

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
March 2nd 2021, 6:00 PM at the Balkan Garage

In attendance: Chairman – Brad Strgar
Supervisor – Jennifer Tarnowski
Supervisor – Dirk VerSteeg
Clerk – Misty Hendrickson
Treasurer – Kent Fredeen

Purpose: To hold the Annual Budget meeting and finalize preparations for the Annual Meeting

The annual budget meeting began at 6 PM. Supervisor Strgar furnished an estimated handout for crushing in 2022. The crushing would cost about \$92,929.00 with mobilization and set up, cost per ton of \$2.75, royalties to Hibbing Taconite and testing. This would produce about 20,000 tons from the Sunset Pit. If Balkan used the pit behind the Balkan garage for material to crush, the 20,000 tons would cost about \$71,500.00, but there would be about \$20,000.00 to clean up the site.

The oil/water separator project was discussed. The supervisors concluded it would be better to hire out this project. The project would cost about \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00. MET money can be used to pay for this project, the treasurer suggested.

The pipe and possibly the slab replacement at the community center's pavilion needs to be done this year, not in 2022. The septic pipes are broken and need replacing.

Supervisor Tarnowski made projections for the 2022 budget. These will be the proposed budget by line item for the 2022 budget.

Handouts will include an agenda, monthly expenses, significant spending in 2020, Annual resolutions, the road report, a financial report, equipment owned by Balkan, and a disbursement report. The supervisors are recommending to keep the levy at \$331,500 for 2022.

Once all of the handouts are ready, they will be uploaded to the website for residents to view prior to the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will be available virtually this year. The link to the virtual annual meeting will be posted on the website for residents to access. There will be a chat function on the virtual meeting site for residents to vote on different subjects.

They will be asked to provide an address to confirm they are eligible to vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Misty Hendrickson, Clerk

(Clerk) Misty Hendrickson

(Board Chair) Brad Strgar