

Minutes of Field Township’s Cemetery and Regular Board Meeting May 11, 2021 Page 1 (Draft)

The May Field Township cemetery and regular board meeting was called to order by Chairman Keith Fulcher at 5:30 pm on May 11, 2021 at the Field Township Cemetery. The Board of Supervisors inspected the cemetery, followed by the road inspection.

The reconvened cemetery and regular board meeting was called to order at the Clerk’s residence by Chairman Fulcher at 7:00 pm.

Present: Supervisors Knutson, Chapman, Fulcher, Treasurer Ellie Brunner, Clerk Pat Chapman, Hospital Representative Mike Enzmann and School Forest Liaison Keith Aho via Zoom.

The approved minutes from the 2020 cemetery meeting were reviewed.

The approved cemetery financial statement for the fiscal year ending 2020 as reported at the 2021 Board of Audit is as follows:

Beg. Bal.: (\$5669.33)

Receipts: \$20.00

Transfers In: \$6000.00

Disbursements: \$1033.78

Ending Bal.:(\$683.11)

At the 2021 Board of Audit \$1000.00 was transferred into the Cemetery fund.

The following report was given based on the cemetery inspection: There was a question if a tree should be cut but it was decided to leave it. Supervisor Chapman will get a sign for the pine tree in memory of Willard Pearson. Supervisor Knutson will get the tree. Chapman will also research benches for the cemetery and premade windows from Menards for the church. It was decided a contractor could install them. Also, it was decided more fill is needed from the county.

The cemetery rules were read and a motion made by Supervisor Knutson to add “It is the site owner’s responsibility for leveling and re-positioning grave markers”, seconded by Supervisor Chapman..

Motion carried unanimously.

The following report was given based on the road review:

South Ridell needs 6-10 loads of gravel and the Johnson Road sign is down.

Township Roads listed in maintenance agreement with St. Louis County:

#7971 S. Ridell Rd.	1.75 miles	
#7972 A. Johnson Rd.	0.10 miles	
#7974 Tonheim Rd.	0.20 miles	
#7975 Drangle Rd.	0.10 miles	Total 2.15 Miles

The Neva Road is maintained on demand.

The April 13, 2021 regular board minutes were read and stand as presented.

Correspondence:

1. Lake Country Power
2. Timberjay
3. St. Louis County Planning and Zoning
4. City of Cook
5. Cook Library
6. Pearson Family
7. MAT
8. Cook News Herald
9. Art Unlimited
10. Sharon Elg
11. Sylvia Makela

Treasurer’s report from Treasurer Ellie Brunner:

Beg. Bal: \$ 117,717.81	Ending Balance \$107,302.76
Receipts: \$6,267.45	Outstanding Checks \$1,272.11
Expenses: \$16,682.50	Bank Balance \$108,574.87

Motion made by Supervisor Chapman, seconded by Supervisor Knutson to approve the treasurer’s report, net pay distribution report and authorize payment of claims. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: A motion was made by Supervisor Chapman, seconded by Supervisor Knutson for the clerk to order two of the most recent township manuals from MAT for a total of \$20.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Thanks you cards were received from the City of Cook and the Cook Public Library for donations. Also, the Pearson family expressed gratitude for the tree to be planted in Willard’s honor and Sharon Elg sent a check for \$75 as a donation for the project. Township resident Sylvia Makela sent a card thanking the clerk for sending her the annual minutes. ST. Louis County Planning and Zoning notified the board the planning commission will hold a hearing for the Fred Denn project May 13.

Committee Reports:

Ambulance – No report.

Fire – No report.

Hospital -Hospital Representative Mike Enzmann reported about 70% of the staff is vaccinated. There has been a spike of Covid in St. Louis County so the staff is tested weekly. Three Covid patients were cared for in the Cook Hospital. Several others were treated in ER and returned home or transferred to Duluth. 68% of revenue is from state and federal government. A planning meeting will be held in the fall to plan for the future.

Joint Powers- School Forest Liaison Keith Aho shared plans for a trail are under way and a privy is needed. Fifth and Sixth grade students were planting trees. Currently there is \$6,267.45 in the school forest account.

Planning and Zoning – Shared in correspondence.

Hall- A bigger sign was discussed which would include the website address and new interior lights are needed. A motion made by Supervisor Chapman to approve the bid by Jay and Alan Brunner to re-roof

the kitchen and bathroom area of the town hall for the total cost of \$1900.00 for labor and materials. Seconded by Supervisor Knutson. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business – None.

New Business – Chairman Fulcher reported on the ST. Louis County Assoc. of Township meeting he attended virtually. The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 will provide money to townships. MAT will host a virtual meeting on the subject to provide more information on May 18 from 2-3 p.m.

Supervisor Chapman expressed a desire for the township to take more of a stand on current issues and share this information with state representatives. Chairman Fulcher felt the board represents the residents and should know their positions. St. Louis County Assoc. of Townships will have their Annual Meeting on May 26 with US Rep. Pete Stauber – this is a good place to get current updates and ask questions.

The clerk announced the next regular board meeting will be June 8, 2021, 7 p.m., at the Field Town Hall.

Supervisor Chapman made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion seconded by Supervisor Knutson.. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Keith Fulcher

Clerk Pat Chapman

Date: