REGULAR MEETING

**February 6, 2025**

**Aurora, Minnesota**

***The Regular Meeting of the Town of White was called to order by Vice Chairman Edward Kippley at 5:00 P.M., on Thursday, February 6, 2025, at the City/Town Government Center.***

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Supervisors-Anttila, Skelton, Kippley; Clerk-Knaus, Treasurer Gross; Foreman-Niemi; Attorney – Kearney

Absent:

Also Present: Kari Pechacek, Mike Skinner, Brian Feldt, Joseph Pugleasa, Kirstye Mealey, Troy Mealey, Randy Houdek, Diane Houdek, Amy Keranen

**1. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**IT WAS MOVED BY ANTTILA, SUPPORTED BY SKELTON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WHICH INCLUDED TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES ON JANUARY 9, 2025 AND REORGANIZATION SPECIAL MEETING ON JANUARY 9, 2025; ALL BILLS AND PAYROLL AS PRESENTED BELOW, COMMITTEE MINUTES AND REPORTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE TO BE FILED FOR JANUARY 2025. MOTION CARRIED**

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| **Check#** | **Vendor** | **Description** |  **Total**  |
| CC01-02-25 | Cardmember Service | Training & Supplies |  $ 869.66  |
| D01-08-25 | Empower | Employee Deductions PPE 1/8/25 |  $ 350.00  |
| DD01082501 | Payroll Period Ending 01/04/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 01/04/2025 |  $ 1,519.89  |
| DD01082502 | Payroll Period Ending 01/04/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 01/04/2025 |  $ 73.88  |
| DD01082503 | Payroll Period Ending 01/04/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 01/04/2025 |  $ 2,303.74  |
| DD01082504 | Payroll Period Ending 01/04/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 01/04/2025 |  $ 1,888.09  |
| DD01082505 | Payroll Period Ending 01/04/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 01/04/2025 |  $ 2,000.64  |
| DD01082506 | Payroll Period Ending 01/04/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 01/04/2025 |  $ 1,978.05  |
| DD01082507 | Payroll Period Ending 01/04/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 01/04/2025 |  $ 2,499.66  |
| DD01082508 | Payroll Period Ending 01/04/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 01/04/2025 |  $ 2,411.24  |
| DD01082509 | Payroll Period Ending 01/04/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 01/04/2025 |  $ 1,429.48  |
| DD01082510 | Payroll Period Ending 01/04/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 01/04/2025 |  $ 2,107.68  |
| F01/08/25 | E.F.T.P.S. | Payroll Deductions PPE 1/8/25 |  $ 6,198.64  |
| M01-08-25 | MN Department of Revenue | Employee Deductions 1/8/25 |  $ 1,210.29  |
| P01-08-25 | P.E.R.A. | PPE 01/04/25 Deductions |  $ 3,663.86  |
| 35866 | Tanner Lokken | 2025 Clothing Allowance |  $ 400.00  |
| 35867 | Renner, Richard | 2025 Clothing Allowance |  $ 95.97  |
| 35868 | Zito Media | Fire Hall & PW Telephone & Internet |  $ 412.70  |
| 35869 | East Mesabi Sanitation | Refuse Collection DEC 2024 |  $ 12,088.08  |
| 35870 | Bradach Lumber | Supplies |  $ 29.35  |
| D01-22-25 | Empower | Employee Deductions PPE 1/22/25 |  $ 350.00  |
| DD01222501 | Payroll Period Ending 01/18/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 1/18/25 |  $ 1,516.09  |
| DD01222502 | Payroll Period Ending 01/18/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 1/18/25 |  $ 36.94  |
| DD01222503 | Payroll Period Ending 01/18/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 1/18/25 |  $ 2,967.96  |
| DD01222504 | Payroll Period Ending 01/18/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 1/18/25 |  $ 1,886.43  |
| DD01222505 | Payroll Period Ending 01/18/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 1/18/25 |  $ 1,982.93  |
| DD01222506 | Payroll Period Ending 01/18/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 1/18/25 |  $ 2,027.13  |
| DD01222507 | Payroll Period Ending 01/18/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 1/18/25 |  $ 3,168.56  |
| DD01222508 | Payroll Period Ending 01/18/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 1/18/25 |  $ 2,489.55  |
| DD01222509 | Payroll Period Ending 01/18/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 1/18/25 |  $ 1,412.11  |
| DD01222510 | Payroll Period Ending 01/18/2025 | Regular Payroll Ending 1/18/25 |  $ 2,281.33  |
| F01-22-25 | E.F.T.P.S. | Payroll Deductions PPE 1/22/25 |  $ 6,923.53  |
| M01-22-25 | MN Department of Revenue | Employee Deductions 1/22/25 |  $ 1,372.80  |
| P01-22-25 | P.E.R.A. | PPE 01/22/25 Deductions |  $ 4,063.03  |
| M1-25-25 | MN Department of Revenue | Payroll Qtly Penalty & Interest |  $ 6.20  |
| U1-25-25 | Department of Employment & Economic | Unemployment Benefits Paid |  $ 320.50  |
| ST1-27-25 | MN Dept of Revenue - Sales Tax | Sales Tax - DEC 2024 |  $ 1,602.00  |
| HC1-30-25 | Empower | HCSP 2024 YE Deposit |  $ 26,968.51  |
| 35871 | Aurora Electric | Sewer Pumping Station & Flag Pole |  $ 900.00  |
| 35872 | Arrowhead Regional Firefighters Ass | 2025 Dues |  $ 75.00  |
| 35873 | A1 Services, Inc. | Pumping Holding Tank |  $ 285.00  |
| 35874 | Aurora, City of | Fire Fighting Contract |  $ 500.00  |
| 35875 | Aurora, City of | Shredding |  $ 42.53  |
| 35876 | A.W. Kuettel & Sons, Inc. | LLCC Roof Repairs |  $ 2,590.00  |
| 35877 | Ascendance Trucks Central LLC | Truck #8 Starter |  $ 511.21  |
| 35878 | Aurora Auto Value | Oil, Parts, DEF |  $ 1,367.29  |
| 35879 | Bradach Lumber | Supplies |  $ 337.58  |
| 35880 | CTC | Town Office Phone Jan 2025 |  $ 226.10  |
| 35881 | Anttila, Craig | Travel Expenses |  $ 170.54  |
| 35882 | Como Oil & Propane | Propane |  $ 4,184.89  |
| 35883 | Central Pension Fund | Retirement Contributions Jan 25 |  $ 4,176.00  |
| 35884 | Colosimo, Patchin, & Kearney, LTD | Legal Retainer |  $ 465.00  |
| 35885 | Excel Business Systems | Copier Contract |  $ 49.65  |
| 35886 | General Parts LLC | LLCC Convection Oven Repair |  $ 668.45  |
| 35887 | Amanda Gross | Travel Expense & Cell Phone |  $ 99.70  |
| 35888 | Knaus, Jodi | OT Meal & Cell Phone |  $ 86.00  |
| 35889 | Niemi, Clark | Cell Phone |  $ 50.00  |
| 35890 | Jon Skelton | Travel Exp August 2024 Reissue |  $ 8.04  |
| 35891 | Michael Skinner | Reissue Reimb. Parts & Fuel Lost Check |  $ 83.67  |
| 35892 | I.U.O.E. Local 49 Fringe Benefits | March 2025 Group Insurance |  $ 14,085.00  |
| 35893 | Lawson Products | Plow Bolts |  $ 1,540.52  |
| 35894 | Lake Country Power | Jan Electric Service |  $ 3,746.00  |
| 35895 | L & M Fleet Supply, Inc. | Water Connection @ Garage |  $ 6.99  |
| 35896 | KB Plumbing & Heating | LLCC Boiler & FD Heaters |  $ 2,430.00  |
| 35897 | Menard's-Virginia | Laskiainen, Supplies |  $ 398.14  |
| 35898 | Minnesota Power | Lift Station |  $ 39.20  |
| 35899 | Minnesota Power | Lift Station |  $ 100.75  |
| 35900 | Minnesota Power | Street Lighting |  $ 266.95  |
| 35901 | Madison National Life Ins Co, Inc | LTD/STD Feb 2025 |  $ 387.69  |
| 35902 | Mesabi Tribune | Subscription |  $ 204.20  |
| 35903 | Minnesota Benefit Association | Town Board Life Ins |  $ 1,605.00  |
| 35904 | Northern Engine & Supply, Inc. | Pressure washer |  $ 230.48  |
| 35905 | Nuss Truck & Equipment | Trucks #4, #5 #6 |  $ 2,374.82  |
| 35906 | PeopleService Inc. | FEB 25 W/WW Professional Services |  $ 380.00  |
| 35907 | R.A.M.S. | Dues 2025 |  $ 494.00  |
| 35908 | RMB Environmental Laboratories | Water Testing |  $ 62.70  |
| 35909 | Range Paper | Shop, LLCC Supplies |  $ 1,544.97  |
| 35910 | St. Louis County Auditor-PW | DEC 2024 Fuel |  $ 5,610.58  |
| 35911 | Sullivan Supply | LLCC Supplies |  $ 274.66  |
| 35912 | Town of White Petty Cash Fund | Postage |  $ 176.05  |
| 35913 | VC3 | Jan Contract |  $ 42.50  |
| 35914 | Linde Gas & Equipment Inc. | Welding Supplies/Services |  $ 274.14  |
| 35915 | Gopher State One Call | 2025 Annual Facility Operator Fee |  $ 50.00  |
| 35916 | Edwards Oil | Grease |  $ 282.72  |
| 35917 | XZ6344990 | Health Care Savings |  $ 144.00  |
| 35918 | XZ6272397 | HCSP Reimbursement |  $ 507.84  |
| 35919 | General Parts LLC | LLCC Convection Oven Repair |  $ 986.51  |
| 63417 | Minnesota Life Insurance Company | Employee/Employer Insurance |  $ 202.30  |
| 63418 | Colonial Life | Jan 24 Employee Deductions |  $ 537.42  |
| 63419 | MN NCPERS | Life Insurance Employee Paid |  $ 32.00  |
| 63420 | I.U.O.E. Local 49 | Union Dues Jan 2025 |  $ 315.00  |
| DD01312501 | Payroll Period Ending 01/31/2025 | January 2025 Monthly Payroll |  $ 665.87  |
| DD01312502 | Payroll Period Ending 01/31/2025 | January 2025 Monthly Payroll |  $ 257.55  |
| DD01312503 | Payroll Period Ending 01/31/2025 | January 2025 Monthly Payroll |  $ 423.72  |
| DD01312504 | Payroll Period Ending 01/31/2025 | January 2025 Monthly Payroll |  $ 386.32  |
| DD01312505 | Payroll Period Ending 01/31/2025 | January 2025 Monthly Payroll |  $ 696.95  |
| F1-31-25 | E.F.T.P.S. Monthly | Employee Deductions |  $ 253.40  |
| M1-31-25 | MN Department of Revenue  | Employee Withholding |  $ 66.52  |
| P1-31-25 | P.E.R.A. Monthly | Retirement Deductions |  $ 311.50  |
|  |  | **TOTAL** |  **$ 164,178.11**  |

**2. THE TREASURER’S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2025, LISTED RECEIPTS IN THE AMOUNT OF $94,010.56:**

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| 12/24 Tax ApportionmentFEMA Disaster ReliefGarbage Bag RevenueRefuse RevenueLLCC Rental Fees2024 Election Reimbursement City of Aurora1st ½ SLC Fire ContractAssessment Search FeeCemetery RevenueRefunds & ReimbursementsTwin Lakes Rental Fees | 19,587.5136,688.932,511.00301.601,285.004,677.1120,500.0025.001,400.00560.1760.00 |
| Interest Earned | 6,414.24 |
| **TOTAL** | **$94,010.56** |

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

**3. CITIZENS/GUESTS**:

* Kirstye Mealey – Pickleball at LLCC Request was reviewed; the group would love to see the group be able to play at the LLCC.

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA APPROVING THE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITY OF PICKLEBALL AT THE LOON LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER AND TO WORK OUT THE DETAILS WITH THE OFFICE STAFF. MOTION CARRIED**

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

4.1 Timber Harvest Sale – Bids were reviewed

 **IT WAS MOVED BY ANTTILA, SUPPORTED BY KIPPLEY AWARDING THE PRIVATE FOREST MANAGEMENT BID BY SCOTT CAMPBELL OF $13,393.08 MINUS THE BIOMASS AMOUNT OF $980.00 MAKING THE BID $12,413.08 AS PRESENTED AS THE LOWEST BID. MOTION CARRIED**

4.2 Fire department topics:

* Hall Flood Repairs & Insurance Claim - Repairs are complete; submitted to LMCIT for reimbursement. Back-up valve installation tabled to Spring;

**IT WAS MOVED BY KIPPLEY, SUPPORTED BY SKELTON TO TABLE TO BACK-UP VALVE INSTALLATION FOR THE SEPTIC SYSTEM TO SPRING 2025. MOTION CARRIED**

* Quarterly Meeting

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA TO SCHEDULE THE QUARTERLY FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025 AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE CITY/TOWN GOVERNMENT CENTER. MOTION CARRIED**

* KB Plumbing & Heating Invoice

**IT WAS MOVED BY ANTTILA, SUPPORTED BY KIPPLEY APPROVING THE INVOICE PAYMENT OF $1,620.00 FOR THE FIRE HALL HEATER REPAIRS BY KB PLUMBING & HEATING. MOTION CARRIED**

* Equipment Return from Separated Members

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY KIPPLEY DIRECTING OFFICE STAFF TO CONTACT THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE FOR STARTING THE CIVIL SERVICE OF DEMAND OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY BE RETURNED TO THE TOWN OF WHITE BY SEPARATED MEMBER(S) AND OFFICE STAFF WILL FURNISH LETTER & LIST OF PROPERTY TO SHERIFF’S OFFICE TO BEGIN THE PROCESS. MOTION CARRIED**

* Fire Department Building Ceiling Issue – Lakehead Quote review; fixing the ceiling is an urgency. No other companies contacted supplied quotes.

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY KIPPLEY ACCEPTING THE QUOTE FROM LAKEHEAD CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF $35,567.60. MOTION CARRIED**

4.3 Joint Water Project - an updated Project map was reviewed; meetings continue with Hoyt Lakes and Bolton & Menk is leading this effort.

4.4 LLCC Deed/Legal update –documents are signed and certified copies from the County should be coming soon.

4.5 MNDOT AT Grant – Bolton & Menk Invoice for Grant Writing & Preliminary Design was reviewed. Application was submitted.

 **IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $5,946.00 TO BOLTON & MENK. MOTION CARRIED**

4.6 LLCC Facility – Insuarance claim was submitted for leaking roof; roof needs to be replaced in the future; A.W. Keutell invoice not covered by insurance and needs to be paid. Roof quotes should be obtained in the near future and brought back to the Board for planning.

 **IT WAS MOVED BY ANTTILA, SUPPORTED BY KIPPLEY AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO A.W. KUETTEL IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,590.00. 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 2024 Pay Equity Report was approved by Minnesota Management & Budget and will be placed on file

4.9 Pineville tax forfeit lots for sale & withheld by Township

 **IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA DUE TO BUDGET CUTS & CONSTRAINTS THE TOWNSHIP WILL NOT BE BIDDING ON THESE LOTS FOR PURCHASE. MOTION CARRIED**

4.10 No agenda item

4.11 June 18th Emergency – FEMA reimbursement updates – damage documentation was submitted and administration continues to meet with FEMA for reimbursements. Total estimated damage without admininistrative costs is $372,188.36.

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

4.12 No agenda item - Skip

4.13 Water/wastewater Inventory & Compliance with MDH – Pending; Bolton and Menk is completing this work to submit for a small fee.

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

4.14 Storage Building for Fire Hall & Public Works – No new updates. Still need estimates.

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

4.15 Garbage Survey Results– Board needs to meet.

 **IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY KIPPLEY TO TABLE TO NEXT MONTH & SCHEDULE A SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS. MOTION CARRIED**

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

5.1 CSAH 100 Corridor Project Updates – Knaus & Niemi attended a meeting at St. Louis County to review the County’s preliminary design. Handouts were shared with the Board.

5.2 Tri-City Ambulance Agreement & 2024 Ambulance Report

 **IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA APPROVING THE TRI-CITY AMBULANCE AGREEMENT. MOTION CARRIED. KIPPLEY ABSTAINED.**

5.3 PeopleService Inc. Service Contract & MDH Report from August 2024 – report was reviewed and the contract presented by PeopleService to continue water/wastewater maintenance, testing services, emergency callouts and response, and reporting to MDH as required.

 **IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA APPROVING THE PEOPLESERVICE SERVICES CONTRACT THROUGH APRIL 2028. MOTION CARRIED**

5.4 ARDC Program Funding Opportunity was reviewed

 **IT WAS MOVED BY ANTTILA, SUPPORTED BY KIPPLEY FOR TOWNSHIP TO PURSUE THIS FUNDING OPPORTUNITY IF APPLICABLE TO ANY PROJECTS WE HAVE PLANNED IN THE COMING YEAR. MOTION CARRIED**

5.5 Ehlers Proposal for Services – Investing, creating a Financial Management Plan, and Water Rate Study was reviewed by the Board.

 **IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA TO INVITE EHLERS REPRESENTATIVES TO A BOARD MEETING TO PRESENT FORMALLY THEIR SERVICES AND FEES TO THE BOARD AND TO TABLE TO NEXT MONTH. MOTION CARRIED**

5.6 Resolution 2025-004 – Applying for Culture & Tourism Grant

**WHEREAS**, the IRRRB is accepting applications for the Culture & Tourism, Residential Redevelopment, Workforce Development, Commercial Redevelopment, Community Infrastructure, Development Infrastructure, Regional Trails, Broadband Infrastructure, Development Partnership, Grant Writing Assistance, and Housing Grant Programs for FY2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of White desires to participate in these grant programs to the greatest extent possible as a means of providing improvements and/or expansions in recreational opportunities, facilities, roadways, new housing and development which would create jobs, and growth opportunities within the Town of White; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of White has verified public support for these projects through community surveys conducted; and

**WHEREAS**, these surveys along with a Strategic Planning process helped identify these projects and priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of White Board of Supervisors has identified several Community Recreation Projects, Land Development, and Facility Expansion Projects as high priority in the Town of White; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of White has available local matching funds to fulfill its share of obligation related to this grant application should the grant funds be awarded; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of White will provide adequate funding for on-going operations and maintenance of these recreational areas & facilities within the Township should the grant funds be awarded; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, if the Town of White is awarded a grant by the IRRRB, the Town of White agrees to accept the grant award, and may enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota IRRRB for the above referenced project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Town of White Board of Supervisors does adopt this resolution.

 Upon vote taken thereon, the following voted:

 For: Skelton, Kippley, Anttila

 Against:

 Absent:

**Whereupon said Resolution No. 2025-004 was declared duly passed and adopted this 6th day of February, 2025.**

5.7. LBAE Meeting Announcement – Tuesday, April 9, 2025 1:00 p.m.

5.8. Twin lakes Camping Request with Pavilion Rental – Request was discussed. More details are needed.

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

5.9 Open Gym @ LLCC – Discussion was held about implementing a season pass or charging admission for the use of the gym to help offset costs. It has become very popular with large groups coming each week.

 **IT WAS MOVED SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2025 A $5.00 PARTICIPANT FEE WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FOR ACCESS TO THE GYM TO USE FACILIITES AND ADJUSTING THE HOURS OF OPEN GYM TO BE FROM 6:00 P.M. T0 7:00 P.M. FOR YOUTH K-6TH GRADE AND FROM 7:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M. FOR ALL OTHER USERS. MOTION CARRIED**

**6. REPORTS:**

Clerk’s Report

1. I will be scheduling an in-person meeting with Whitney Ridlon to discuss Grant Opportunities & Projects the IRRR may be willing to support financially for the end of February – early March. I will let the Board know when this will take place if any of you want to be there as well. Attached is their 2025 Community Resource Guide and a Financial Resources Guide.
2. Sarah Ciochetto, Mesabi Trail Spur Project will be attending the March monthly Board meeting as requested.
3. The Annual PERA Leave report was submitted by January 31, 2025 – we had one employee on leave last year.
4. All payroll quarterly reports were filed as well as year-end W-2’s and 1099’s.
5. The Annual Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Loon Lake Community Center will be posted and advertised. We will be preparing the presentation as well over the next few weeks.
6. The Annual Audit is scheduled for the week of February 17-21, 2025 with the offices being closed Monday, February 17th for the President’s Day Holiday.
7. Supervisor Anttila and I attended Township Day at the Capitol and enclosed is the Five Bills to watch and information of the 2025 Legislative Priorities. Once we finalize our budget for 2025 and prioritize projects, we should meet with the MAT staff to lobby for us and get funding.

 On-going Projects & Pending Items not discussed:

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

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

Foreman – plowing, weather events; last few weeks spent on getting snow for Laskiainen and dog sled trail done;

Supervisors:

Anttila - Crew doing great job; Capital visit was tremendous and we definatley should go every year.

Kippley – crews are busy. Things are going well.

Skelton – Thanks to crew and office staff for everything.

**7. TRAINING REQUESTS & MEETING NOTICES**:

* Knaus – Annual Clerk’s Conference – Burnsville, MN March 18-21, 2025

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA APPROVING KNAUS TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL CLERK’S CONFERENCE WITH PAID EXPENSES. MOTION CARRIED**

* Board/Staff – Safety & Loss Control Conference, Virginia, MN – April 22, 2025

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA APPROVING ANY STAFF OR BOARD MEMBER TO ATTEND THE SAFETY TRAINING IN VIRGINIA, MN WITH PAID EXPENSES. MOTION CARRIED**

* Fire Chief & Members – Fire Training, Duluth, MN

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA APPROVING THE FIRE CHIEF AND A FEW STAFF TO ATTEND THE FIRE TRAINING IN DULUTH WITH PAID EXPENSES. MOTION CARRIED**

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, March 6, 2025 5:00 P.M. @ City/Town Government Center; East Range Water Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 4:30 P.M. @ City/Town Government Center; ERJPB Meeting: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 9:00 AM @ City/Town Government Center; Township Annual Meeting: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 6:00 P.M. @ Loon Lake Community Center; Special Meeting Fire Department Quarterly: Monday, February 10, 2025 @ 5:00 P.M. City/Town Government Center; Special Meeting Bolton & Menk: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 @ 5:00 P.M. City/Town Government Center; LBAE: Wednesday, April 9, 2025 1:00 P.M. City/Town Government Center;

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**IT WAS MOVED BY SKELTON, SUPPORTED BY ANTTILA TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING AT 6:50 P.M. MOTION CARRIED**

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