

Meeting called to order by Tom Johnson, Chairman at 7:04pm.

Tom Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **ROLL CALL:** Tom Johnson introduced the new town board; Tom Johnson, Chairman, Kathy Johnson, Clerk, Denise Rajala, Treasurer, Nick Korhonen, Supervisor, and Scott Luostari, Supervisor (who was not in attendance due to obligations out of town.) Tom thanked Tracy Ruppe for the great job she performed as clerk the last two years.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTERS OF THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING:** Nova Nordrum made motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Nick Korhonen. Motion carried, 7:07pm.

Tom Johnson questioned preference for voting tonight. Unanimous to vote by hand vote.

3. **TREASURER'S REPORT, YEAR ENDING 12/30/12:** Denise Rajala reported beginning 2012 balance of \$88,054.54; revenues for 2012 \$1,456,034.89; expenditures for 2012 \$1,238,807.64; ending balance for 2012 \$217,227.25. Earl Granroth motioned to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Tracy Ruppe. Motioned carried, 7:09pm.

4. DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Fire Department/First Responders: Fire Department Chief Nova Nordrum introduced herself. The fire department has had a good year. There was a picture of the new tanker/tender in the annual report that was mailed to all residents. This tender was acquired through a grant. They are looking for a new engine for the pumper.

The department is hosting a pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Fire fighters are in need of new fire fighting gear, tanks need replacing. Nova wanted residents to know that the fire department is available for filling your personal swimming pools this summer. Will use river water. Forms need to be filled out for this task. Please contact Nova Nordrum or Tracy Ruppe. The department had requests to fill areas for ice skating. They will provide this service again next year. The Cadet program continues. Youngsters can join at 14 years old and could qualify to join the department at age 18.

The fire department has been looking into a retirement program for fire fighters. Discussion. The town and state each contribute 50%. This past year the amount ran a little under \$300 per fire fighter. Fire fighters must meet criteria in order to be eligible. The town could set aside a specific amount as their contribution. There currently is about 8 members who would qualify at this time. Would do this instead of the current incentive program. A motion was made by Tim Johnson to have the fire department move forward with this plan. 2nd by Nick Korhonen. Discussion. The board would have to approve a resolution when the fire department presents it to the town board. Earl Granroth questioned the requirements to be eligible for the plan. Nova Nordrum explained what would be required. Motion as stated to move forward, 20 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried 7:35pm.

Dana LaGessee asked about the location of the water points. Nova Nordrum indicated their locations and mentioned that a couple are not usable. It seems to be quicker to use the mutual aid water assistance vs water points. Nova Nordrum also mentioned these unusable points need to be removed from the Emergency Management Plan.

- B. Town Plan Committee: Tom Johnson stated this plan needs to be revised. It is about half way completed and would be beneficial to get it completed soon so the town has a say in what happens in our town. Contact a board member if interested in joining this committee.
- C. Sleepy Valley Loop Bridge Committee: The committee has completed their part of the task. Waiting for communication from the consultant. The proposal was returned, needing further information.
- D. Comprehensive Plan Committee: Same as Town Plan.
- E. Cemetery Committee: This committee would bring proposals to the town board for expenses, cost of burials such as cemetery lots and open and closing, maintenance, etc. Robin Berglund takes care of the plat book for the cemetery and keeps in contact with the funeral homes. Funeral homes have recommended an increase for our open and close costs. The committee would make these types of recommendations to the town board. Tom Johnson asked for volunteers. Dana LaGessee would like to be part of this committee. Tom Johnson will send out postcards again asking for volunteers.
- F. Town Employees: were introduced by Chairman Tom Johnson; Jamie Magerl and Mark Saari. They reported on what has kept them busy. Lots of new culverts have been put in last year due to the flooding. Weather has been a set back.
Will be doing sign inventory for reflective signs mandated by DOT. These include fire number signs. Also inventory on culverts to complete projects. Monies have been budgeted for reflective fire signs. Discussed equipment and how the town has replaced them on a rotating basis. The town has good equipment, eliminating the need for expensive maintenance.
Tracy Ruppe reported on the storm damages last year. Submission for money from FEMA was beneficial to cover the cost of a lot of the repairs done to our town roads. Tracy suggested the town start an emergency fund to cover situations like the flooding.
Employees have purchased traps for vermin and will do the bombing for flies. This will delete the contracts with pest control companies and save the town money.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Collection Site (Proposed/Current): Still planning on moving the collection site away from the ball park. Planning on putting a base down and someday put a building and compactor.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Alternates for Board of Review (ordinance): The Board of Review is scheduled continuous on the same day, June 4, 2013, from 6:00pm to 8:00 pm and 8:00pm to 10:00pm. Michael Schnautz is our assessor. His name and phone number are on the first page of the annual report. Contact Mike prior to June 4th BOR if you are unable to attend on the scheduled day. Tom Johnson stated that the change notices will be mailed soon. Alternates volunteering are Dana LaGessee and Joel Pearson.
- B. Driveway Permit-updated: Was in need of revisions. Some sections were not spelled our clearly, including driveway specs for snowplowing, emergencies, etc. Driveways need to be wider, 20 feet wide and a 13 foot clearance. Discussed charging for driveway permits. No motion to that effect as it was felt there are too many charges already.

C. Other Business:

1. The board has talked about having a road damage policy. Our roads have been damaged from heavy loaded trucks and some of the damage has been expensive. A draft has been written and will be brought before the board for approval and implementing.

Improvements are needed in the town hall, playground and ball park/bleachers. Funding is available through grants with matching funds so this will be pursued. The board has estimates for some of the projects and some money has been set aside for some of these.

2. Barbara Helin asked if the web site could be updated sooner. Tom Johnson mentioned that Jon Winters is Lakeside's website host. He will be contacted to update users. Minutes sent to Connection do not always get printed. Tom Johnson stated that a Facebook page has been started. Type in Town of Lakeside.

3. Tom Johnson mentioned an interest in combining Clerk and Treasurer positions. Discussion. Would need an annual audit. Dana LaGessee stated to leave as it is. Also recommendations were made to audit at change of officers.

4. Date and time for next annual meeting: April 15, 2014 at 7:00pm.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:** Tim Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tracy Ruppe. Motion carried 8:36pm. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathryn Johnson, Clerk

cc: Tom, Scott, Nick, Denise, Connection, FD, Web, File