

June 11, 2018

**PERCH LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

Motions are tagged in bold. Meetings are recorded to facilitate preparation of minutes.

1. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE.**

Chair Gary Harms opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the roll call, and pledge.

Members present: Chair Gary Harms, Supervisor Steve Olson, Supervisor Tom DeLovely, Treasurer Cheri DeMenge, and Clerk Lora Eames.

In addition, Harms announced closure of the RFQ (Request for Quotes) for crackpatching and cracksealing Perch Lake Township roads.

2. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

MOTION (Olson/DeLovely): To approve the June 11, 2018, regular meeting agenda with the following change: Move 8c "Approval of Liquor License," to 4. Motion carried.

3. **MINUTES.**

a. **MOTION (DeLovely/Olson):** To approve the May 14, 2018, regular minutes as recorded. Motion carried.

4-1. **RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE.**

MOTION (Olson/DeLovely): To recommend to the Carlton County Board of Commissioners for renewal of the liquor license for the "Lounge on Big Lake Shores," owner William Jaskari, for the period of July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019. Motion carried.

4-2. **TREASURER/CLERK REPORTS.**

a. **Review/Approve Treasurer's Report.**

Treasurer Cheri DeMenge reported an ending cash balance of \$315,803.18 for May.

MOTION (DeLovely/Olson): To approve the Treasurer's Report as presented with a cash balance of \$315,803.18 for the period ending May 31, 2018. Motion carried.

b. **Informational Clerk's Budget Report**

(1) Clerk Eames reported an \$11,406 difference between receipts and disbursements. The year-to-date records showed a negative difference of \$20,153.

(2) She anticipated the following receipts in June and/or July:

- A payment from the Cloquet Area Fire District to reimburse Station 2 costs.
- A payment from the County of approximately \$113,000 in property tax collections.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS			
	May	YTD 2018	YTD 2017
Receipts	\$280	\$23,796	\$20,383
Disbursements	<u>-11,686</u>	<u>-43,949</u>	<u>-40,559</u>
Difference	\$-11,406	\$-20,153	\$-20,176

(3) Operating budget to date:

SUMMARY OF 2018 OPERATING BUDGET TO DATE	
Projected Revenues	\$170,556
Revenues Received YTD	<u>-23,796</u>
Not Yet Received	\$146,760
Projected Expenses	\$170,812
Disbursements Made YTD	<u>-43,949</u>
Not Yet Spent	\$126,863

5. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT.**

MOTION (Olson/DeLovely): To approve the payment of the following claims. Motion carried.

\$840.32	Claims #3906 and #3907 for May 2018
11,702.80	Claims #3908 through #3921 for June 2018
190.00	Randall's Brothers invoice (received today and to be paid by credit card)
2,180.70	Payroll for June 2018
<u>\$14,913.82</u>	Total

6. **REPORTS.**

a. **Cloquet Area Fire District (CAFD).**

Chair Harms reported that (i) the State Legislature failed to approve the CAFD's bonding language/funding request; and (ii) the CAFD Board will likely return to the legislature next year. In the meantime, the CAFD will stay in the current building on Cloquet Avenue, and have Boldt Construction provide a quote for short term fixes to the building. The police department will soon vacate the building and the CAFD will have use of the entire building. In addition, Chief Schroeder will return to the Cloquet station and close the Station 1 in Scanlon.

b. **Big Lake Area Sanitary District (BLASD)**

Chair Harms reported that the BLASD Board has not submitted any written report or approved minutes. Clerk Eames added that BLASD Chair Fredrickson emailed instructions to post a notice that the board will cancel June's meeting and meet in July.

c. **Road and Bridge**

Road Supervisor DeLovely reported that the County's contractor laid 10,729 gallons of calcium chloride. In addition, he (DeLovely) laid 900 yards of Class 5 on Reponen Road.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Old Housekeeping Items.**

- (1) Flagpole and light
Chair Harms reported that Al Soukkala, the Township's contractor, had repainted the flagpole, and installed a new flag and solar light panel for night display.
- (2) Miscellaneous
 - Harms reported that new flower pots have been hung from the building. In addition, Soukkala will paint the brown trim around the building.
 - Both Harms and Eames have received favorable comments regarding the newsletter. Board members asked Eames to leave extra copies at the Sawyer Store and FDL Sawyer Community Center.
 - Supervisor DeLovely has not heard back from his contact regarding lights on the building.

b. **Review and Approval of Quotes for Crackpatching and Cracksealing Township Roads.**

Chair Harms reported that an RFQ (Request for Proposals) had been posted and published. However, neither he nor the Clerk had received a response. Both Supervisors Olson and DeLovely will check with the County Transportation for potential contractors.

c. **Status of Building Demolitions**

Re: Abandoned Big Lake
Store Building

Building Address:	796 Cary Road	Owner Address	Attn: Jody Larson
Parcel ID:	92-010-4272		P.O. Box 1747
Owner:	James W. Johnson		Bemidji, MN 56619
Additional contact:	Jason Johnson (son)		

Chair Harms recalled the following:

- The abandoned Big Lake Store has been an issue for several years.
- The Board sent the owner a letter two years ago regarding the potential danger of the Big Lake Store building.
- The owner (or son) contacted Harms twice, stating that he was seeking bids to demolish the building. He last contacted Harms a month ago.

Harms reported that the owner has not followed through and he recommended that the Board should take the next step.

Board members and residents discussed other buildings in the area. Eames reported getting a call regarding Neil McPhail at 3165 Maple Drive. McPhail has, among other issues, a sunken building on his property with broken window glass scattered on the ground. Harms suggested that while there are other buildings, Board members should move now on the demolition of the Big Lake Store to "send a message" to other building owners.

MOTION (DeLovely/Olson): To have the Town's attorney, Troy Gilchrist, prepare a letter to the owner James W. Johnson, copy to Jason Johnson, advising him that Perch Lake Township intends to pursue an order for demolition of the fallen Big Lake Store building, 796 Cary Road, in accordance with its authority under Minnesota statute. Motion carried.

d. **Status of Nuisance Ordinance**

Chair Harms recalled that the discussion of a nuisance ordinance has included (i) animal control, (ii) building demolitions of abandoned buildings, and (iii) 24/7 open pit fire burning. (The discussion of building demolitions is now a separate discussion.)

Discussion centered on the possibility of contracting with the Fond Du Lac to enforce a township ordinance on animal control. Right now, the FDL officers cannot take action concerning problem animals on non-tribal properties. Olson will pursue a meeting with FDL officials to discuss this further.

Perch Lake will likely have to have (i) an ordinance; (ii) a contract with the FDL or other entity for enforcement, (iii) a contract with Animal Allies or some other organization for boarding of unclaimed animals; and (iv) a contract with an attorney willing to prosecute the "hard cases.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **New Housekeeping Items**

None.

b. **Elections**

MOTION (Olson/DeLovely): To approve the Clerk's recommended list of election judges, dated June 11, 2018; with compensation payable at \$12.00/hour for judges and \$13.00/hour for head judges; and mileage payable at the current rate of \$.545/mile when allowed. Motion carried.

c. **Liquor License**

See Item 4-1.

d. **Reminder of Summer Short Course, June 28, 2018, DECC**

Eames informed Board members that she had pre-registered everyone.

9. **VISITOR COMMENTS.**

Resident Bob Lund, 1075 Reponen Road, raised concerns about Berthiaume Logging's storage of wood along Reponen Road. After some discussion, Board members decided to investigate the situation to determine if the loggers are storing wood unlawfully in the township road right-of-way. Olson and DeLovely will report back to the Board next month. In addition, Harms will check with the Minnesota Association of Townships to see if there is a standard definition of a town road right-of-way.

10. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Chair Harms adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by Town Board

Lora Eames, Clerk

Gary Harms, Chair