

MINUTES

HELGA TOWNSHIP 25895 Co 9 BEMIDJI, MN

November 28th, 2023

Present: Don Clay, Jeanie Porter, Keith Kinnen, Harrison Hicks, Joanna Hammerstron (via phone), Kip Reinartz, Dana Gelately, Kurt Fenner, Chris Heck, Barry Horn, Becky Reinartz, Makayla Fischer. Gregory Ross, Mike Kavarkko, Jared Stoll, A. Mueller, Drew Horn, David Horn

Absent: Aric Porter, Alicia Mueller

CONSENT AGENDA

7PM open meeting with pledge led by Don

Review Minutes for approval Motion by Don to approve minutes,, seconded by Harrison, majority approved, one abstained.

Claims list for approval Motion by Don to approve, seconded by Harrison, majority approved, one abstained.

Treasurer Report Written report left by Alicia was read. Motion to approve by Don, seconded by Harrison, majority approved, one abstained.

Land Use Report A driveway permit and administrative approval for a subdivision given this month. A total of 25 permits for 21 applicants given thus far this year. Keith noted that the question about septic compliance should be deleted from permit process as that is a county decision to be made. Such question will be deleted from application. There is a CUP request for short term rentals on land within a 1000 feet of Lake Plantangenet. A CUP date was set for 6:30 January 23,2024 for Chad Gerads short term rentals.

Town Hall Report Discussion held on needing rugs for entryway to protect flooring. Motion by Don, seconded by Kip to obtain no more than \$200 worth of rugs from Home Depot that are currently on sale. Majority approved with one abstaining. Deputy Clerk will obtain them tomorrow.

Fire Report Dana presented a written report. He stated the fire chief requested a 23% increase in the budget to hire two full time fire fighters. The rural fire association denied the request and will be meeting with the new city manager on December 15th. There were 4 fire calls so far in Helga township during 2023, the majority being car accidents.

Road Report The roads are currently in good shape. They froze hard without ruts this fall. The beaver are being removed from the 255th Ave area. Three trappers are working the area for a \$200 bounty per beaver tail. The water level is significantly decreased. The grader is prepped for winter.

REGULAR AGENDA

A new door lock is needed for the entrance door as the door lock currently in place can only have 19 codes Motion by Don, seconded by Keith to obtain a new lock with unlimited code capacity from Per Mar for \$995 with an additional \$10 a month fee. Majority approved with one abstaining.

Resolution for Maple Ridge Liquor license. Motion by Don, seconded by Harrison to approve renewal of Maple Ridge liquor license. Majority approved with one abstaining.

Rink Attendant Kip stated two people are interested in the rink attendant position. Jared Stoll and Drew Horn are the applicants. Motion by Don, seconded by Harrison to hire Jared Stoll as a contractor for rink attendant work at \$25 per hour and Drew Horn as an employee for \$15 per hour per schedule developed by Kip Reinarz, Rink Supervisor. Majority approved, one abstained.

Christmas Party will be Dec 9th in the afternoon and early evening with a free will supper offered between the outdoor activities and the evening concert. The hall will be decorated Saturday Dec. 2 starting at 1 PM. Mike Ohl is volunteering to redo the stage scenery. He is painting a sepia toned picture of old Nary. Thank you Mike.

A motion by don, seconded by Kip to amend the employment of Paul Christianson from casual employee to contract worker for handyman need for the township as he is licensed and bonded carpenter. Majority approved with one abstaining.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dane Gelately donated \$1000 toward shrubs and trees to be planted in the Park area. Thank you.

Motion by Don, seconded by Kip to adjourn all approved.

UPCOMING DATES

Dec. 9 th 2023 Christmas Party

Dec 12th , 2023 Reg Board Meeting

Jan. 2, 2024 Organizational Meeting

Jan. 23,2024 Reg board Meeting at 7PM and CUP at 6:30 PM