



FINANCIAL AND TREASURER'S REPORTS.

Trudeau moved, Carlson second to accept the CD and Treasurer's Report.

AYES: 6

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

PRESENTATION – MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF MICHIGAN.

Tony Radjenovich, MERS presented information to the Board on updated costs to enter into the MERS plan with actuarial value of assets as of January 1, 2010.

SUPERVISORS REPORT.

- Chocoday Township hosted the Lake Superior Partnership leadership academy.
- The utility review agreement has been signed by all governmental units.
- Reconstruction of U S 41 is slated to start in 2010 and our Township should begin discussion on the feasibility of bringing water from the City of Marquette out to Chocoday Township.
- Fire hall – Fire Chief Gary Johnson explained to the Board that one of the main reasons we were not considered for the Federal fire hall grant was due to the fact that we did not have plans ready to go on the building. The fire department will work on a RFP for a new fire hall and bring it to the Board for review at the February regular meeting.

MERS DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN/ACT 88.

The MERS defined benefit plan including ACT 88 was discussed and several motions were prepared for the board to review. Board members had additional questions/concerns on the MERS program and Tony Radjenovich suggested that a work session with MERS representatives including a MERS actuarial and the Township Board be set. The Board agreed to the work session.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER DRAFT CONTRACT, TIMELINE AND INTERVIEW PROCESS.

Trustees Trudeau and Maki feel that the application process should not go through the Personnel Committee. The Township Board should review all of the applications and do the interviewing. Treasurer Greenberg and Clerk Hill would like a committee of the Board to look at the applications. Trustee Carlson would like the use of he in the draft employment contract changed to *he/she*. Trustee Maki had questions on hiring for one year and the ability of the manager to be personnel administrator. Trustee Trudeau wants the draft employment contract changed in each place Township Board and Township Supervisor are used and replaced with *Township Board*.

Maki moved, Hill second to drop the hiring of a Township Manager.

AYES: 2 (Maki, Hill)

NAYS: 4 (Trudeau, Greenberg, Seppanen, Carlson)

MOTION FAILED.

BUDGET AMENDMENT – POLICE CHIEF CONFERENCE.

Maki moved, Carlson second to expend \$659.72 for the Police Chief Conference in Grand Rapids on February 10-12, 2010. This would come from the Capital Improvement Training Fund 401.306.957.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trudeau, Maki, Greenberg, Carlson, Hill, Seppanen.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

WICK PROPERTY DONATION.

A GIS presentation was done by Jennifer Thum, Planning Director/Zoning Administrator showing the property that Mr. Wick wants to donate to the Township.

Trudeau moved, Greenberg second to authorize the Township Supervisor to enter into agreement with the Township Attorney to do a title search on the Wick property and to start the process of transferring the parcel from Mr. Ron Wicks' name into Chocolay Township's name.

AYES: Carlson, Hill, Trudeau, Greenberg, Seppanen.

NAYS: Maki.

MOTION CARRIED.

AGENDA PACKET COST – REPORT FROM THE TOWNSHIP CLERK.

Clerk Hill indicated that the copy cost for the public is .15 per copy (approved by the Board). She feels that if a separate cost or no cost is set for any Board agenda packet, the decision should be made by the Board. We currently place the agenda and minutes on our website and a public copy of the full agenda is available at the office.

The Board would like follow up done on the ability and cost of putting the full agenda packet on our Township website for anyone to read. The Clerk will report back to the Board at the February meeting.

RESOLUTION AMENDING GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 2009 AMENDMENT 6 REIMBURSEMENT FOR ALCOHOL GRANT.

Greenberg moved, Carlson second that Whereas, a budget was adopted by the Chocolay Township Board to govern the expenditures of anticipated general fund receipts within the township on December 18, 2008, for the next fiscal year, and Whereas, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed expenditures, Now Therefore, Be It Hereby Resolved, that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
Salaries			
101305.702	\$249,313.51	+\$6,465.71	\$255,779.22
REVENUE	PREVIOUS	CHANGE	AMENDED
Miscellaneous			
101.698	\$37,115.28	+\$6,465.71	\$43,580.99

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trudeau, Maki, Greenberg, Carlson, Hill, Seppanen.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

WASTEWATER EQUIVALENT USER FEE – 425 CORNING.

Hill moved, Greenberg second that the equivalent user factor for the Bell Hospital Clinic located at 425 Corning Street is reduced to 1. effective January 1, 2010, until the business is reopened. This is provided for in section 9D-3-a of Ordinance #39.

AYES: 6 NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT EXPENDITURE REQUEST–MDOT ENHANCEMENT GRANT/DNR MULTI-PURPOSE CHOCOLAY RIVER BRIDGE.

Carlson moved, Trudeau second to expend \$75,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund Recreation and Grants account 401.708.957 to cover the Township required match for the grant.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Carlson, Hill, Trudeau, Maki, Greenberg, Seppanen.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT EXPENDITURE REQUEST – POLICE DEPARTMENT VIDMIC.

Maki moved, Carlson second to approve the purchase of 1 VIDMIC at a total cost of \$710.00. This will be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund Police account 401.305.957.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Trudeau, Maki, Greenberg, Carlson, Hill, Seppanen.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

BID AWARD – CHOCOLAY RIVER MULTI-PURPOSE BRIDGE.

Greenberg moved, Hill second to recommend to MDOT and MDNR that the bid for the Chocolay River Multi-Use Bridge be awarded to A. Lindberg & Sons and going with alternate #3 for a price not to exceed \$281,000.00.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Carlson, Hill, Trudeau, Maki, Greenberg, Seppanen.

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Theresa Scram – Commented on articles in the Mining Journal about the County of Marquette and problems with the MERS pension.

Wayne Dees – Questioned on continuing to receive a no cost full copy of the Township agenda packet and that they should be available to the public if they want a copy.

John Scram – Commented on defined benefit pension plans and defined contribution pension plans and is interested in the upcoming workshop.

Wayne Dees – Questioned zoning issues/problems left by the previous zoning administrator.

Trustee Maki – Public comment language taped on the podium is not current. Did not receive a draft copy of the agenda 1 week prior to the meeting. Commented on the number of zoning amendments that we have made.

Jennifer Thum – Chocolay Township was awarded the Costal Management Grant.

Trustee Maki – Concerned about 5 acre parcels and rebuilding on them after a fire. Why was a letter from Jeff Jones in the board packet and his were not?

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- A. Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Facility Advisory Board minutes – 11/11/2009
- B. Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Facility Advisory Board agenda – 11/17/2009
- C. Correspondence from CABA & Lions Club - Visit with Santa
- D. Correspondence – Jeff Jones
- E. Correspondence – Jennifer Thum – Work Plan for Comprehensive Plan
- F. Departmental Monthly Reports

Supervisor Seppanen adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm.

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Arlene E. Hill, CMC  
Clerk

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Mary L. Sanders, CMC  
Deputy Clerk