

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 14th, 2022, 6:00 PM at the Balkan Community Center

In attendance: Chairman – Brad Strgar
 Supervisor - Garth Wilson
 Supervisor - Dirk VerSteeg
 Treasurer – Kent Fredeen
 Clerk – Misty Hendrickson
 Visitors – 2 guests

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 6:03 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- After review of the minutes from the regular board meeting on May 31st, 2022, a motion was made by Supervisor VerSteeg, supported by Supervisor Wilson to approve the May 31st, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Kent Fredeen

Receipts: \$8,742.77			
Revenues:		First National Bank – Interest	
City of Chisholm Canister site agreement (Feb-June 2022)	\$7,446.90		
Community Center Rent	\$640.00	FNB-C checking account 2022 May 2022 interest	\$5.87
Community Center garbage	\$50.00		
Canister site coupons sold	\$500.00		
Donation for Mailbox repair	\$100.00		

First National Bank - Account Balances	
Checking Account	\$113,971.41
MET (Mining Effects Tax) Account	\$32,194.60
Community Center Account	\$50,341.02
Building Project Account	\$1,066.15
COVID -19 account	\$3,159.72
Total	\$200,732.90

A motion was made by Supervisor VerSteeg to approve the treasurer’s report as read. This was supported by Supervisor Wilson and passed.

Debit Card usage:

1. \$30.07 to Ebay for a speed shift knob
2. \$35.00 to Amazon for a speed shift knob

Transfers completed:

1. The transfer of \$969.15 from checking to the Community Center account for May community center rent of \$715.00, the Pancake Breakfast net profit of \$318.87, the pancake griddles sold for \$15.00, less the value for the pavilion of \$29.98, less the additional supplies purchased for the pancake breakfasts (5/21/22) of \$49.74 was completed.

Recommended transfers: none

A motion was made by Supervisor VerSteege, supported by Supervisor Wilson, to approve the bills for payment on June 14th, 2022, and ordered paid in the amount of \$6,452.15. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Supervisor VerSteege, supported by Supervisor Wilson, to accept the payroll for June 14th, 2022 (payroll period May 29th – June 11th, 2022), in the amount of \$6,948.90. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

1. Clerks Report: Misty Hendrickson
 - a. The clerk sent out Front Line Worker pay information on June 8th, 2022 to eligible employees via mail.
 - b. On June 9th, 2022, the St Louis County Sheriff called to say they have received two consecutive 911 calls from the community center. There is an issue with the phone line at the community center. Supervisor VerSteege took the phone off the jack so it doesn't call out again until it is fixed.
 - c. The newsletter is ready for approval.
2. Shop & Road Report:
 - a. After the May 31st storm, there was damage to many Balkan roads. Material was brought in for road repairs on Long Lake, Cooper, Latick, Pozar, Salo, Tomsich, and Seppala Roads.
 - b. The loader was moved to Sunset Pit. The tire was replaced on the 1979 tandem dump truck.
 - c. Laitala, Salo, Seppala and Colombe Roads were graded on June 1st. A tire was picked up in Hibbing for the Ford dump truck.
 - d. Class five was hauled from Sunset Pit to Franti Road on June 2nd and a road lift was performed and graded.
 - e. Washouts were fixed on Baich, Pozar, Cooper and Latick Roads on June 3rd.
 - f. Class five was hauled to Korpi and Latick Roads on June 3rd.
 - g. Class five was hauled to the shop to stockpile for the summer.
 - h. Cooper and Long Lake Roads were cut, shaped and crowned on June 6th.
 - i. The backhoe was hauled to Colombe Road on June 6th. The excavator was brought to Laitala Road and then to Cooper Road for future road work.
 - j. Class five was hauled to Korpi and Sever Roads on June 7th for road lifts.
 - k. Briski, Salonen, Baich, and Hyvarinen Roads were graded on June 8th.
 - l. More class five was hauled from Sunset Pit to Sever, Haiskanen and Baich Roads for lifts and repairs. These roads were then graded.
 - m. More class five was delivered to Hyvarinen and Cooper Roads on June 9th and 10th.
 - n. Roads were graded on Baich, Long Lake, Hyvarinen, and Centa on June 9th. Class five was capped on Hyvarinen Road.
 - o. The soft spot on Cooper Road was attempted to be dug out. Frost is in the ground still at three feet below grade.

- p. A hydraulic hose was needed for the backhoe's repair. The hose was purchased in Hibbing on June 10th.
 - q. Class five was delivered and placed on Smolcich and Hyvarinen Roads on June 10th.
 - r. Baich, Hyvarinen, Pozar and Smolcich Roads were graded on June 10th.
 - s. New batteries were purchased and replaced in the excavator on June 10th.
3. Community Center Report:
- a. The basketball hoops installation is on hold now due to other priorities.
 - b. Should there be a fence between the playground and the road? Tabled.
 - c. The covers were removed from the pavilion windows for use this summer. The water heater will be hooked up at the pavilion.
4. Canister Site Report :
- a. Dave Pajunen suggested a locked shed is needed on the canister site premises for tools, rakes, shovels, and the snowblower that would help keep things from disappearing. The supervisors will look into possible options for safeguarding tools and other items needed at the canister site.

Other Reports: none

CONCERNS AND COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: none

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Calcium chloride will be ordered next week by Supervisor Strgar after he talks with the road and bridge department to determine if the roads are ready for application.
2. Matthew Kelly, St Louis County Sheriff, emailed Balkan to ask if we would like a sheriff at the board meetings to use as a resource. The board is in favor of having the sheriff at the meetings to ask legal questions and keep supervisors up to speed on area issues.
3. On June 8th, the application period for Front Line Worker Pay opened. This application period lasts only 45 days. The clerk sent out notices to employees of the application period opening on June 8th and informed the eligible employees to contact the office if they need help or a computer to apply and she will help them, if necessary.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Balkan Compensation 2022 resolution was signed.
2. The clerk emailed and called John Strukel about the tires at the canister site need to be picked up. Mr. Strukel has ordered a transport for the tires.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The work priority sheets were provided for the supervisors and reviewed.
2. A new application for the canister site alternate attendant was received. **A motion to hire Bella Hendrickson, as an alternate canister site attendant was made by Supervisor Strgar, and supported by Supervisor Wilson. This motion passed.** Bella will start training with Dave Pajunen on Monday, June 20th, 2022.
3. Supervisor Wilson will call Green Again lawn spraying service to spray for weeds at the community center this year.
4. A resident would like to put on a thank you party for Balkan's volunteers. **A motion was made by Supervisor Strgar, supported by Supervisor Wilson, to approve a budget not to exceed \$200 for the event, from the Community Center fund. This motion passed unanimously.** This resident will call all volunteers to invite them to the event.
5. The summer newsletter is ready to send to the printers with supervisor approval. **A motion was made by Supervisor Strgar, supported by Supervisor Wilson, to approve the newsletter for printing and mailing. This motion passed unanimously.**

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

1. Pancake Breakfast – June 18th, 2022

2. Election judge training – June 2022
NEWSLETTERS & MEETING MINUTES:

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Supervisor Strgar, supported by Supervisor Wilson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM. The next board meeting will be held at 6:00 PM at the Balkan Community Center on June 28th, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Misty Hendrickson, Clerk

(Clerk) Misty Hendrickson

(Board Chair) Brad Strgar