January 13, 2021

A regular monthly meeting was held virtually via Zoom on January 12, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. All board members were present. There were 2 public attendees who joined via Zoom. Motion by Seppala, supported by Niemi to approve the agenda. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes from December 15, 2020. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: No public comments.

PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS: Reviewed Library minutes and financial statements from Director Evelyn Gathu.

Reviewed ICECA January 2021 Report.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN REPORT: Reviewed the Water Superintendent report from the month of December.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Reviewed the Fire Chief's report from the month of December.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Reviewed the Zoning Administrator's report from the month of December.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Reviewed the Assessor's report from the month of December.

Discussion held on Department reports. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to accept the Departmental reports as presented. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY: Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of $76,271.23, the Monthly's for $23,401.33 and the EFT's for $734.70 with a total of $100,407.26. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE STATION UPDATE: Supervisor Kenney reviewed. Discussion held.

i. Land acquisition: Reviewed with the Board. Discussion held.
ii. Financing: GEI submitted prepared documents to Rural Development. The process is underway.

LIND ROAD CLEANUP UPDATE - ATTORNEY: Attorney Tinti updated the Board. Discussion held.

IRON BELLE TRAIL: The extension of the Iron Belle trail has been filed with the State. Expected to be completed in the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

SEWER AGREEMENT – CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS: Discussion held on updated sewer agreement with the City of Crystal Falls.

POVERTY LEVEL EXEMPTION – ASSET TEST: Reviewed and will update after changes from the State.

WATER AFFORDABILITY AND PLANNING GRANT- DIFFERENT THAN LAST MONTH: Reviewed with the Board. Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported Ketola to approve the involvement of GEI for Affordability & Planning Grant with EGLE. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE PROJECT GRANT: Reviewed with the Board to approve the signing of the Volunteer Fire Assistance Project Grant application. Motion by Kut, supported by Niemi to proceed with the application for the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Program. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments.

BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE: Supervisor Kenney received a call regarding the Ski Hill workers workman's comp insurance. Trustee Kut mentioned a DNR recreation grant and wondering what opportunities there are.

ADJOURN: Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to adjourn the meeting. Roll call taken. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

Diane LaChapelle/Deputy Clerk

February 17, 2021

A regular monthly meeting was held virtually via Zoom on February 16, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. All board members were present. There was 1 public attendee who joined via Zoom. Motion by Seppala, supported by Niemi to approve the agenda. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Ketola, supported by Kut to approve the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes from January 12, 2021. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: No public comments.

PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS: Reviewed Library minutes and financial statements from Director Evelyn Gathu. Reviewed ICECA February 2021 Report.

Congratulations to Terry Alexa from Supervisor Kenney and Board members for recognition as a Lifetime Member of American Water works Association.

Appointment of Board of Review Members. Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to appoint Dennis Divoky, Mark Bromley, and Mary Dalpra as members of Board of Review. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN REPORT: Reviewed the Water Superintendent report from the month of January.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Reviewed the Fire Chief's report from the month of January.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Reviewed the Zoning Administrator's report from the month of January.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Reviewed the Assessor's report from the month of January.

Discussion held on Department reports. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to accept the Departmental reports as presented. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY: Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of $23,772.11, the Monthly's for $18,462.52 and the EFT's for $1,102.05 with a total of $43,336.68. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE STATION UPDATE: Supervisor Kenney reviewed. Discussion held.

i. Land acquisition: Informed the Board talks are in progress with MDOT. Discussion held.
ii. Financing: Reviewed letter from Rural Development that requirements for eligibility were met. Discussion held.

LIND ROAD CLEANUP UPDATE - ATTORNEY: Supervisor Kenney stated Attorney Tinti has filed necessary documents with the courts to move forward.

IRON BELLE TRAIL: Project is on to proceed. The grant deadline is September 2021.

SEWER AGREEMENT – CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS: Supervisor Kenney updated the Board on the meetings with the city. Discussion held.

POVERTY LEVEL EXEMPTION (INCLUDE ASSET TEST): Reviewed and will be handled in March.

WATER GRANTS: Reviewed with the Board. Discussion held.

HALL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS: Reviewed with the Board. Discussion held. Project to begin the week of March 8, 2021.

SALARIES RESOLUTION: Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to increase wage for Supervisor to $26,675. Roll call taken. Ayes: Kut, Niemi, Seppala, Ketola. Nays: None. Abstain: Kenney. Motion carried. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to increase wage for Clerk to $27,865. Roll call taken. Ayes: Seppala, Kut, Ketola, Kenney. Nays: None. Abstain: Niemi. Motion carried. Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to increase wage for Treasurer to $27,450. Roll call taken. Ayes: Niemi, Seppala, Kenney, Kut. Nays: None. Abstain: Ketola. Motion carried. Motion by Ketola, supported by Niemi to increase wage for Trustee Kut to $4,000. Roll call taken. Ayes: Niemi, Seppala, Kenney, Ketola. Nays: None. Abstain: Kut. Motion carried. Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to increase wage for Trustee Seppala to $4,000. Roll call taken. Ayes: Niemi, Kut, Ketola, Kenney. Nays: None. Abstain: Seppala. Motion carried.

OTHER SALARIES AND WAGES: Discussion held on recommendations on other employees.

ZONING APPEAL FEE WAIVER: Discussion held regarding wording changes needed in the Zoning ordinance. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to waive the Zoning appeal fee of $170.00. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments.

BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE: Trustee Kut has concerns about Pipeline closures and propane users.

ADJOURN: Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to adjourn the meeting. Roll call taken. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Diane LaChapelle/Deputy Clerk

February 24, 2021

A special budget workshop meeting for the 2021/2022 budget was held on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom. All board members were present. There were no public attendees. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss and review the budget for the 2021/2022 fiscal year. Discussion held. (Trustee Seppala left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.) Motion by Ketola, supported by Niemi to adjourn the workshop meeting. Roll call taken. Ayes: Ketola, Kenney, Niemi, Kut. Nays: none. Absent: Seppala. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Nancy Niemi/Clerk

April 14, 2021

A regular monthly meeting was held on April 13, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. All board members were present. There were 5 public attendees. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the agenda with additions 6B.) Public Hearing Budget and Tax Rate and 6C.) Public Hearing Fire Station. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve three sets of minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: No public comments.

PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS: Reviewed Library minutes and financial statements from Director Evelyn Gathu. Reviewed ICECA April 2021 Report.

Spring clean -up – May 22, 2021 8:00 a.m. – 11:30.a.m.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN REPORT: Reviewed the Water Superintendent report for the month of March.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Reviewed the Fire Chief's report for the month of March.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Reviewed the Zoning Administrator's report for the month of March.

ASSESSOR REPORT: No report was submitted to the Board for the month of March.

Discussion held on Department reports. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to approve the Departmental reports as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE STATION UPDATE: Supervisor Kenney reviewed updates on the Fire Station. Discussion held.

i. Land: Attorney Tinti updated the Board. Attorney Tinti stated the State came back with a decision on the land acquisition. Motion by Niemi, supported Kut to authorize Attorney Tinti to inform the State that the Township would like to proceed with the purchase of the land. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.
ii. Approval Letter – RD: Reviewed Approval Letter.
iii. Letter of Conditions – RD: Reviewed Letter of Conditions.
iv. Request to Obligate Funds – RD: Reviewed Request to Obligate Funds. Discussion held.
v. Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions – RD: Reviewed Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions. Discussion held.

Robb Anderson from GEI updated on the design.

HALL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS:

i. Change order #2: Will not approve at this time. Need some questions answered.
ii. Payment request: Reviewed Payment request from Carey Contracting. Discussion held. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to approve the Payment request from Carey Contracting in the amount of $31,366.81. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

SEWER SYSTEM – CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS: Supervisor Kenney reviewed. Discussion held. He is waiting for a response to questions he has from the City. He will send a request again.

LIND ROAD CLEANUP UPDATE - ATTORNEY: Attorney Tinti reviewed with the Board an Order to Enforce Judgment. Discussion held.

IRON BELLE TRAIL: No update.

POVERTY LEVEL EXEMPTION (INCLUDE ASSET TEST): Reviewed Resolution to adopt Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve resolution to adopt Poverty Exemption and Asset Test. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

ELECTION WORKER PAYROLL – IN BUDGET BUT NOT APPROVED:

i. Chair - $14 per hour: Discussion held.
ii. Worker - $12 per hour: Discussion held.

Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to pay the Election chairperson $14 and the other workers $12. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

MARK BROMLEY RESIGNATION – PLANNING BOARD: The Board thanked Mark Bromley for his service on the Planning Commission. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to accept Mark Bromley's resignation with regrets. All ayes. Motion carried.

ADVERTISE FOR NEW MEMBER – PLANNING BOARD: Curtis Stebic, Chair and Secretary of the Planning and Zoning Commission will advertise for a new member.

PLANNING BOARD – CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH CONSULTANT: Reviewed contract extension with consultant Patrick Coleman from North of 45. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve up to $2,400 to extend contract with Patrick Coleman for revamping the ordinance. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

LAKE ISSUES:

i. Runkle Lake – Lake level: Reviewed concerns from the Lake Owner Association regarding lake level and Milfoil request.
ii. Chicaugon Lake – Milfoil: Reviewed the Chicaugon Lake request for funding.

Discussion held on Lake issues. Requests tabled.

LONG LAKE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS:

i. Paving on West side of lake: Iron County Road Commission will move forward with paving on west side of the lake and will honor the agreement with the Township from last year.
ii. Preparation for paving – North tip of lake toward highway: Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve preparation for 6,700' listed in site 4 on Long Lake Rd. – Phase 3. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

WATER DELINQUENCIES/SHUT OFFS: Reviewed with the Board to make them aware.

ROCK CRUSHER ROAD: Discussion on road condition was held.

REVIEW OF BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY: Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of $83,506.61, the Monthly's for $58,660.55 and the EFT's for $1,102.05 with a total of $143,269.21. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mary Dumitru concerned about the blight areas around the Township.

BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE: Trustee Kut commented on lake ownership changes within the Township.

ADJOURN: Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Diane LaChapelle/Deputy Clerk

April 26, 2021

A special meeting was held on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. All board members were present. There was 1 public attendee.
The purpose of the meeting was to approve the Rural Development documents of Request to Obligate Funds and Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions. Also, to sign Long Lake Road contract with Iron County Road Commission and discuss a cell phone policy. Motion by Ketola, supported by Niemi to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. There were no public comments on the agenda items.
FIRE STATION UPDATE: Discussion held on Letter of Conditions, Request to Obligate Funds and Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions from Rural Development. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve action on Request to Obligate Funds and to authorize Supervisor Kenney to sign and Clerk Niemi if needed. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve Letter of Intent To Meet Conditions and for Supervisor Kenney to sign. Roll call Taken. All ayes. Motion carried.
LONG LAKE ROAD PROJECT: Signatures from Board members needed on Long Lake Road project agreement from Iron County Road Commission that was approved during April Monthly Meeting on April 13, 2021.
CELL PHONE POLICY: Discussion held. No action taken regarding a cell phone policy.
PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments were made.
BOARD MEMBER PRIVILEGE: Supervisor Kenney was approached by the Fire Chief for permission to have Volunteers assist with traffic control with MDOT project. He stated the Crystal Falls Fire Department will be reimbursed for cost occurred.
Clerk Niemi commented on the lack of space on the window countertop.
Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Meeting adjourned a 10:28 a.m.

Nancy Niemi/Clerk

May 12, 2021

A regular monthly meeting was held on May 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Diane Kut was absent. All other board members were present. There were 4 public attendees. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the agenda with an addition 9D.) April. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from April 13, 2021 and Special meeting minutes from April 22, 2021. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: Vicki Browne from Chicaugon Lake Homeowner's Association gave a presentation for the Chicaugon Lake Property Owners request for watermilfoil funding.

PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS: Reviewed Library minutes and financial statements from Director Evelyn Gathu. Reviewed ICECA May 2021 Report. Mark Bromley introduced Zach Hautala as the Chamber Director for ICECA. Supervisor Kenney and the Board welcomed and congratulated Zach.

Spring clean -up – May 22, 2021 8:00 a.m. – 11:30.a.m.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN REPORT: Reviewed the Water Superintendent's report for the month of April.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Reviewed the Fire Chief's report for the month of April. Fire Officers – 21/22 year: Confirmed Steven Fabbri – Chief, Kim Nylund – Assistant Chief, Jim Sartori – Captain, Brain Fabbri – Secretary/Treasurer, Dan Surface – Safety Officer, Tom Bucek – Training Officer. Motion by Seppala, supported by Niemi to confirm the officers as reported in the Fire Chief's report. All ayes. Motion carried. The Fire Department is recommending the Board to approve participation it the MI MABAS Mutual Aid Program. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to follow the recommendation from the Fire Department to approve participation in the MI MABAS pending Attorney approval of the agreement. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Reviewed the Zoning Administrator's report for the month of April.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Reviewed the Assessor's report for the month of March and April.

Discussion held on Department reports. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the Departmental reports as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE STATION UPDATE: Supervisor Kenney reviewed updates on the Fire Station. Discussion held.

i. RD correspondence with approval: RD has approved our request for the funds for the Fire Hall with some contingencies.
ii. Land acquisition is a hold up: The hold up is the acquisition of the land from MDOT.

Supervisor Kenney thanked the staff of GEI and the Fire Department for their work on the planning and design of the Fire Station.

HALL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS:

i. Payment request: Did not receive a pay request. Supervisor Kenney reviewed some issues that need to be addressed by the contractor.

SEWER SYSTEM – CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS: Supervisor Kenney reviewed. Discussion held. He does not have an updated agreement from the City at the present time.

LIND ROAD CLEANUP UPDATE - ATTORNEY: Supervisor Kenney reviewed. Attorney Tinti will be back in court in about two weeks to commence the process of the sale of the property and the personal property on it.

IRON BELLE TRAIL: No update. Robb Anderson from GEI stated it should be starting within the next few weeks.

WATER PLANNING GRANT: Supervisor Kenney reviewed. He will be working with GEI to determine if we should accept the grant.

INVASIVE SPECIES POLICY: Supervisor Kenney reviewed a policy he put together for Crystal Falls Township to assist Lake Homeowner Associations with mediation of invasive species. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to table the invasive species policy until a future meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

i. Chicaugon Lake milfoil request: Tabled.

FIRE BILLING POLICY: Supervisor Kenney reviewed the policy with the Board. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to adopt the Fire Billing Policy as amended. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to stop collection activities internally on unpaid fire invoices and turn them over to a collection agency. All ayes. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY: Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of $256,170.34, the Monthly's for $20,842.12 and the EFT's for $734.70 with a total of $277,747.16. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Zach Hautala with ICECA provided business cards with contact information for the Board. Vicki Browne commented that she will be attending other meetings and would like to share the information in the Invasive Species Policy presented before the Board.

BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE: None

ADJOURN: Motion by Seppala, supported by Niemi to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Diane LaChapelle/Deputy Clerk

June 9, 2021

A regular monthly meeting was held on June 8, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. All board members were present. There were 11 public attendees. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the agenda with no additions. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from May 11, 2021. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: Vicki Browne from Chicaugon Lake Homeowner's Association is present regarding the Invasive Species Policy. Gerard Valesano, manager of the City of Crystal Falls has concerns about the Sewer Agreement between the Township and the City of Crystal Falls.

PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS: Reviewed Library minutes and financial statements from Director Evelyn Gathu. Reviewed ICECA June 2021 Report. Included in the report are the May 2021 financials.
Reviewed the Enbridge update from Paul Meneghini.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN REPORT: Reviewed the Water Superintendent's report for the month of May.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Reviewed the Fire Chief's report for the month of May. Chief Fabbri will need the Boards approval for dress uniforms as soon as he has quotes available. There is a request to have a fire truck on standby at the mud truck run held on the Uren Farm. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve standby request to provide fire truck services for the mud truck run held on the Uren Farm. All ayes. Motion carried.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Reviewed the Zoning Administrator's report for the month of May.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Reviewed the Assessor's report for the month of May.

Discussion held on Department reports. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the Departmental reports as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE STATION UPDATE: Supervisor Kenney reviewed updates on the Fire Station. Discussion held.

i. Land acquisition is a hold up: No response from MDOT on the acquisition of the land.

Supervisor Kenney will be meeting with Senator McBroom and Representative Markkanen on Friday June 11th to discuss any assistance they would be able to provide for the Township.

HALL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS: Supervisor Kenney reviewed. Discussion held.

i. Payment request: No payment until the work is complete.

ii. Change order – front shelf area: Reviewed the change order for the front shelf area from Carey Contracting. Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to approve the change order for the extension of the shelf in the amount of $1,732.83 with Carey Contracting. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

SEWER SYSTEM – CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS: Supervisor Kenney reviewed. Discussion held. City Manager Gerard Valesano requesting to get an approval of the agreement as soon as possible. Attorney Tinti needs to address the agreement and make revisions.

LIND ROAD CLEANUP UPDATE - ATTORNEY: Attorney Tinti updated the Board. Discussion held.

IRON BELLE TRAIL: Robb Anderson with GEI had a meeting with Bewabic to review trail location at the park entrance. Preliminary work has started.

WATER PLANNING GRANT: Supervisor Kenney reviewed. He will work with GEI to determine if the Township should move forward with the grant.

INVASIVE SPECIES POLICY – TABLED FROM PRIOR MEETING: Reviewed the proposed Invasive Species Policy. Discussion held. Supervisor Kenney recommended adding number 3 items from his proposed policy to the draft proposed by Attorney Tinti. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the policy for management of invasive species from Attorney Tinti with a recommended change to add number 3 items from Supervisor Kenney's proposed policy and adopt GL# 101-748-883-000 to track for cost. All ayes. Motion carried.

i. Chicaugon Lake milfoil request: Tabled.

REVIEW OF BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY: Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of $67,442.55, the Monthly's for $40,802.01 and the EFT's for $734.70 with a total of $108,979.26. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE: None

ADJOURN: Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Diane LaChapelle/Deputy Clerk

June 21, 2021

A special meeting was held on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. All board members were present. There were 2 public attendees.
The purpose of the meeting was to review the 2021 Wastewater Agreement with the City of Crystal Falls and to discuss the Fire Station land acquisition hold up and alternative sites. Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. There were no public comments on the agenda items.
WASTEWATER TREATMENT AGREEMENT with CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS: Reviewed 2021 Wastewater Agreement. Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the 2021 Wastewater Agreement between Crystal Falls Township and the City of Crystal Falls. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.
FIRE STATION UPDATE: Supervisor Kenney reported that he had talked with Senator McBroom, Representative Markkanen and MDOT personnel on the land acquisition hold up. Discussion held on alternative sites. The Board voiced they would like to see alternative sites pursued.
PUBLIC COMMENT: None
BOARD MEMBER PRIVILEGE: None
Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Nancy Niemi/Clerk

June 28, 2021

A special meeting was held on Monday, June 28, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. All board members were present. There was 1 public attendee.
The purpose of the meeting was to review the 2021 Wastewater Agreement with the City of Crystal Falls. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. There were no public comments made on agenda items.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT AGREEMENT with CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS:
Reviewed changes made to the 2021 Wastewater Agreement with Attorney Tinti. Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to adopt the 2021 Wastewater Agreement between the Township of Crystal Falls and the City of Crystal Falls and to authorize Supervisor Kenney and Clerk Niemi to sign the 2021 Wastewater Agreement. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

BOARD MEMBER PRIVILEGE: None

Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Nancy Niemi/Clerk

July 14, 2021

A regular monthly meeting was held on July 13, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Jen Ketola was absent. All other board members were present. There were 5 public attendees. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the agenda with no additions. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from June 8, 2021, Special meeting minutes from June 21, 2021, and Special meeting minutes from June 28, 2021. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: No public comments.

PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS: Reviewed Library minutes and financial statements from Director Evelyn Gathu. Reviewed ICECA June 2021 Report.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN REPORT: Reviewed the Water Superintendent's report for the month of June.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Reviewed the Fire Chief's report for the month of June. Supervisor Kenney commended Chief Fabbri for securing multiple grants for equipment.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Reviewed the Zoning Administrator's report for the month of June.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Reviewed the Assessor's report for the month of June.

Discussion held on Department reports. Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to approve the Departmental reports as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE STATION UPDATE: Supervisor Kenney reviewed updates on the Fire Station. Discussion held.

i. Land acquisition update: No response from MDOT on the acquisition of the land.
ii. Zoning: Reviewed Zoning Ordinance.
iii. GEI proposal: Reviewed Proposal 2002130 from GEI. Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to accept Proposal 2002130 with GEI. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

HALL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS: Supervisor Kenney reviewed. Discussion held.

i. Payment request: No payment until the work is complete.
ii. Door lock/release update: Reviewed the bulletin from IDI. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to seek proposal based on bulletin from IDI. All ayes. Motion carried.

SEWER SYSTEM – CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS: Supervisor Kenney reviewed. Discussion held. He will be having further discussions with the City in hopes of leading to an agreement.

LIND ROAD CLEANUP UPDATE - ATTORNEY: Attorney Tinti updated the Board. Discussion held. The property has been transferred to another party. He will pursue action through the courts to get the property cleaned up against the new owner.

IRON BELLE TRAIL: Robb Anderson with GEI met with Bewabic officials about the entrance into the park. The preliminary design work is nearly complete.

WATER PLANNING GRANT: Supervisor Kenney reviewed. The approved grant amount is $38,860. GEI will revise the proposal to reflect the change in the grant award.

INVASIVE SPECIES POLICY – FINAL DRAFT: Supervisor Kenney is waiting for the finalized policy from Attorney Tinti.

i. Chicaugon Lake milfoil request: On hold until the policy is finalized.
ii. Donovan Park – Purple Loosestrife: Reviewed the agreement for the treatment of Purple Loosestrife. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve to sign the agreement for the treatment of Purple Loosestrife at Donovan Park. All ayes. Motion carried.

WALKING TRAIL HISTORY CONTEST: Discussion held. Supervisor Kenney will be contacting MaryAnn Harrington in regard to walking trail history contest.

GIS SYSTEM – USE BY COUNTY: Supervisor Kenney reviewed the Colligo GIS that the County is looking to implement verses continuing to use the Mangomap System that the Township has used. Discussion held.

PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNANCE: Reviewed MTA Principles of Governance. Discussion held. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to re-adopt the Principles of Governance. All ayes. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY: Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of $78,754.47, the Monthly's for $39,507.11 and the EFT's for $734.70 with a total of $118,996.28. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments.

BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE: Supervisor Kenney applied for money under the American Rescue Act. Long Lake Road west side is now paved. Trustee Kut inquired about paving part of the Rock Crusher Road.

ADJOURN: Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Diane LaChapelle/Deputy Clerk

July 27, 2021

A special meeting was held on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. All board members were present. There was 1 public attendee.
The purpose of the meeting was to review the 2021 Wastewater Agreement with the City of Crystal Falls. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. There were no public comments made on agenda items.
WASTEWATER TREATMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS: Reviewed the 2021 Wastewater Agreement. Discussion held with Attorney Tinti. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the 2021 City of Crystal Falls/Township of Crystal Falls Wastewater Agreement. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.
PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
BOARD MEMBER PRIVILEGE: None
Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Nancy Niemi/Clerk

August 11, 2021

A regular monthly meeting was held on August 10, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. All board members were present. There were 5 public attendees. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to approve the agenda with an addition 10F.) Fire Department Mutual Aid. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from July 13, 2021 and Special meeting minutes from July 27, 2021. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: No public comments.

PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS: Reviewed Library minutes and financial statements from Director Evelyn Gathu.

Reviewed ICECA July 2021 Report. Included in the report are the June 2021 financials.

Reviewed the High-speed internet information from Brian Rippey of Teck Solutions. Mark Bromley stated ICECA could put out information for the Township residents.

Reviewed the City of Crystal Falls Master Plan and Mastodon Township Master Plan.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN REPORT: Reviewed the Water Superintendent's report for the month of July.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Reviewed the Fire Chief's report for the month of July. Congratulations to the Race Team for 3rd place in the UP Firefighters Tournament.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Reviewed the Zoning Administrator's report for the month of July.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Reviewed the Assessor's report for the month of July.

Discussion held on Department reports. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the Departmental reports as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE STATION UPDATE: Robb Anderson with GEI updated the Board. Discussion held.

i. Land acquisition update: No response from MDOT on the acquisition of the land.

HALL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS: Waiting for completion of the work by Carey Contracting.

LIND ROAD CLEANUP UPDATE - ATTORNEY: Attorney Tinti updated the Board. Discussion held.

IRON BELLE TRAIL: Robb Anderson with GEI stated the preliminary design work is nearly completed.

WALKING TRAIL HISTORY CONTEST: Supervisor Kenney reviewed. Will revisit at a later date.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MUTUAL AID: Attorney Tinti updated the Board. Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to accept Attorney Tinti's report on the Fire Department Mutual Aid and sign the agreement. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

ADVERTISEMENT – FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: Discussion held. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to advertise for Fire Prevention Week at a cost of $45. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS:

i. Craig Nelson – Planning Commission: Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to reappoint Craig Nelson to the Planning Commission Board. All ayes. Motion carried.

ii. Don "Buck" Peterson – Board of Review (alternate): Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve Don "Buck" Peterson as an alternate for the Board of Review. All ayes. Motion carried.

ROAD SIGN – FOUR LAKES DRIVE: Supervisor Kenney reviewed the road sign request from Randy Vesely. Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to authorize Randy Vesely's request to place a road sign on the corner of Idlewild Road and Four Lakes Drive. All ayes. Motion carried.

ICECA ANNUAL ASSESSMENT: Discussion held. A legal agreement needs to be in place before the Township can go forward with paying the request from ICECA.

GIS SYSTEM – USE BY COUNTY: Supervisor Kenney updated the Board on a meeting he recently had with the County.

CEMETERY AGREEMENT – CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS: Supervisor Kenney reviewed. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to authorize the agreement with the City of Crystal Falls and pay the invoice in the amount of $8,624.64. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

HALL RENTALS: Discussion held. Will continue no hall rental at this time and revisit in a few months.

CHANGE SEPTEMBER MEETING DATE – 9/14/2021 TO 9/7/2021: Move the regular monthly meeting to Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 2 p.m. Motion by Seppala, supported by Niemi to move the September regular monthly meeting from September 14, 2021 to September 8, 2021 at 2 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to convene into Executive session to discuss the consideration of acquisitions of real property. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Entered Executive session at 3:04 p.m.

Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to close out of Executive session and reconvene into regular monthly meeting. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Executive session was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to direct our Attorney to proceed as discussed in Executive session. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY: Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of $61,890.08, the Monthly's for $32,652.28 and the EFT's for $734.70 with a total of $95,277.06. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Zach Hautala mentioned there will be a Run, Walk, Roll, a free community wellness event on Sunday, August 15th at 11 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE: Trustee Kut noted about the recycling increase.

ADJOURN: Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Diane LaChapelle/Deputy Clerk

September 9, 2021

A regular monthly meeting was held on September 8, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Board members present were N. Niemi, D. Kut, J. Ketola, and J. Seppala. S. Kenney was absent. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to have Clerk Niemi as chairperson to run the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. There were 4 public attendees. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from August 10, 2021 and Executive session minutes from August 10, 2021. All ayes. Motion carried.
PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: No public comments.
PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS: Reviewed Library minutes and financial statements from Director Evelyn Gathu.
Reviewed ICECA August 2021 Report. Included in the report are the July 2021 financials.
WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN REPORT: Reviewed the Water Superintendent's report for the month of August.
FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Reviewed the Fire Chief's report for the month of August. Chief Fabbri would like the okay from the Board to sign the department up for the Michigan State Firemen's Association. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to allow Chief Fabbri to become a member for the department with the Michigan State Firemen's Association at a cost of $75. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Reviewed the Zoning Administrator's report for the month of August.
ASSESSOR REPORT: Reviewed the Assessor's report for the month of August.
Discussion held on Department reports. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the Departmental reports as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
FIRE STATION UPDATE: Clerk Niemi reported no updates.

i. Land acquisition update: No updates.

HALL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS: Clerk Niemi reviewed with the Board.

i. Carey invoice for shelf extension: Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve and pay the invoice from Carey Contracting in the amount of $1,559.55. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

LIND ROAD CLEANUP UPDATE - ATTORNEY: No update.
IRON BELLE TRAIL: Reviewed information from GEI Consultant, Robb Anderson. Discussion held.
ICECA AGREEMENT/ASSESSMENT: Tabled.
MABAS REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENT AND ALTERNATE (FIRE): Tabled.
GEI CONTRACT FOR WATER PLANNING GRANT: Discussion held. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to allow GEI to do the Affordability and Planning Grant Study and Attorney Tinti to do the legal service. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.
AUDIT REPORT: Eric Haukkala, CPA from Haukkala & Co., P.C. reviewed the audit report. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to accept the audit report as presented by Haukkala & Co., P.C. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.
US CENSUS DATA: Reviewed with the Board.
2021 – 2022 BUDGET AMENDMENTS: Reviewed with the Board. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to amend the budget worksheet based on Supervisor Kenney's recommendations. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.
EXECUTIVE SESSION – REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION: No Executive Session.
REVIEW OF BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY: Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of $56,716.81, the Monthly's for $20,470.00 and the EFT's for $634.70 with a total of $77,821.51. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.
PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mary Dumitru inquired about black plastic bags.
BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE: Trustee Seppala requested fall clean up date. The fall clean up date is on Saturday, October 2, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Trustee Kut commented on Iron Belle Trail grant information provided by Robb Anderson.
ADJOURN: Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Diane LaChapelle/Deputy Clerk

October 13, 2021

A regular monthly meeting was held on October 12, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Joanne Seppala was absent. All other board members present. There were 8 public attendees. Motion by Ketola, supported by Kut to approve the agenda with the removal of 11D.) Executive session – real estate acquisition. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from September 8, 2021. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: Kim Nylund had questions and concerns regarding the Fire Station.

PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS: Reviewed Library minutes and financial statements from Director Evelyn Gathu. Reviewed ICECA September 2021 Report. Included in the report are the August 2021 financials.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN REPORT: Reviewed the Water Superintendent's report for the month of September.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Fire Chief Steven Fabbri was present for the meeting and gave a verbal report for the month of September.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Reviewed the Zoning Administrator's report for the month of September.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Reviewed the Assessor's report for the month of September.

Discussion held on Department reports. Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to approve the Departmental reports as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE STATION UPDATE: Attorney Tinti gave the Board updates from the State of Michigan on progress regarding Fire Tower Road location and stipulations on other possible location. Discussions were held regarding questions and concerns about the process of acquiring land.

HALL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS: Reviewed final invoice from Carey Contracting.

i. Carey invoice: Motion by Ketola, supported by Kut to issue the final pay request in the amount of $6,506.82 to Carey Contracting. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

CRYSTAL FALLS CITY SEWER PROJECT: Robb Anderson from GEI informed the Board there is no update at this time. Waiting for the City to complete their audit.

IRON BELLE TRAIL: Robb Anderson from GEI reviewed with the Board the preliminary cost estimate, phase 2 preliminary planning and design summary and stated he would provide the hard copy plans that are available electronically to the Board.

WATER SYSTEM AFFORDABILITY AND PLANNING GRANT (AP GRANT): Robb Anderson stated the grant process is started.

LIND ROAD CLEANUP UPDATE – ATTORNEY: Attorney Tinti updated the Board. Foreclosure is underway. Discussion held.

ICECA AGREEMENT/ASSESSMENT: Supervisor Kenney will be meeting with Mark Bromley to finalize the agreement with ICECA.

APPOINTMENT OF MABAS REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENT AND ALTERNATE (FIRE):

i. Dennis Mitchell – Representative: Discussion held.
ii. Steven Fabbri – Alternate: Discussion held.

Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to appoint Dennis Mitchell as representative and Steven Fabbri as alternate to the MABAS board. All ayes. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL – BLUE CROSS: Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to renew the Blue Cross Blue Shield Employee Health Plan. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

IRON COUNTY LAKES AND STREAMS PARTNERSHIP MEMBERSHIP: Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to participate and become members with the Iron County Lakes and Streams Partnership. All ayes. Motion carried.

NMPSA MEMBERSHIP: Discussion held. Consensus is not to join.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION: No Executive Session.

REVIEW OF BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY: Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of $85,839.32, the Monthly's for $94,536.45 and the EFT's for $1,102.05 with a total of $181,477.82. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mary Dumitru appreciated the changes with the recycling. Tom Bucek would like to hold a CPR and AED Training class for Township employees in December. He would like to look at the Trailer Court Lot for the Fire Hall.

BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE: Supervisor Kenney received a call about a water testing issue. He will keep the Board posted. Trustee Kut wondering about grant money that is available for Township projects.

ADJOURN: Motion by Ketola, supported by Niemi to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Diane LaChapelle/Deputy Clerk

November 10, 2021

A regular monthly meeting was held on November 9, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. All board members were present. There were 7 public attendees. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the agenda with no additions. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from October 12, 2021. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: No public comments.

PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS: Reviewed Library minutes and financial statements from Director Evelyn Gathu.

Reviewed ICECA October 2021 Report. Mark Bromley explained about the ICECA Fast Track Grant that went live this month.

AED/CPR training is set for December 2, 2021 at 10 a.m.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN REPORT: Reviewed the Water Superintendent's report for the month of October. Terry Alexa, Water Superintendent announced he will be retiring on January 22, 2022 after 45 years of service. Supervisor Kenney and the Board thanked him for his many years of service.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Reviewed the Fire Chief's report for the month of October.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Reviewed the Zoning Administrator's report for the month of October.

ASSESSOR REPORT: No report was submitted to the Board for the month of October.

Discussion held on Department reports. Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to approve the Departmental reports as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE STATION UPDATE: Attorney Tinti updated the Board. He will continue his evaluation of the various issues associated with a potential site.

HALL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS: The work is complete. Supervisor Kenney made the Board aware that the Township will not be paying the additional payment of $426 to Carey Contracting for a change order that was never approved.

CRYSTAL FALLS CITY SEWER PROJECT: No update. No further information from the City.

IRON BELLE TRAIL: The Iron Belle Trail planning work is complete.

WATER SYSTEM AFFORDABILITY AND PLANNING GRANT (AP GRANT): No update.

LIND ROAD CLEANUP UPDATE – ATTORNEY: Attorney Tinti updated the Board. Property was foreclosed and a public auction was conducted on November 5, 2021.

ICECA AGREEMENT: Supervisor Kenney met with Mark Bromley to discuss the reasons for the ICECA rejecting our proposed contract. The final written agreement should be in place prior to the next board meeting.

HI SPEED INTERNET: Township residents are encouraged to sign up for the high-speed fiber internet service at hilinefast.com.

LANDFILL POST CLOSURE REPORT: Reviewed Landfill post closure report.

MIDEAL – PURCHASING GROUP: Discussion held. Tabled until next meeting.

CASH RECEIPTING – BS&A: Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to proceed with the cash receipting software and reallocate the funds for the next fiscal year budget. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

POSTING FOR UPCOMING OPEN POSITIONS(S): Supervisor Kenney, Trustee Kut and Terry Alexa will be working together to develop a job description.

REVIEW OF BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY: Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of $59,680.42, the Monthly's for $21,022.66 and the EFT's for $734.70 with a total of $81,437.78. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Todd Wloszczynski supplied the Board with a handout regarding a business opportunity. Mary Dumitru has concerns about people burning trash.

BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE: Supervisor Kenney wished everyone happy hunting and a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURN: Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Diane LaChapelle/Deputy Clerk

December 15, 2021

A regular monthly meeting was held on December 14, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. All board members were present. There were 9 public attendees. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to approve the agenda with no additions. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from November 9, 2021. All ayes. Motion carried.
PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: Steven Fabbri supplied the Board with a map of a potential site for the new Fire Station. Kim Nylund had comments on the new Fire Station sites.
PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS: Reviewed Library minutes and financial statements from Director Evelyn Gathu. Reviewed ICECA November 2021 Report. Included in the report are the October 2021 financials.
Iron County Prosecutor wanted to introduce himself to the Board. He was unable to attend the meeting.
WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN REPORT: Reviewed the Water Superintendent's report for the month of November.
FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Reviewed the Fire Chief's report for the month of November.
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Reviewed the Zoning Administrator's report for the month of November.
ASSESSOR REPORT: Reviewed the Assessor's report for the month of November.
Discussion held on Department reports. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the Departmental reports as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.
FIRE STATION UPDATE – DISCUSSED DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION (11G) BELOW: Reviewed email from Jennifer Bullen, Property Analyst with MDOT. The email pertained to the progress made on the Fire tower Road site.
CRYSTAL FALLS CITY SEWER PROJECT: Reviewed email from Gerard Valesano, City Manager. He is waiting on information from Rural Development.
WATER SYSTEM AFFORDABILITY AND PLANNING GRANT (AP GRANT): Robb Anderson from GEI would like to schedule a meeting with Supervisor Kenney, Terry Alexa, and possibly Randy Bucek to discuss what they would like to see done with this project.
LIND ROAD CLEANUP UPDATE – WAITING FOR REDEMPTION PERIOD TO EXPIRE: Attorney Tinti updated the Board. Waiting for redemption period to expire.
ICECA AGREEMENT: Supervisor Kenney met with Mark Bromley. The agreement has not been finalized.
MIDEAL – PURCHASING GROUP: No motion to proceed.
BSA – ON SITE CASH RECEIPT TRAINING – JAN 12 AND 13 – OFFICE CLOSURE: Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve closure of the office for the purpose of cash receipt training on January 12th and 13th. All ayes. Motion carried.
HALL RENTALS: No hall rentals currently. Will review on a monthly basis.
HOLIDAY GIFT CERTIFICATES TO EMPLOYEES: Motion by Seppala, supported Kut to approve the holiday gift certificates in the amount of $25 for regular employees. Excludes elected officials and fire fighters. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.
MARIJUANA TRANSPORTATION REQUEST – WLOSZCZYNSKI: Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to deny the Woods Transport request that was received regarding the Marijuana transportation. Roll call taken. Ayes: Kut, Seppala, Kenney. Nayes: Niemi, Ketola. Motion carried.
FORECLOSED PROPERTY NOT SOLD: Motion by Seppala, supported Ketola to not acquire the property on Bjork Drive. All ayes. Motion carried.
COUNTY GIS SYSTEM PROPOSAL: Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve and accept the County proposal to pay $1,500 per year for two years to obtain our GIS files. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.
FOREMAN INTERVIEWS: Discussion held. Send job posting to various committees . Interviews to be held on January 4th at 3 p.m.
EXECUTIVE SESSION – REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION: Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to convene into Executive session to discuss real estate acquisition. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Entered Executive session at 3:12 p.m.
Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to close out of Executive session and reconvene into regular monthly meeting. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried. Executive session was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.
Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to authorize Attorney Tinti to proceed with submitting offer on real estate on the terms discussed in Executive session. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.
REVIEW OF BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY: Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the Prepaid's in the amount of $25,946.46, the Monthly's for $15,851.65 and the EFT's for $734.70 with a total of $42,532.81. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.
PUBLIC COMMENTS: Todd Wloszczynski had questions about our Medical Marijuana ordinance. Tom Lesandrini commented on process to get recreation marijuana approved by the Board.
BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE: Trustee Kut would like Robb Anderson to look into grants that are available. Supervisor Kenney wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
ADJOURN: Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Diane LaChapelle/Deputy Clerk