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APPROVED BOARD MINUTES OCTOBER 6, 2021

The monthly meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:00 pm by Chair Jim Ray. Also present were Supervisors: Clay Cich, Deb Pawlowicz, Walter Rapp, and Tim Wagner, & Pam Blekestad, Treasurer were present. 9 attended the meeting and 5 attended via Zoom. The Board recited the Pledge of the Allegiance. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Jim made a motion to accept minutes of September 1, 2021, meeting without correction, Walter seconded. Clay – abstain, Deb – abstain (votes cast as abstain because neither of them could hear the beginning of the meeting due to audio issue on zoom) Jim, - yes, Walter – yes, Tim – yes. **MOTION PASSED.** Jim made a motion to accept minutes of September 15, 2021, meeting without corrections, Walter seconded. **5 YEAS MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Pam/treasurer requested correction to Sept. 15, 2021, minutes: under Treasurer report, delete sentence “as of ...” replace with checking account now reconciled in CTA's. Deb made a motion to accept correction in minutes, Jim seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **TREASURER'S REPORT:** as of 9/16/ 2021, checking account is reconciled. Checking account balance is \$365,711.23. Total funds are \$564,912.56, which includes 4 CDs totaling \$202,917.51. Pam reported that she will remove Monica's name on bonds and checking account. Jim made a motion to accept Treasury Report, Clay seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED.** **CORRESPONDENCE:** 21 total: 4 mail and 17 e-mails were received **REVIEW OF BILLS:** Jim made motion to accept claims #10507 to #10518, totaling \$32,803.78. Clay Cich seconded. **5 YEAS MOTION PASSED.** Invoices for Lakehead Trucking and Lawn Mowing services were not included and will be paid in November. **REPORTS:** **Clerk** – Monica Bruning resigned with her last day as Oct. 4, 2021. Jim thanked her for her services. Newly purchased computer and printer returned for refund to Best Buy **Road Report** – Gravel done on Amundson Road, roadside mowing not done, Jim in contact with company, hopefully done in next 2 week. End of season grading being done now. **Fire Department** – Responded to 5 call, 4 medical and 1 fire. Member attended training on basic search & rescue and working with Rescue Squad from County in prep for multi-agency drill in Oct. 7 members completed Initial Emergency Medical Responder class; several others did refresher course. The Department is fortunate to have 12 EMR's, 6 EMT's and 2 Paramedics. Information provided on smoke alarms and CO alarms. Remember to change batteries in your home smoke and CO alarms. **Cemetery** – Nothing to report **Parks & Rec** – Garden club will do all labor to move fence to expand area and additional fence and gates can be installed. Contract & payment for playground equipment completed and sent out. Clay explained how new equipment will be placed, description of unit and other changes. **Community Center** - Griddles wired and close to opera-

tional, lighting issues discussed. Jim made a motion to repair/replace louvered cover on kitchen fan, Clay seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** **Recycle Center** – Deb asked that the ad for new attendant be removed, current attendants adjusted schedules. New window install, thank you Walter, broken locks remain an issue and working with WLSSD **Preparedness Plan Update** – No updates. **Other Meetings** – None. **OPEN FORUM:** Patty Wheeler reported on public dumping of stuff on Fredenberg Lake Road / Fish Lake Road intersection. (Jim will look for sign to be posted) **OLD BUSINESS : Recycle Attendant:** Addressed under reports, Recycle Center **Snow Removal Quotes:** Only 1 received, reviewed by Board, and compared to last year. Jim made a motion to accept quote from Top Notch, plowing at Community Center \$105/time, Recycle Center \$55/time. Clay seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **Century Link Fiber Optic:** Jim has a contact a Century Link but recommends residents contact them directly. **Dam Lighting:** More research needs to be completed. **Speed Signs:** Jim contacted St. Louis County, Mr. Lund stated that there is little benefit to installing, not effective at slowing traffic down, Jim will look into cost of radar/speed sign. **Gravel Pits:** Clay has a packet of information that will be put in each supervisor's mailbox. **NEW BUSINESS: Clerk Position:** Addressed under Clerk Report. The position continues to be advertised and internet options will be explored, no applicants as of today. Jim informed Board that Mary Skafte & Diane Palmstein have agreed to help with some office duties to keep the Township running, but there will be no office hours or newsletter until a clerk is hired. Walter made a motion to allow office/computer access and allow Mary & Diane to complete township work. Tim seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** Jim and Clay will conduct applicant interviews when as they come in. Jim made a motion to remove stipend for insurance on clerk's job description and hourly wage remains \$20/hour. Clay seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **Rink Attendant:** Tim has an interested person he will direct to apply. Ad will be placed on townhall marque. Additional info: Jim will purchase a new adequate flow hose for flooding which supervisors agree was necessary, may need a porta-potty placed by outside areas for public use. **Second Meeting of Month, Oct. 20, 2021:** Clay made a motion to cancel this meeting, Jim seconded. **YEAS. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** **ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Jim made a motion to adjourn meeting, Walter seconded. **5 YEAS. MOTION PASSED.** Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers Needed for Fredenberg's Breakfast with Santa at Fredenberg Community Center

November 27th @1:00 we need help decorating, setting up the town hall, and wrapping presents.

December 4th @ 8:00 - 12:00 we need volunteers to help facilitate Breakfast with Santa

Please email Melissa Bell if interested in helping
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Recipe for Preventing Turkey Fryer Fires



When you fry foods, you increase the risk of a cooking fire. Keep in mind the potential dangers of deep frying a turkey:

- ✓ Use your turkey fryer only outdoors on a sturdy, level surface well away from things that can burn.
- ✓ Check the temperature often with a cooking thermometer so the oil won't overheat.
- ✓ Determine the correct amount of oil needed by first placing the turkey in the pot with water.
- ✓ Use long cooking gloves that protect hands and arms when you handle the pot, lid and handles of a turkey fryer.
- ✓ Make sure your turkey is completely thawed before you fry it.

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A unique risk during Thanksgiving is turkey fryers. There are 5 risks involved with frying a turkey:

1. Turkey fryers can easily tip over spilling hot oil across a large area.
2. An overfilled cooking pot will cause oil to spill over when the turkey is put inside.
3. A partially frozen turkey will cause hot oil to splatter when put in the pot.
4. Without thermostat controls, turkey fryers can overheat oil to the point of starting a fire.

The sides of the cooking pot, lid and pot handles can get dangerously hot.

The U.S. Center for Product Safety Commission (CPSC) created a [video](#) you can share to illustrate these risks.

To help your community understand the risks, share the following turkey fryer safety messages:

- Make sure your turkey fryer is on a sturdy, level surface and do not move it once it is in use.
- Make sure your turkey fryer is at least 10 feet from your home and not under roof eaves.
- Make sure your turkey is fully thawed without frost on it before you fry it. (USFA says 24 hours for every 4 to 5 pounds.)
- Consider using an electric or air fryer.
- If your turkey fryer does not have a thermostat, use a kitchen thermometer that attaches to the side of the pot. This will help you monitor the temperature of the oil.
- Test the amount of oil you need by filling your fryer with water. Place the turkey in the pot making sure the water covers the turkey by about ½ inch. Remove and dry turkey. Mark the water level. Dump water, dry the pot and fill with oil to the marked level.
- Always use protective oven mitts. Keep children and pets at least 3 feet from the turkey fryer.

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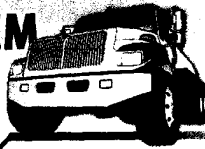
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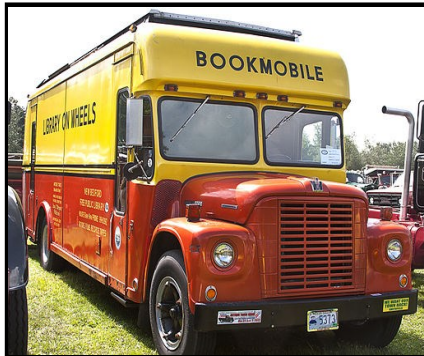
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