Agenda:

- 1. Meeting: Called to order by Chairman Scott Luostari at 6:31 pm.
- 2. <u>Roll Call</u>: Present: Mark Saari, Tom Schnepper, Frank Lovejoy from John Deere, Nova Nordrum, Miina Helske, Supervisor Mary Peterson, Supervisor Jon Winter, Chairman Scott Luostari, Treasurer Vicki Luostari, and Clerk Ruth Ann Schnepper.
- 3. County Supervisor: Scott: The County hired a new Zoning administrator Tessah Behlings, Robin is also still in the office. The 19th is the CWD meeting and County Board, still nothing back from the corporate council on their recommendations. End of the month Forestry and Land Development meet. At the March 4 transportation meeting the grant recipients were announced. Douglas County grants were given to Wascott for Lawler bridge and the County for work on Highway Z. The DNR is holding a flood plan change meeting on March 20, 9-10am, RM 207 Government building. Land Development is still working on the fairgrounds contract, 2 people are running the racetrack. Corridor commission is running into some issues, not sure how they are going to pay for things going forward due to some financial issues. Trail clubs worked the trails this winter, ATV clubs may monitor the trails this summer. In 2022 the plan is to reconstruct Highway C to the county line. 2020 Census information should be arriving by mid-month, you can complete the survey via phone, online, email or in person. Once the asphalt plant opens construction on Highways D & P could start. Scott would like to work with them while they are in the area to resurface Old Highway 13.
- 4. Town board reports: none.
- 5. <u>Approval of minutes</u>: Jon motioned to approve 2/11 regular board meeting minutes, Mary seconded, carried 6:39 pm.
- 6. <u>Treasurer report:</u> Vicki presented, Mary motioned to accept the treasurer report, Jon seconded, carried 6:40 pm.
- 7. <u>Confirmation of February revenues and expenses</u>: Mary made a motion to approve the February checks 22593-22629 + EFT's, Jon seconded, motion carried 6:42 pm.
- 8. <u>Current bills for payment</u>. Checks 22634-22658 presented for payment approval, Jon motioned to accept, Mary seconded, motion carried 6:43 pm.
- 9. <u>Correspondence</u>
 - a) none

Department and Committee Reports

- 10. Fire department: Nova-been a busy year so far, 7 fires & 1 medical, no injuries or loss of life. They have been having issues with the fire truck, the company came up to fix it, but they are still having issues. Nova thanked the guys for helping fix things. Several members are going to the EMS conference. They tested their potential new phone communication system and seem to be liking it, but it needs improvement. The system provides locations and coordinates to first responders and mutual aid. "Be Somebody" is not going to be in June this year, they are going to have it in October to coordinate with the fire safety week in schools, they are having problems finding people to help. Nova would like a computer as well as a large monitor for the FD, Jon to get them set up. They had an injury at the last fire due to all the ice, wondering if there is any way next year to get they guys to drive a truck and sand at a fire site, or other options are out there, as they are just adding more water to an already icy situation. Scott is going to have 2 lights installed outside the building so there will be more light on the parking lot. The throttle body on the truck is still not working properly, the guys to also look at the generator to see why it is not properly working. Nova looking into a new truck. Scott was raising a few questions about who has been servicing/fixing their equipment, there do not seem to ne many companies out there.
- 11. Town Employees/Roads: Mark-they are out steaming culverts; the roads are getting rough but there is not much they can do right now. Scott wants them to measure Old 13 so he has some measurement when he approaches the County about pulverizing the road. Camp road is being torn up again by the trucks hauling. Carvala road will be in OK shape come spring, as someone is looking to purchase property there and would like

to be able to get there. Driveways are done for the season. Someone hit the guard rail on the new bridge, Mark thinks they can fix it. Bridge inspection should be coming up soon. Tom is going to open up the gravel pile so they can access it if needed. Mark is going to try to grade some of the roads. Culvert on Peterson road frozen again. Tires are need for the loader; they are going to take back the tires the FD bought.

12. Building permits and zoning issues:

County is putting a small piece of land up for sale by Jon's house, so that it can be placed back onto the tax roll.

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.

None

Old Business

- 13. <u>Middle River Properties:</u> Scott talked to Jane, she thought they would get things settled this month. Still looking for an easement before closing, but it looks like that will now be pushed off to May.
- 14. Equipment purchase-Jon motioned to rescind the February motion to use the BCPL for the Brusher loan, due to a change in the interest rate, Mary seconded, carried 7:09 pm. Scott read the new loan agreement and the indebtedness of the Town to the BCPL for \$90,000 on a 5 year loan at 2.5% interest. Jon made a motion to borrow the \$90,000 from the BCPL at the terms that were read by Scott in the loan agreement, Mary seconded, carried 7:12 pm. JD to provide a receipt for the down payment approved at the February meeting.
- 15. <u>SVL:</u> Scott had a meeting with Julianna of the county Finance department, \$56,300 was released to the town as the County's portion of the bridge, there is still roughly \$3,000 available if needed. We still have not gotten anything final from the State
- 16. Recording: The recording machine was unavailable tonight, so we could not run a test.

New business

17. <u>None</u>

The next meeting date is April 14, 2020 The annual meeting is April 21, 2020. Elections are April 7, 2020

Motion to adjourn made by Jon, seconded by Mary, meeting adjourned 7:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

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

Ruth Ann Schnepper, Clerk 3/28/2020