Meeting Minutes from July 5, 2017. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the agenda with the addition to New Business E.) Curt Stebic – Planning and Zoning Commission F.) Amend Budget Dollar General G.) Banking Name Change. All ayes. Motion carried.
WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN'S REPORT: Supervisor Lesandrini reviewed the report. Motion by Kut, supported by Niemi to approve the Water Superintendent's Report. All ayes. Motion carried.
FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Supervisor Lesandrini went over the Fire Chiefs report with the board. Supervisor Lesandrini congratulated the Fire Department on their 2nd overall placing in the U.P. Fireman's Tournament. Leon Fabbri was commended for 50 years of service with the Fire Department. Motion by Niemi, supported by Gustafson to approve the Fire Chief's report. All ayes. Motion carried.
UPDATE FROM GEI ON CONTRACTED SERVICE: Robb Anderson informed the board that the water project is now out for bids with a deadline of August 31st for bids to be received. The projected date for completion of the bid project is August 2018.
BIDS FOR TOWNSHIP HALL ROOF: Two Township Roof bids were received – The Markell Company bid - $25,871.00. Lake State Roofing bid - $76,500.00. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to accept the bid from The Markell Company in the amount of $25,871.00. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.
IRON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION PROJECTS: Motion by Gustafson, supported by Kut to approve the contract from the Iron County Road Commission in the amount of $255,209.99. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.
WAISANEN ASSESSING AND GIS MAPPING PROPOSAL: Motion by Kut, supported by Niemi to renew the Assessing and GIS Mapping Proposal contract with Jim Waisanen in the amount of $1800.00. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.
AMEND BUDGET FORESTRY SERVICES VANOSS: Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to amend the budget 101-748-801-000 by $1650.00 for services from VanOss Forestry. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.
ASSESSORS POSITION REPLACEMENT: Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to post the Assessors position internally for five working days with a deadline of Thursday, August 17th at 9:00 a.m. All ayes. Motion carried. A special meeting will be held to review applicants Thursday, August 17 at 2:00 p.m.
ODGERS SEWER LIFT STATION: GEI will put together prices for repair on lift stations. Prices will be reviewed at the special meeting Thursday, August 17th.
CURT STEBIC PLANNING AND ZONING: Planning and Zoning will be working on putting together an informational meeting with Michigan State Extention on the planning and zoning if Michigan legalizes marijuana.
AMEND DOLLAR GENERAL: Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to amend budget 101-722-801-000 in the amount of $500. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.
BANKING: Motion by Gustafson, supported by Kut to sign the updated agreement with the banking name change to Northern Interstate Bank. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.
PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mary Dumitru commented on Sheltrow Rd. Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of $78,584.13, the Monthly's for $13,536.96 and the EFT's for $446.00 with a total of $92,567.09. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Jen Ketola/Deputy Clerk

August 17, 2017

A special meeting was held on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 2 p.m. All board members were present. There was 1 public attendee. Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to approve the Special Meeting agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and review applicants for the Assessor's position for the Township and to review the sewer lift stations proposals.

ASSESSOR'S POSITION, WAGE AND BENEFITS: Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to offer Ken West the position of Assessor with the salary of $20,000 yearly when provisional and adjust to $24,000 after certification. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

SEWER LIFT STATIONS PROPOSALS: Robb Anderson reviewed proposals with the Board. Discussion held. Motion by Seppala, supported by Niemi to accept the bid of $26,000.00 from Energenecs and amend budget GL# 590-527-930-000 by said amount. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

OTHER: Discussion was held on the Assessing agreement from Iron County Equalization Department. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to agree to contract with Iron County Equalization Department to perform the agreed services provided by the Equalization Department for assessing services in the amount of $2,402.25 until Dec. 31, 2017 and to amend the budget GL#101-257-801-000 by said amount. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Niemi, supported by Kut to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Nancy Niemi/Clerk

September 13, 2017

A regular meeting was held September 12, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. All board members were present. There were five public attendees. Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to approve the regular meeting minutes from August 9, 2017 and the Special Meeting Minutes from August 17, 2017. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to approve the agenda with a change to Old Business D.) Township Hall Roof Update and Amend Budget. Additions to New Business F.) 906 Technologies Quote G.) Handy Andy Chloride Amendment H.) Approve Tax Rate Request. All ayes. Motion carried.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN'S REPORT: Water Superintendent Terry Alexa reviewed the report. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the Water Superintendent's Report and set the fall clean-up date for Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Supervisor Lesandrini went over the Fire Chief's report with the board. Motion by Seppala, supported by Niemi to approve the Fire Chief's report. All ayes. Motion carried.

UPDATE FROM GEI ON CONTRACTED SERVICE: Robb Anderson informed the board the Township Hall Roof project went well, some additional work was completed due to wet insulation. Motion by Niemi, supported by Gustafson to amend budget 101-265-930-000 in the amount of $14,445.50 and approve the payment to Markell Company. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Niemi, supported by Kut to approve The Resolution To Tentatively Award A Construction Contract For The RD Water System Improvements: Contract I – Watermain and Booster Pump Station to Jake's Excavating & Landscaping, LLC for $662,570 and Contract II – Elevated Water Storage Tank to Caldwell Tanks, Inc. for $543,000. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

CEMETERY MEETING UPDATE: Kut updated the board on the recent meeting with the City of Crystal Falls.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ROSTAGNO/HAUKKALA CPA: Eric Haukkala from Rostagno and Haukkala, CPA presented the board with the Audit Report. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to accept the 2016-2017 Auditor's Report. All ayes. Motion carried.

CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS SEWER AGREEMENT: Discussion held.

HEMATITE TOWNSHIP REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WITH WATER DEPARTMENT: Crystal Falls Township will assist Hematite with water sampling until Hematite gains certification.

DISCUSSION OF NEW LARGE SCALE MEDICAL MARIJUANA GROWER PERMITS: Discussion held. The Planning and Zoning Commission will be scheduling an informational meeting with Michigan State Extension.

2017 WATER REFUNDING BONDS REFINANCING POSSIBILITY: Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to proceed with Miller Canfield and Umbaugh refinancing the Water Bonds. All ayes. Motion carried.

906 TECHNOLOGY QUOTE: Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to approve the server upgrade estimate for $8454.71. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

HANDY ANDY CHLORIDE AMENDMENT: Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to amend budget 101-441-801-000 to $31,821.00. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE TAX RATE REQUEST: Motion by Gustafson, supported by Seppala to approve the 2017 Tax Rate Request. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS / CORRESPONDENCE: Paul Schutyema, the Executive Director at the Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance introduced himself along with Mark Bromley and they talked about the goals of the Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Roger Christian commented on New Bristol Rd. Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of $182,406.75, the Monthly's for $56,196.82 and the EFT's for $446.00 with a total of $239,049.57. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Gustafson, supported by Seppala to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Jen Ketola/Deputy Clerk

October 11, 2017

A regular meeting was held October 10, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. All board members were present. There were four public attendees. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the regular meeting minutes from September 12, 2017. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN'S REPORT: Water Superintendent Terry Alexa reviewed the report. Motion by Seppala, supported by Niemi to approve the Water Superintendent's Report. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: No report.

UPDATE FROM GEI ON CONTRACTED SERVICE: Robb Anderson informed the board the SAW Grant is being closed out. He directed the Treasurer to open separate checking account for the RD Water Project. Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to approve the Loan Resolution of Acceptance of Funds. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

2017 WATER REFUNDING BONDS REFINANCING POSSIBILITY: Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to accept the Resolution Authorizing Publication of Notice of Intent to Issue Refunding Bonds. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

ESRI – RENEWAL QUOTATION: Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to renew the software license in the amount of $700.00. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW ASSESSOR COUNTY'S ASSISTANCE KEN WEST: Discussion held. Motion by Gustafson, supported by Kut to approve the requested Assessor's expense items. Roll call taken. All ayes.

ZONING AND PLANNING APPOINTMENT: Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to accept with regret the resignation of Ken West on the Zoning and Planning Board and to advertise for the position. All ayes. Motion carried. Supervisor Lesandrini thanked West for his years of service. Board Chairman Curt Stebic will advertise for the position.

ZONING AND PLANNING EDUCATION MEETING AND HEARING: Supervisor Lesandrini reminded everyone of the Planning and Zoning Commission informational meeting with Michigan State Extension.

LAND PROPOSAL IN INDUSTRIAL PARK: Discussion held.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Bill Leonoff presented the board with information on the upcoming Sinking Fund Proposal on the November 7, 2017 ballot. Terry Alexa commented on the City of Crystal Falls refinancing their Sewer Bonds. Motion by Kut supported by Gustafson to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of $65,494.94, the Monthly's for $39,083.71 and the EFT's for $446.00 with a total of $105,024.65. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Jen Ketola/Deputy Clerk

October 11, 2017

An Election Commission meeting was held on October 10, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Crystal Falls Township office. Present members were Tom Lesandrini, Donna Gustafson and Nancy Niemi. There were no public attendees.

The purpose of the meeting was to appoint Election Inspectors, Election Chairperson and Receiving Board for the November 7, 2017 election. Motion by Niemi, supported by Lesandrini to appoint Linda Clairmont as Chairperson. Doug Clairmont, Joanne Seppala, Rietta Erickson, Bev Wilcox and Ruth Warmanen as Election Inspectors. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Niemi, supported by Gustafson to appoint Rietta Erickson and Bev Wilcox Receiving Board Inspectors. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Gustafson, supported by Lesandrini to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Nancy Niemi/Clerk

November 09, 2017

A regular meeting was held November 08, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Nancy Niemi was absent. There were eight public attendees. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the regular meeting minutes and special meeting minutes from October 10, 2017. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to approve the agenda to old business F.) Water Project Ordinance. All ayes. Motion carried.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN'S REPORT: No report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: No report.

UPDATE FROM GEI ON CONTRACTED SERVICE: Robb Anderson informed the board the SAW Grant is completed with the last reimbursement request going out. GIS Mapping project is finished with the switch from Mango Maps to ESRI. Quotes for new wellhead signage were obtained. Motion by Gustafson, supported by Seppala to go ahead with Sherwood Signs bid of $315.00 for four new Wellhead Signs. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. A closing date has been set for the Rural Development Water Project – Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the estimate of first draw funds for the Rural Development Project in the amount of $117,467.88. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

2017 WATER REFUNDING BONDS REFINANCING POSSIBILITY: Discussion held. The information will be given to Scott Kenney to look through.

UPDATED ORGANIC WASTE DUMP: Site is closed due to people abusing it. Water Superintendent Terry Alexa will post a notice in the paper of the closure.

WATER PROJECT ORDINANCE: Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to approve the language Rural Development supplied for Ordinance 104 and advertise the Ordinance 104. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

ZONING AND PLANNING APPOINTMENT: Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to accept Mark Bromley to the Zoning and Planning Board. All ayes. Motion carried.

BUSINESS PROPOSAL FOR INDUSTRIAL PARK (PAUL EDC): Discussion held.

DISCUSSION MEDICAL MARIJUANA MANUFACTURING IN TOWNSHIP: James Peterson from Cannavide presented information on a Medical Marijuana facility. Discussion held. The Planning and Zoning Board made surveys available to the public for input.

APPROVAL CONNOR'S ENTRANCE ROAD WORK: Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to approve $7,920.00 from 246-901-980-002 to the Iron County Road Commission for work done at the entrance of Connor's. Roll call taken. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION REQUEST FROM ICRC ON SENATE BILL 396: Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to pass a resolution opposing Sentate Bill 396. All ayes. Motion carried.

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD: Motion Gustafson, supported by Seppala to renew the current plan beginning December 2017. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURES POSITION: Gustafson will not be completing her full term. Resignation date unknown.

REPORTS: Supervisor Lesandrini informed the board that Sheltrow Road is complete.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mary Dumitru commented on the great job done on Sheltrow Rd. Motion by Seppala supported by Gustafson to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of $120,152.66, the Monthly's for $11,077.19 and the EFT's for $446.00 with a total of $131,675.85. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Gustafson, supported by Seppala to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Jen Ketola/Deputy Clerk

December 7, 2017

A special meeting was held on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 2 p.m. Central time at Rural Development U.S. Department of Agriculture 2003 Minneapolis Ave. Gladstone, Michigan. Board members present were Tom Lesandrini, Donna Gustafson and Nancy Niemi. There were no public attendees.
The purpose of the meeting was to close the Rural Development loan for the water project.
Reviewed the following: Letter from the MI Dept of Treasury regarding Qualified Status, Notice of Intent Resolution, Affidavit of Publication of the Notice of Intent, No Referendum Ordinance, Affidavit of Publication of Bond Authorizing Ordinance, Certificate Regarding Official Seal, Signature Identification and No Litigation, Certificate of Recording Officer, Certificate Regarding Organization, Powers, Transcript, Incumbency and Other Matters, Certificate of Finances, Delivery and Partial Payment, Specimen Bond, Approving Opinion of Bond Counsel, Attorney's Certificate, Engineer's Certificate and Security Report Form and Letter Evidencing Filing with the MI Dept of Treasury.
Motion by Gustafson, supported by Niemi to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Nancy Niemi/Clerk

December 13, 2017

A regular meeting was held December 12, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. All board members were present. There were eight public attendees. Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to approve the regular meeting minutes from November 8, 2017 and special meeting minutes from December 7, 2017. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Gustafson to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN'S REPORT: Supervisor Lesandrini reviewed the October report with the board. Township Foreman Randy Bucek is now D4S3 certified. Motion by Niemi, supported by Kut to approve the October report. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Supervisor Lesandrini went over the Fire Chief's October and November report with the board. Motion by Seppala, supported by Gustafson to approve the Fire Chief's report. All ayes. Motion carried.

UPDATE FROM GEI ON CONTRACTED SERVICE: Robb Anderson informed the board that the water project closing took place on Thursday, December 8, 2017. Planning for pre-construction work meetings can take place now. The Heritage Trail Grant was approved.

TOWNSHIP OPTING IN OR OUT OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA STATE LICENSING: Planning and Zoning Chair Curt Stebic presented the board with results from the survey. Township Attorney Steven Tinti reviewed the zoning and resolution scenarios. Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to have the planning and zoning commission create a model ordinance to regulate the Medical Marijuana process to be reviewed at the February meeting. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

2017 WATER BONDS REFINANCING: No action taken.

TREASURER'S POSITION: The position will be advertised in-house to all boards and Township employees with a deadline date of December 19, 2017.

3 YEAR ROAD PLAN: Three year plan reviewed with the additions of painting lines on New Bristol Rd. and completing Kuivila Rd.

906 TECHNOLOGIES PROPOSAL FOR SERVER AND PHONES: Motion by Niemi, supported by Gustafson to approve the 906 Technologies quote for server and phone equipment and work. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS: No reports.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mary Dumitru commented on the positive things the Township is doing. Motion by Kut supported by Gustafson to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of $35,956.73, the Monthly's for $74,094.49 and the EFT's for $446.00 with a total of $110,497.22. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Gustafson, supported by Seppala to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Jen Ketola/Deputy Clerk