Agenda:

- 1. Meeting: Called to order by Chairman Scott Luostari at 6:30 pm.
- 2. <u>Roll Call</u>: Present: Mark Saari, Miina Helske, Matt Johnson, Earl Tekippe, Scott Meteraud, Supervisor Mary Peterson, Chairman Scott Luostari, Supervisor Jon Winter, Treasurer Vicki Luostari, and Clerk Ruth Ann Schnepper.
 - 3. <u>County Supervisor</u>: Scott: Transportation committee did not meet, but lots of activity going on; pulling culverts, Highways D & P will be redone next year so only patching this year. Tomorrow is joint committee, County Board on the 16th with the CWD meeting prior. They will have Mr. Horvath presenting some options: zoning and deer farm ordinance options, transporting deer though the county, depopulation and carcass disposal. The majority of the road restrictions will lift at noon on Wednesday, but there are restrictions on certain roads. Land development discussed the Superior landfill, they figure it only has about 4 working years left; something else will need to be done. Sarona is the closest unless something opens up in the county. International Falls, St Louis County all use that landfill. MN will not issue a certificate of need to have one over there.
- 4. Town board reports: none
- 5. <u>Approval of minutes</u>: Jon motioned to approve the 4/9 regular board meeting minutes, Mary seconded, carried 6:35 pm. Jon motioned to approve the April 23rd road survey minutes Mary seconded, carried 6:37 pm.
- 6. <u>Treasurer report:</u> Vicki presented. Jon motioned to accept the treasurer report, Mary seconded, carried 6:38 pm.
- 7. <u>Confirmation of April revenues and expenses</u>: Jon made a motion to approve the April checks 22209 22251 + EFT's, Mary seconded, motion carried 6:39 pm.
- 8. <u>Current bills for payment</u>. Checks 22263-22289 presented for payment approval. Jon motioned to accept, Mary seconded, motion carried 6:40 pm.
- 9. Correspondence
 - a) Cassidy Grimes-letter on Fire Department shortages, etc.
 - b) WTA Magazine
 - 1. Question was raised at a previous meeting as to why the Town did not use the WTA lawyers for the Belleview Estates issues. The WTA does not supply attorney services to Townships. They can answer questions regarding statutes and some other legal issue, but they are unable to provide legal advice or representation to Towns, they also cannot go to court on any Townships behalf.

Department and Committee Reports

- 10. <u>Fire department</u>: no representation. But the search was handled well by all the organizations involved. A question was raised as to whether the Town supplied all the food during that time frame; there were donations as well as the local churches provided food.
- 11. Town Employees/Roads: Mark-the mowers are all working, helping to fix the ruts and overturned headstones in the cemetery. Mark would like to get rid of all the Towns old tires before the landfill closes (about 150). Mail lady is complaining about the rocks on Meteraud road. Busy hauling gravel and grading, the roads are still soft. Camp Amnicon road looking better. Mark has gotten most of them graded but has a few left. Potholes by River road, Shick road and Old Highway 13. The black top plant in Amnicon will open on Thursday and will only run till the 28th. \$48.25/ton will have to be spread right away-last time it took 2 ½ loaded dump loads. Will start out with 5 tons and see how far it goes. Collin helped 2 days at the cemetery and helped Robin with a few graves. Mark to look into getting 4-5 yard of sand for the ball field, to be dumped by 3rd base. Mark thought Mason was not coming in today, but ended up coming in and painting some sign posts. Ditching was done by private individual on Peterson road due to the water not flowing properly; the dirt is being rolled towards the fields. A ditching bucket is needed for the backhoe. Velin has a 60 inch bucket in great shape, Mark to find out the cost. Scott M brought up the rocks at the end of his driveway, was curious as to why there was an issue now after multiple years have passed. The busses are having problems turning around on the Town road. The garbage trucks as well as other vehicles were putting ruts in his driveway and that is why the rocks were placed. The

rocks are in the right of way on the Town road. Maybe the Town could drop some gravel there to help with the turnaround issue. The road has not been graded all the way down to the end, the Town needs to actually measure the distances to see exactly where the Town road runs. Road really got torn up during the recent auction on the road. Earl T-thanked the guys for doing such a great job of plowing the snow on the church property. They are having a problem with drainage, not getting worse, but not getting any better either, most of the water runs west and hardly any runs east. Would the Town possibly run a culvert/ditch so that the water runs under the road? The Town could work on the Town road, but private backhoe would need to do any other work. Mark and Scott to get together with Earl and discuss possible solutions.

12. Building permits and zoning issues:

a) Rudolph Estate-Camp Amnicon road, has spent 3 years working with the DNR, now has all the DNR approvals. Jon motioned to approve the permit, Scott seconded, carried 7:09 pm.

Public comment:

Public may comment on agenda items or items that may be added for future town board meeting. The comment for each speaker will be limited to (2) minutes or longer at board discretion. Personal attacks are unacceptable and will be handled appropriately.

Matt Johnson-New County Surveyor, if we see any corners popping out on/by Town roads let him know and he will take care of them.

Old Business

- 13. <u>SVL</u>: still no new invoices-deadline is approaching for the County bridge aid application, we may have to pay and then request aid next year due to no new bills.
- 14. <u>Middle River Properties:</u> the sale/transfer has passed through a few committees, might actually be to the DNR. They are looking at requesting an easement, will have to look at previous meeting minutes to help with determination.
- 15. Old business: none

New business

- 16. <u>Cemetery</u>-After much discussion it was determined that will be raising our fees. Jon made a motion that effective 6/1/19 summer burials will go to \$400, winter burials will be \$1,000, Sexton \$150, plots will be \$200 and cremation will be \$150 summer/\$200 winter. Mary seconded, carried 7:21
- 17. <u>July meeting-</u> Due to conflicts the July 9th meeting will have a limited agenda. The only 2 things that will be addressed are paying the bills and any building permits that should arise.

The next meeting date June 11th 2019. BOR May 16th 5-7 pm

Motion to adjourn made by Jon, seconded by Mary, meeting adjourned 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Location: Town Hall, Collection Site, online These minutes are posted as **unapproved**

Ruth Ann Schnepper, Clerk 5/29/2019