

Lutsen Township Board Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2022
Lutsen Town Hall

Present: Chris Homyak, Sharon Hexum-Platzer, Ginny Storlie, Ashley VanDoren, Carl Friesner, Samantha Mcquatters-Spangle, Paul Geottl, Lollie Cooper

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Chairperson, C Friesner at 7pm.

Pledge of Allegiance: Flag was presented for the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: C Friesner made the motion to approve the agenda. C. Homyak seconded. Motion passed

Approval of July Meeting Minutes: L. Cooper motioned to accept, C. Homyak seconded. Motion passed.

Commissioner's Report (Ginny Storlie):

- Meeting with Housing Director Jason Hale; Discussion for use of ARPA money designated for water and wastewater construction with new house and development. 586,00\$ has been allotted for housing development and structures with additional funds being applied for. Sites looked at in a 12 acres land area in Grand Marais as well as land located behind Birchgrove elementary. Discussion of quarterly or biannual reviews of housing development updates.
- BRBO ordinances reviewed by committee for a third time; Discussion of rental caps on the 270 rentals and impacts; Bob Thompson Cook County assessor agreed to discuss BRB locations and rental impacts to further assess before full Cook County Board.
- Public Health reported 128 new covid cases this last month with the influx attributed to group meetings and social get togethers.
- Special commissioners meeting to discuss child care shortage in Cook County. Public health and BDA and others weigh in on the issues concluding in the idea to hire a Coordinator to take charge of Child Care issues in Cook County. Currently there are 4 Child Care providers with the announcement of a new child care provider opening in Grand Marais starting in September.
- New Hockey program starting in Grand Marais/Cook County associating with Blue Line Club in Silver Bay using the ice ring near the community center.

Clerk's Report: S. Mcquatters-Spangle Deputy Clerk: S. Hexum-Platzer

Correspondence: Contact requested via email for information on Spruce Budworm infestation guidelines-responded with USFS number and recent WTIP interview dising this issue. Arrowhead email to conduct a satisfaction survey. Received email forward of Attorney email sent to both cartway parties from township attorney. MN department of resources promoting a new grocery store in Crosby. Email notice of district 10 meeting on August 25, 2022 in Grand Lake Town Hall (hybrid) at 6pm. Notice from supervisor Homyak-speed signs will possibly be taken from the current position to be fixed by Sundew Technical. MN department of revenue listing of 2023 town aid amounts-Lutsen 4,336\$. Call for resolutions at Upcoming District Meetings available email. Claim report

sent to treasurer verifying check numbers. Culture and Tourism Grant Program - Applications are accepted Aug. 1st- Aug. 31,2022(email BCC to supervisors). Email exchange with supervisor Friesner-McCoy check not received-verified check was made in correct amount and mailed, verified check was yet to be cashed, visited multiple postal workers at Lutsen brand to request personnel check location for possibility of misplaced check-check arrived late to person but intact. Email notice from Fire chief- Unsuccessful renewal of Microsoft Family Subscription-Township does not use a family subscription. PO Box payment reminder. Call inquiring on campfires-referred to fire index in Cook County.

- Contacted News Herald to post Annual Meeting notice/Cartway hearing notice
- Town Hall tour for rental of Deer Yard Association (Audio visual directions requested)
- September Meeting set for Gitchi-Gami trail coordinator update and Q&A on next phase.
- Response from MN department of natural resources on pointer for new Park Grant proposal (Offered to personally meet to discuss while passing through on Aug. 26.) C.
- Friesner and S. Hexum-Platzer expressed interest in setting up a meeting time.

Treasurer's Report: A VanDoren:

Balances as of July 31, 2022. NSFCU Business checking account is \$364,329.43. General Building fund is \$35,675.56. At Grand Marais State Bank Operating General Fund Money \$50,265.06 Market . GMSB Checking is \$50,000; Fire/EMS Truck Fund 193,400.27; Total Funds- \$693,670.32; YTD Receipts \$193,020.09; YTD Disbursements \$141,359.52 ; General Town Budget \$25,700.00; Fire District Budget ; 2022 General Town Levy:\$20,500 and Fire District Levy \$136,000 : Approved 2022 total tax Levy is 156,500.

C. Friesner made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. L Cooper seconded. Motion passed

Review and Approval of Claims:

- Clerk S. Mcquatters-Spangle provided the invoiced July Claims. Details 12 claims for a total of \$4,378.76 This included replacement radio for fire truck and 3 year service.
- L. Cooper made a motion to approve claims, C Homyak seconded. Motion passed.
- Clerk provided July payroll Claims for a total of \$1,440. C Friesner made a motion to approved payroll. L Cooper seconded. Motion passed
- Cash Control Statement for July was reviewed and compared to the Treasurer's information. Supervisors signed a document which is on file.
- Claims approval and Payroll distributions were signed by Supervisors; copies are on file in the town office.

Fire Chief's Report: Paul Geottl:

- Airpack Training
- Dry hydrant training at Tait Lake
- Water Pumping training with new device
- Draft
- DNR wildland turnout gear currently awaiting response
- Skid unit for new rescue truck on order anticipated delivery in Fall
- 6 Fire call including accident involving a school bus-no fatalities
- Pancake breakfast Sunday September 18th for Lutsen Fire Fighters at Lutsen Town Hall

EMS Chief's Report: (delegated information form P Geottl)

- 6 EMS calls

Supervisors Report:**C Friesner:**

- Saturday August 20th 9am work on Township shed anticipated
- Lutsen Township Attorney litigation with Cartway Public meeting Aug. 25th
- Helped teens await new ride that were involved in school bus accident at town hall

L Cooper:

- WTIP radio report on behalf of the Lutsen Township

C Homyak:

- Talked with MATIT to receive assessor to review damage to Fire Truck from previous hail damage
- Conferred with S. Hexum-Platzer on revised Township Hall rental and pricing

Old Business:

- Storage shed update-Work anticipated on Aug. 20th to finish room, shingles and siding
- EMS truck insurance claim awaiting assessor and rental truck availabilities
- Skinner, Larson cartway response received from opposing party suggesting alternate routes received-Copies given to Supervisors for review.
- Speed signs for Lutsen Township to be assessed by Sundew Technical. Possibility of temporarily taking one down at a time to attempt fixing current technical issues.
- Audio/ Visual installation of new conference/speaker equipment to be assessed the week of Aug 16th and directional signage posted.
- Rental application updated in relation to insurance required of new audio/visual equipment, number of people and kitchen usage and a more user-friendly format. New format currently available to view on Lutsen Township website-LutsenTownship.com
- C. Friesner motion to change to new prices and format for town hall rental, L Cooper seconded; Motion passed.
- New waste disposal signage for Lutsen Grandview Park deemed to be unnecessary
- New locks and keys for Township building- C Friesner will call Mr. Bonin to discuss possibilities.

New Business:

- Culture and Tourism Grant; to be reviewed and advised by C. Friesner and S. Hexum-Platzer and application submitted by Aug. 31, 2022
- Northland and Northspan Grant to be reviewed
- ARPA fund to be used for new ARMOR radios on request from Lutsen Fire Chief for 5 radios; L Cooper made a motion to buy 5 ARMOR radios, C Homyak seconded; Motion passed.

Donations: N/A

Citizen Comments: N/A

Adjournment: C Friesner made a motion to adjourn; seconded by L Cooper. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 8: 55pm

Respectfully Submitted, Samantha Mcquatters-Spangle; Clerk Carl Friesner; Chairperson