



D. Fire Department Report

Chief Kimar read the Fire Department Report (*a copy is on file*).

A motion was made to allocate \$550.00 from the fire fund for repair of pump equipment.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen  
Support: Susan Kerst  
Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:  
Ayes: Catherine Kimar  
Susan Kerst  
Terry Pihlainen

As to the exposed culvert hazard in front of the fire hall: the board decided a rough estimate of removal cost (including gravel replacement) would be obtained from a local excavator (Dave Kimar) in order to see if the project would need to go out for bids.

E. Planning Commission Report

Trustee Bresette was not present, so no Planning Commission report was given. The clerk noted that the recreation surveys had been sent out.

F. Supervisor Report

The supervisor reported on the following:

- Alger County Road Commission completed their seasonal grading of township roads.
- Michigan Dept. of Transportation will assess the sinkhole(s) along M-28 near the spring before taking any action.
- Cell tower project: a legal description of the land / property owned by the township is needed for this to go forward. It was recommended to ask the assessor or check the township files for the property deed.
- The Zoning Board of Appeals has an open position for an alternate. Anyone seeking the position should send a letter of interest to the Township Board.

G. Tyoga Trail Report

John Highlen was present and gave a thorough report on a tentative three-phase plan for improvements and maintenance of the Tyoga Trail as well as the estimated budgetary cost for the various actions to be taken (*a copy of report is on file*). It was noted that the township did not currently have funds under recreation, and a budget amendment would be needed for any funding this FY.

**V. CORRESPONDENCE**

The township received a second complaint from a resident of Sand River Road about the vehicles at the Berggren residence obstructing the roadway. The supervisor stated that he had attempted to contact this person multiple times but had not received a call back. He also reiterated that the Alger County Road Commission had stated that they did not find issue with the placement of these vehicles near the roadway, so any enforcement actions would be likely to fall under the discretion of the sheriff's department.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was opened at 7:26 pm.

Comment was received from Linda Mathieu regarding current legislation in the State House & Senate that would remove local control of the vacation rental issue.

Public comment was closed at 7:27 pm.

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Review of Board Policy

The board held a lengthy discussion on sections 1 – 3 of the Township Board Policy and made updates of language & wording for clarity as well as modifying portions of the policy that were obsolete &

procedures that had since changed. The Board Policy will be updated, but an unmodified copy will be retained for clarity and future updates.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Carbonite renewal cost

A motion was made to approve up to \$650.00 to renew the subscription to Carbonite data backup services.

Motion: Catherine Kimar  
Support: Susan Kerst  
Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:  
Ayes: Catherine Kimar  
Susan Kerst  
Terry Pihlainen

### B. 2020 Census

The supervisor reported on the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) process that would be getting underway. He appointed Matt Leahy as the liaison for this project due to his prior experience with the census. Training was scheduled to take place in October 2017. The board decided to look into if / how the township has previously paid for this training & work.

### C. Hall exterior maintenance & cleaning

The township hall exterior needs to be cleaned, however the water supply at the hall is inadequate for running a pressure washer to remove the debris from the siding. The supervisor asked the clerk to check with Sanderson & Son (the contracted fire department mechanic) to see if they would be willing / able to use their steam cleaning apparatus as an alternate method of cleaning the building.

The supervisor also said he would contact Signs Unlimited regarding a repainting or update of the Township Hall sign, which is in poor condition.

### D. Kitchen baseboard cost

With the new floor being completed, the kitchen needs new baseboard. The supervisor asked Terry Lane (custodian/sexton) to acquire baseboards that match / complement the new laminate flooring.

A motion was made to approve up to \$200.00 for kitchen baseboards.

Motion: Terry Pihlainen  
Support: Susan Kerst  
Motion carried.

## IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was opened at 8:08 pm.

Public comment was received from Delores Dolan on the nice appearance of the hall with the new flooring & doors; Gerald Gerou on what the Sand River Rd issue was and a request for ACRC to improve the condition of East Deer Lake Rd after heavy truck traffic due to a private landowners project; and Terry Lane on if garbage would be picked up tomorrow due to the holiday (dumpsters were overloaded).

Public comment was closed at 8:15 pm.

## X. BOARD CONCERNS

Catherine Kimar – fax machine is fixed, the Brownstone is having an on-going dumpster-bear issue & GAD has been contacted, and she would like board members to use an equipment rental form she developed to track the off-site usage and condition of the township hall chairs & tables (by residents who request them).

Terry Pihlainen – thanked John Highlen for his extensive work & thorough report on the Tyoga Trail, wished residents a happy Fourth of July.

*No other concerns were expressed.*

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm.

Motion: Susan Kerst  
Support: Catherine Kimar  
Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Catherine Kimar  
Onota Township Clerk  
Proposed: 07/03/2017  
Approved: 08/10/2017