REGULAR MEETING

**July 2, 2024**

**Aurora, Minnesota**

***The Regular Meeting of the Town of White was called to order by Chairman Skelton at 5:00 P.M., on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at the City/Town Government Center.***

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Supervisors-Anttila, Skelton, Kippley; Clerk-Knaus, Deputy Treasurer-Forsline; Foreman-Niemi; Attorney – Joel Lewicki

Absent: Treasurer Gross

Also Present: Curt Anttila

**1. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WHICH INCLUDED TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 6, 2024 AND SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 5, 2024; ALL BILLS AND PAYROLL AS PRESENTED BELOW, COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE TO BE FILED FOR JUNE 2024. MOTION CARRIED**

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| **Check#** | **Vendor** | **Description** |  **Total**  |
| CC06-03-24 | Cardmember Service | Training, Supplies |  $ 626.47  |
| 35460 | Affordable Dentures | HCSP Anttila |  $ 260.00  |
| 35461 | 1st Ayd Corporation | Gloves, Parts Cleaner |  $ 148.88  |
| 35462 | East Mesabi Sanitation | Refuse Collection May 2024 |  $ 12,481.61  |
| 35463 | Culligan | New water softener purchase & install |  $ 3,618.00  |
| 35464 | Zito Media | Fire Hall & PW Telephone & Internet |  $ 410.32  |
| ST06-11-24 | MN Dept of Revenue - Sales Tax | Sales Tax - MAY 2024 |  $ 1,405.00  |
| 35465 | Town of White Petty Cash Fund | Postage, Cleaning Supplies |  $ 90.70  |
| D06-12-24 | Empower | Employee Deductions 6/12/24 |  $ 350.00  |
| DD06122401 | Payroll Period Ending 06/08/2024 | Regular Payroll Ending 06/08/2024 |  $ 751.81  |
| DD06122402 | Payroll Period Ending 06/08/2024 | Regular Payroll Ending 06/08/2024 |  $ 1,217.58  |
| DD06122403 | Payroll Period Ending 06/08/2024 | Regular Payroll Ending 06/08/2024 |  $ 1,478.53  |
| DD06122404 | Payroll Period Ending 06/08/2024 | Regular Payroll Ending 06/08/2024 |  $ 653.32  |
| DD06122405 | Payroll Period Ending 06/08/2024 | Regular Payroll Ending 06/08/2024 |  $ 2,792.01  |
| DD06122406 | Payroll Period Ending 06/08/2024 | Regular Payroll Ending 06/08/2024 |  $ 838.05  |
| DD06122407 | Payroll Period Ending 06/08/2024 | Regular Payroll Ending 06/08/2024 |  $ 1,846.72  |
| DD06122408 | Payroll Period Ending 06/08/2024 | Regular Payroll Ending 06/08/2024 |  $ 1,769.79  |
| DD06122409 | Payroll Period Ending 06/08/2024 | Regular Payroll Ending 06/08/2024 |  $ 1,887.43  |
| DD06122410 | Payroll Period Ending 06/08/2024 | Regular Payroll Ending 06/08/2024 |  $ 2,689.44  |
| DD06122411 | Payroll Period Ending 06/08/2024 | Regular Payroll Ending 06/08/2024 |  $ 2,045.61  |
| DD06122412 | Payroll Period Ending 06/08/2024 | Regular Payroll Ending 06/08/2024 |  $ 1,390.83  |
| DD06122413 | Payroll Period Ending 06/08/2024 | Regular Payroll Ending 06/08/2024 |  $ 1,796.02  |
| F06-12-24 | E.F.T.P.S. | Payroll Deductions PPE 6/08/24 |  $ 6,832.42  |
| M06-12-24 | MN Department of Revenue | Employee Deductions |  $ 1,314.54  |
| P06-12-24 | P.E.R.A. | Payroll Deductions PPE 6/08/24 |  $ 3,818.52  |
| 35466 | Hogentogler & Co Inc | Moisture Salt Tester |  $ 2,858.40  |
| 63359 | Payroll Period Ending 06/22/2024 | Regular Payroll Ending 6/22/2024 |  $ 463.50  |
| D06-26-24 | Empower | Employee Deductions 6/26/24 |  $ 350.00  |
| DD06262401 | Payroll Period Ending 06/22/2024 | Regular Payroll Ending 6/22/2024 |  $ 862.36  |
| DD06262402 | Payroll Period Ending 06/22/2024 | Regular Payroll Ending 6/22/2024 |  $ 806.47  |
| DD06262403 | Payroll Period Ending 06/22/2024 | Regular Payroll Ending 6/22/2024 |  $ 1,459.53  |
| DD06262404 | Payroll Period Ending 06/22/2024 | Regular Payroll Ending 6/22/2024 |  $ 585.83  |
| DD06262405 | Payroll Period Ending 06/22/2024 | Regular Payroll Ending 6/22/2024 |  $ 55.41  |
| DD06262406 | Payroll Period Ending 06/22/2024 | Regular Payroll Ending 6/22/2024 |  $ 2,306.96  |
| DD06262407 | Payroll Period Ending 06/22/2024 | Regular Payroll Ending 6/22/2024 |  $ 925.52  |
| DD06262408 | Payroll Period Ending 06/22/2024 | Regular Payroll Ending 6/22/2024 |  $ 1,811.72  |
| DD06262409 | Payroll Period Ending 06/22/2024 | Regular Payroll Ending 6/22/2024 |  $ 2,338.14  |
| DD06262410 | Payroll Period Ending 06/22/2024 | Regular Payroll Ending 6/22/2024 |  $ 2,755.12  |
| DD06262411 | Payroll Period Ending 06/22/2024 | Regular Payroll Ending 6/22/2024 |  $ 4,186.15  |
| DD06262412 | Payroll Period Ending 06/22/2024 | Regular Payroll Ending 6/22/2024 |  $ 3,240.14  |
| DD06262413 | Payroll Period Ending 06/22/2024 | Regular Payroll Ending 6/22/2024 |  $ 1,355.83  |
| DD06262414 | Payroll Period Ending 06/22/2024 | Regular Payroll Ending 6/22/2024 |  $ 3,059.31  |
| F06-26-24 | E.F.T.P.S. | Payroll Deductions PPE 6/26/24 |  $ 9,328.75  |
| M06-26-24 | MN Department of Revenue | Employee Deductions |  $ 1,816.59  |
| P06-26-24 | P.E.R.A. | Payroll Deductions PPE 6/26/24 |  $ 4,843.12  |
| DD06282401 | Payroll Period Ending 06/28/2024 | June 2024 Monthly Payroll |  $ 444.59  |
| DD06282402 | Payroll Period Ending 06/28/2024 | June 2024 Monthly Payroll |  $ 236.08  |
| DD06282403 | Payroll Period Ending 06/28/2024 | June 2024 Monthly Payroll |  $ 344.59  |
| DD06282404 | Payroll Period Ending 06/28/2024 | June 2024 Monthly Payroll |  $ 364.86  |
| DD06282405 | Payroll Period Ending 06/28/2024 | June 2024 Monthly Payroll |  $ 809.21  |
| F06-28-24 | E.F.T.P.S. Monthly | Employee Deductions |  $ 220.02  |
| M06-28-24 | MN Department of Revenue Monthly | Employee Withholding |  $ 48.90  |
| P06-28-24 | P.E.R.A. Monthly | Retirement Deductions |  $ 280.52  |
| 35467 | Aurora Electric | Electrical Repairs LLCC & Twin lakes |  $ 770.00  |
| 35468 | Aurora Auto Value | Mini Backhoe & 14 Grader |  $ 312.46  |
| 35469 | Benco Equipment | Crane Repairs |  $ 1,995.00  |
| 35470 | Colosimo, Patchin, & Kearney, LTD | Monthly retainer July 2024 |  $ 465.00  |
| 35471 | Como Oil & Propane | Invoice #1513720207 |  $ 911.57  |
| 35472 | CTC | Town Office Phone June 2024 |  $ 225.01  |
| 35473 | Excel Business Systems | Copier Contract |  $ 235.62  |
| 35474 | Grande Ace Hardware | Mower Clutches (2) |  $ 1,399.98  |
| 35475 | Hoyt Lakes, City of | Ambulance Agreement |  $ 1,000.00  |
| 35476 | Lake Country Power | June Electric Service |  $ 3,105.00  |
| 35477 | L & M Fleet Supply, Inc. | Fuel, Lawn Trimmer Line, Furnace Filter |  $ 284.84  |
| 35478 | Menard's-Virginia | Bug Spray |  $ 247.01  |
| 35479 | Mesabi Bituminous Inc | Lane 49 - 14.93 Tons |  $ 1,045.10  |
| 35480 | Minnesota Power | Street Lighting |  $ 254.03  |
| 35481 | Minnesota Power | Electric Service Lift Stations |  $ 229.71  |
| 35482 | Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc | LTD/STD July 2024 |  $ 356.96  |
| 35483 | PeopleService Inc. | July 24 W/WW Professional Services |  $ 380.00  |
| 35484 | Range Paper | Cleaning Supplies |  $ 73.39  |
| 35485 | RMB Environmental Laboratories | Water Testing |  $ 31.35  |
| 35486 | RMB Environmental Laboratories | Water Testing |  $ 26.13  |
| 35487 | St. Louis County Auditor-PW | May 2024 Fuel |  $ 4,849.46  |
| 35488 | VC3 | June Contract |  $ 42.50  |
| 35489 | Acuity Specialty Products, Inc. | Supplies |  $ 276.98  |
| 35490 | Knaus, Jodi | Cell Phone June 2024 |  $ 50.00  |
| 35491 | Niemi, Clark | Cell Phone June 2024 |  $ 50.00  |
| 35492 | Amanda Gross | Cell Phone June 2024 |  $ 50.00  |
| 35493 | Renner, Richard | 4 OT Meals |  $ 144.00  |
| 35494 | Peterson, Wesley | 4 OT Meals |  $ 144.00  |
| 35495 | Niemi, Clark | 4 OT Meals |  $ 144.00  |
| 35496 | Samuel Nelson | 4 OT Meals |  $ 144.00  |
| 35497 | Tanner Lokken | 3 OT Meals |  $ 108.00  |
| 35498 | Linde Gas & Equipment Inc. | Welding Supplies/Services |  $ 258.32  |
| 35499 | Jon Skelton | Travel Expense |  $ 13.40  |
| 35500 | Knaus, Jodi | Travel Expenses |  $ 67.47  |
| 35501 | Jessica Forsline | Travel Expenses |  $ 49.08  |
| 35502 | Amanda Gross | Travel Expenses |  $ 56.18  |
| 35503 | Kora Forsline | Travel Expenses |  $ 25.46  |
| 35504 | Central Pension Fund | Retirement Contributions June 24 |  $ 4,176.00  |
| 35505 | I.U.O.E. Local 49 Fringe Benefits | Aug 2024 Group Insurance |  $ 13,275.00  |
| 35506 | Town of White Petty Cash Fund | Postage & Cleaning Supplies |  $ 166.85  |
| 35507 | Mesabi Masonry Inc.. | Cemetery Surround |  $ 9,360.00  |
| 35508 | Nuss Truck & Equipment | Truck #5 |  $ 538.93  |
| 35509 | Zito Media | Fire Hall & PW Telephone & Internet |  $ 410.32  |
| 35510 | Embarrass Regional Fire Department | Service Agreement FD; 8/1/24-7/31/25 |  $ 3,159.02  |
| 35511 | East Mesabi Sanitation | Refuse Collection June 2024 |  $ 12,062.18  |
| 63360 | Colonial Life | June 24 Employee Deductions |  $ 537.42  |
| 63361 | Minnesota Life Insurance Company | Employee/Employer Insurance |  $ 202.30  |
| 63362 | MN NCPERS | Life Insurance Employee Paid |  $ 32.00  |
|  |  | **TOTAL** |  **$ 164,412.25**  |

**2. THE TREASURER’S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2024, LISTED RECEIPTS IN THE AMOUNT OF $13,405.72:**

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| Operation Round-up Grant FDCemetery RevenueGarbage Bag RevenueRefuse RevenueLLCC Rental FeesTwin Lakes RentFD Training ReimbursementAssessment SearchesDriveway Permit Fee | 2,000.00300.002,532.00375.69390.00950.003,283.0050.0050.00 |
| Interest Earned | 3,475.03 |
| **TOTAL** | **$13,405.72** |

**IT WAS MOVED BY KIPPLEY, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER’S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2024 RECEIPTS AS READ. MOTION CARRIED**

**3. CITIZENS/GUESTS**: None

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

4.1 Salt/Sand Dome Roof Replacement

 **IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY KIPPLEY TO ACCEPT THE QUOTE FROM MILLER ROOFING AT AN AMOUNT OF $114,140.00. MOTION CARRIED**

 **IT WAS MOVED BY KIPPLEY, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA TO FINANCE THE PROJECT OVER THREE YEARS WITH A FINANICAL INSTITUTION GIVING THE BEST INTEREST RATE. MOTION CARRIED**

4.2 DNR Forestry Office Timber Harvesting Offer – No new information. Still waiting to see if this Project will move forward from the DNR Office.

 **IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA TO TABLE TO NEXT MONTH. MOTION CARRIED**

4.3 Joint Water Project - Construction is beginning on water plant. Lines are being installed to Scenic Acres. Culvert failed due to the weather event so an emergency replacement culvert was installed in Scenic Acres. Washouts on Ryan Street also happened due to the June 18th Storm. Project is moving along nicely.

4.4 LLCC Deed/Legal update – Lewicki updated the Board Northern Lights Surveying Company will review the legal property lines and complete the survey work soon to move this Project forward.

 **IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA TO TABLE TO NEXT MONTH. MOTION CARRIED**

4.5 Election Cycle – Waiting for further information and draft Resolution and ballot language from attorney. Will reach out again.

 **IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY KIPPLEY TO TABLE TO NEXT MONTH. MOTION CARRIED**

4.6 LLCC Facility needs – compressor claim and boiler claims have both been filed with insurance company. Part for compressor is on backorder until July. Boiler needs to be ordered at a quoted cost of $19,835.00 and will be reimbused by the LMCIT.

 **IT WAS MOVED BY KIPPLEY, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA APPROVING THE QUOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF $19,835.00 TO KB PLUMBING TO ORDER THE BOILER FOR THE LOON LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER. MOTION CARRIED**

4.7 2023 Curve Realignments – No new updates.

 **IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA TO TABLE TO NEXT MONTH. MOTION CARRIED**

4.8 Camping Under the Stars Event – Saturday, 9/7/24 – 2nd year – Astronomy Club is wanting the event again and will bring the telescopes for night sky viewing. Sawmill will provide the food again. Advertising budget would be around $800.00 at most. Iron Range Tourism will donate to the event.

 **IT WAS MOVED BY ANTTILA, SUPPORTED BY SKELTON APPROVING THE CAMPING WITH THE STARS EVENT SPONSORED BY THE TOWNSHIP TO TAKE PLACE AT THE LOON LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH WITH OVERNIGHT CAMPING. MOTION CARRIED**

4.9 FEMA 2023 Spring Road Damage Updates – Further mitigation pending; administrative costs of $3,977.62 submitted and won’t be paid until project is closed out.

 **IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA TO TABLE TO NEXT MONTH. MOTION CARRIED**

4.10 Housing – Pineville lots withheld – six month timeframe ends 9/2024; Curt Anttila inspsected properties for development.

 **IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA TO TABLE TO NEXT MONTH. MOTION CARRIED**

4.11 Twin Lakes Updates – picnic shelters are complete but need painting; more tables are needed, especially an ADA wheelchair compliant one; the men and women signs on the restrooms need some tlc. Curt Anttila will look into grants for facilities.

 **IT WAS MOVED BY ANTTILA, SUPPORTED BY KIPPLEY APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF TWO ADA COMPLIANT TABLES FROM KIRBY BUILT FOR TWIN LAKES. MOTION CARRIED**

4.12 Cemetery – Columbarium has been delivered and installed. Cement surround needs to be finished now by Mesabi Masonry. Quote is $9,360.00. Benches need to be ordered for this columbarium to match the other one.

 **IT WAS MOVED BY KIPPLEY, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA APPROVING $9,360.00 PAYMENT TO MESABI MASONRY FOR THE CEMENT SURROUND AT THE COLUMBARIUM USING ARPA FUNDS. MOTION CARRIED**

 **IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF TWO BENCHES FROM KIRBY BUILT FOR THE CEMETERY. MOTION CARRIED**

4.13 Bolton & Menk Lead Service Line Inventory Project – Board was provided with updates on the Project which was funded by the legislature. 38 homes needed to be inspected. All work on this should be complete by August 15, 2024.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

5.1 2014 Grader Claim filed with LMCIT – broke down 5/23/24 and was repaired 6/28/24

 **IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA TO TABLE TO NEXT MONTH. MOTION CARRIED**

5.2 Bouncy House set-up & take down at LLCC - rentals of this are frequent and it takes time to set-up and take down and we need the help doing it.

 **IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF $20.00 PER HOUR TO JIM JONES FOR THE SET-UP AND TAKE DOWN OF THE BOUNCY HOUSE AT LOON LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER. MOTION CARRIED**

5.3 Embarrass Region Volunteer Fire Department Contract – Annual contract for fire coverage

 **IT WAS MOVED BY ANTTILA, SUPPORTED BY KIPPLEY APPROVING THE EMBARRASS REGION VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTRACT FOR 2024-2025 PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,159.02. MOTION CARRIED**

5.4 Northern State Bank Signature Cards – Deputy Treasurer Jessica Forsline needs to be added to the signature card to be authorized to sign checks in the absence of Treasurer Amanda Gross. The monthly Treasurer stipend is $275.00 month in which currently Amanda Gross gets paid. Gross is expected to RTW 9/16/24.

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA AUTHORIZING JESSICA FORSLINE TO BE ADDED TO THE SIGNATORY CARD AT NORTHERN STATE BANK OF AURORA FOR THE CHECKING ACCOUNT. MOTION CARRIED**

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA TO PAY BOTH GROSS AND FORSLINE THE MONTHLY STIPEND OF $275.00 FOR TREASURER DUTIES DURING GROSS’S MEDICAL LEAVE. MOTION CARRIED**

5.5 Declaration of Local Emergency – Resolution 2024-017 effective June 18, 2024

**WHEREAS,** the Township Board of Supervisors have been closely monitoring the weather which has caused major flooding in the Township beginning June 18, 2024 impacting our community and infrastructure, both public and personal property, damaging homes, extensive damage to our roads and bridges making roads impassable, and affecting the safety and health of residents.

**WHEREAS,** the Township needs to ensure that it has taken all necessary steps and will be able to satisfy any criteria or pre-requisites to be fully eligible for any emergency or disaster financial aid programs or distributions or any other types of financial aid programs or distributions from the State, Federal, or County governments related to the weather disaster which began on June 18, 2024; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Board of Supervisors of the Town of White, that, pursuant to Minn. Stat. Sec. 12.29, the Township Board of Supervisors hereby declares as follows:

1.) A local emergency existing within the township boundaries effective June 18, 2024, as previously declared by President Biden, Governor Walz of Minnesota and St. Louis County Commissioners and this local emergency declaration is intended to invoke all the procedures, responses, plans and benefits as set forth in or contemplated by Minn. Stat. Sec. 12.29, and in conjunction with St. Louis County Emergency Operations and Hazard Mitigation Plans.

2.) Township staff is directed to review ordinance and regulatory requirements, operations, civil and legal proceedings, events, and resources to determine whether the foregoing should be adjusted or suspended, and to make recommendations regarding additional emergency regulations to support the employees and the residents of the Town of White.

3.) All Township departments and offices are directed to operate and support the response to this incident, including implementing new employee protocols, strategies, and processes to ensure public services are maintained.

4.) The Township Board of Supervisors has now enacted the Township’s Emergency Operations Plan and will work in conjunction with St. Louis County Emergency Operations as necessary to exercise the powers granted by MN Statute 12.37.

5.) The Township Staff are directed to request and coordinate appropriate aid and resources from surrounding jurisdictions, St. Louis County, the State of Minnesota, and the Federal Government as needed.

6.) The Township Chairman of the Board, pursuant to MN Statutes, Section 13D.021, has the authority, as necessary, to determine that in-person meetings of the Township Board are not practical or prudent due to the emergency declared and by the Chairman, may direct the meetings of the Township Board of Supervisors be conducted by telephone or other electronic means, and the Township Staff are directed to take such action as necessary to enable such meetings to occur via telephone or other electronic means pursuant to MN Statutes, Section 13D.021, until such time as it is no longer impractical or imprudent for the Township Board of Supervisors to resume in-person meetings.

7.) The Township Board of Supervisors authorizes and consents to the continuation of the declared emergency pursuant to MN Statutes 12.29 Subd. 1 until such time as the Township Board of Supervisors, by further action, shall determine that such emergency no longer exists.

8.) That this declaration be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly by the Township Clerk.

**MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA FOR THE APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION 2024-017. AYES: 3 (THREE) NAYS: 0 (NONE); MOTION CARRIED**

**Resolution Adopted this 2nd day of July, 2024.**

5.6 David Koivisto Resignation from the Palo Volunteer Fire Department effective July 31, 2024

 **IT WAS MOVED BY KIPPLEY, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT RESIGNATION OF DAVID KOIVISTO FROM THE PALO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE JULY 31, 2024 THANKING HIM FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY WITH A $50.00 GIFT CARD. MOTION CARRIED**

5.7 Central Pension Fund Employee Contributions – Board reviewed the letter from Auditor Tom Kelly and would like to set up a meeting with the union with the Town Attorney present. Skelton will call Kearney personally to discuss as he has not responded yet. The sooner this gets resolved the better.

 **IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA TO TABLE TO NEXT MONTH AND GET A MEETING SCHEDULED WITH KEARNEY, DAN MANICK, AND THE LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES. MOTION CARRIED**

5.8 Earned Safe and Sick Time Policy – Resolution 2024-018

**WHEREAS**, Minn. Stat. § 181.9445 et seq. require Minnesota employers to provide certain notices

and certain minimum paid time off;

**WHEREAS**, The Town of White is an “employer” within the meaning of Minn. Stat. § 181.9445 or its successor statutes;

**WHEREAS**, those statutes come into force and legal effect on January 1, 2024;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Board of Supervisors of White Township, St. Louis County, Minnesota hereby adopts the attached sick and safe time policy to discharge its obligations under the law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, as further policy changes may become necessary or expedient due to changing law or changing conditions, amendments to the policy may be adopted by the Township Board of Supervisors of the Town of White through simple majority vote.

**IT WAS MOVED BY KIPPLEY, SUPPORTED BY ANNTILA ADOPTING RESOLUTION 2024-018. AYES: 3 (THREE) NAYS: 0 (NONE); MOTION CARRIED**

**Adopted this 2nd day of July, 2024 by the Township Board of Supervisors.**

5.9 Halmet Probate – Rauha Cemetery Land Purchase – The Township cannot purchase land from Mr. Halmet until the probate is complete. Mr. Kearney wanted this added to the agenda as it was on the court docket.

 **IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA TO TABLE TO NEXT MONTH. MOTION CARRIED**

**6. REPORTS:**

Clerk’s Report

1. Early (Absentee) Voting for the August 13, 2024 Primary Election began Friday, June 28, 2024; Public Accuracy Testing needs to be scheduled. We are waiting for the drives from St. Louis County. Head Judge training will take place on July 9th. Administrator training took place on June 7th and Amanda, Jess, Lindsay, and I all attended. Lots of legislative changes this year.
2. I submitted the 2024 Consumer Confidence Water Report and it is posted.
3. Payroll quarterly reports are due July 31, 2024
4. An equipment Grant for radios for up to $40,000 for the FD was submitted. Thanks to Deputy Clerk Helander for doing this! It was last minute and we got it done!
5. I will be attending a Community Development Resources Workshop hosted by IRRR on Tuesday, July 16th via Zoom.
6. The Semi-Annual Programmatic Performance Report (PPR) for the AFG Grant is due July 30, 2024
7. Sharon Niemi has the PMSG lease to sign and renew for another five years. We both reviewed it and agree the terms can stay the same for the next five years.

 On-going Projects & Pending Items not discussed:

* Franchise Fees for Power & Utilities (fiber)
* Road Vacation Filings for the Road Realignments in 2023

  **IT WAS MOVED BY ANTTILA, SUPPORTED BY KIPPLEY TO FILE THE CLERK’S REPORT. MOTION CARRIED**

Foreman -Emergency Response from the weather event on June 18th has been priority; fixing culverts and roads due to washouts.

Supervisors:

Anttila - Everyone is doing a great job!

Kippley – Township responded very well to the weather emergency – thanks to everyone!

Skelton – Great job to all employees!

**7. TRAINING REQUESTS & MEETING NOTICES**: None

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, August 1, 2024 5:00 P.M. @ City/Town Government Center; East Range Water Board Meeting: Wednesday, July 17, 2024 4:30 P.M. @ City/Town Government Center; ERJPB Meeting: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 9:00 AM @ City/Town Government Center; Special Meeting with Fire Department: Wednesday, August 14, 2024 5:00 P.M. @ City/Town Government Center; Thursday, July 4, 2024 – Holiday; offices closed; St. Louis County Public Works Meeting on Highway 100 Project: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 6:00 P.M. Aurora Community Center;

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY KIPPLEY TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING AT 6:06 P.M. MOTION CARRIED**

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**Jodi Knaus, Clerk Jon Skelton, Chairman**