

# **Town of Crystal Bay**

Regular Board Meeting  
Finland Community Center

## **Minutes**

January 17th, 2022

- I. Attendance: Colby Abazs, Paul Hartshorn, Karl Klinker, Doug Perfetto, Danielle Hefferan, Russ Vance(Zoom), Kaare Melby, Honor Schauland, Randy Josephson, Debbie Ahlbeck, Mike Nikula, Amy Nikula, Dennis Nelson, Vaughn Hoff.
- II. Paul called the Regular Meeting of the Crystal Bay Town Board to order at 7:01 pm with the Pledge of allegiance.
  - A. MOTION: To approve the Regular December Meeting Minutes. Motioned by Russ, Seconded by Karl, Passed by unanimous consent.
  - B. MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report. Motioned by Paul, Seconded by Russ, Passed by unanimous consent.
  - C. MOTION: To approve paying all bills and claims due. Motioned by Karl, Seconded by Paul, Passed by unanimous consent.
  - D. The board reviewed correspondence received by the Town.
- III. Reports
  - A. Clerks Odds and Ends: Colby
    - 1. Board of Appeal and Equalization. Paul is currently trained and it would be great to get one more trained by the end of month deadline.
    - 2. Colby responds to emails received to the Town account and brings them to the Board when appropriate.
  - B. Road and Bridge: Doug
    - 1. Grader is being taken apart for repairs that will likely be \$20k+.
    - 2. The snow has nowhere to go.
  - C. Community Center: Honor
    - 1. Bear grease coming up so getting ready for that. Lots of wonderful regular events in the center.
  - D. Cemetery: Vaughn
    - 1. Sold 5 plots last year and buried 4 people. Total income \$800.
  - E. Housing Project: Erik
    - 1. The most important update is that I'm working with the Lake County Age Friendly Coalition on an Age Friendly MN grant application that will be submitted at the start of next month. The coalition has identified a variety of projects relating to housing that would benefit from additional funding and the county will take the role of administering this grant if it is successful. The Coalition is particularly excited about supporting this project and further funding for a community led need-finding and design process for intergenerational/universal housing will be included in the grant application. As needed,

I will be reaching out for letters of support from the Town, Friends of Finland, and others as we continue working on the grant application.

2. On a different note, I'm building a great network of organizations and individuals working on housing-related projects in the region and am particularly excited to be meeting with One Roof Housing in Duluth next week, as they have lots of experience with land trusts, construction, and even do some work up in Cook County.

F. Ei Roska Project: Friends of Finland

1. Feb 27th there will be a Conditional Use Process for the proposed site. The County is looking into helping to get a well and septic on the site for use by all the nearby facilities. The snowmobile club has also had interests in a facility in that general area for their equipment storage and is in conversations on how all the uses can fit in the space. The facility will also need to be built to all environmental standards. Full Friends of Finland report attached.
2. Question? There are many people who do not have enough information about the Ei Roska project. How can community members be engaged and get more info. Coming to Town Board Meetings, the Annual Meeting, and events that Friends of Finland is planning.

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

A. Reorganization Meeting

1. Select board chair and vice-chair.
  - a) MOTION: Paul is selected as the board chair and Karl is selected as the board vice-chair. Motioned by Russ, seconded by Karl, passed by unanimous consent.
2. Set schedule of regular board meetings.
  - a) MOTION: The Town Board of Crystal Bay Township, Lake County, Minnesota holds its regularly scheduled board meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Clair Nelson Intermodal Transportation Center(Finland Community Center) located at 6866 Cramer Rd, Finland, MN 55603. If the date of a regular meeting falls on a holiday or conflicts with an election, the meeting will be held in the following week on the same day, time, and place. If a regular town board meeting must be held at a different date, time, or place than indicated above, or if the town board decides to hold a special board meeting, notice of the meeting will be posted and published. A copy of this schedule shall be kept on file at the town's primary office where its records are kept. This schedule shall remain in effect until changed by motion of the town board. Motioned by Karl, seconded by Russ, passed by unanimous consent.
3. Designate an official newspaper.
  - a) MOTION: The North Shore Journal is selected as the official newspaper for Township notices. Motioned by Karl, seconded by Paul, passed by unanimous consent.
4. Designate legal posting place

- a) MOTION: The entry to the Community Center(Clair Nelson Intermodal Transportation center) and the bulletin at the Finland Coop shall be the official posting places for Town business. Motioned by Russ, seconded by Karl, passed by unanimous consent.
5. Designate a depository bank.
  - a) MOTION: The North Shore Federal Credit Union is designated as the official depository bank for the Town of Crystal Bay with the Clerk, Treasurer, and Chair as signatories. Additionally The Clerk and Road Supervisor are approved for use of the Credit Union Credit Card. Motioned by Karl, seconded by Russ, passed by unanimous consent.
6. Record any known conflicts of interest.
  - a) Non noted

B. County Committee of the Whole

1. The Lake County Board of Commissioners would like to meet as a Committee of the Whole on the third Tuesday this April at the Clair Nelson Community Center. The meeting would start at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

VI. MOTION: to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm until February 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Finland Community Center. Motioned by Karl, Seconded by Russ.

## **Recycling/Composting Project Report, Crystal Bay Township Meeting, January 17, 2023**

Friends of Finland is closer to an agreement/MOU with Lake County. The County has the contract for the grant with the MPCA, and the County will do the purchasing of equipment and building materials. The County will have a contract directly with RSDP that will allow David Abazs to continue to work on the project and manage the construction phase. The proposed location is entirely on County land at this time, but at the December meeting, the Township has agreed to take on ownership of the land and equipment from the County in the near future. The project will have to go through a Conditional Use Permit process through the Lake County Planning Commission. The hearing will be February 27th. That will be the place for any concerns to be brought forward and addressed.

David Abazs met with the Finland Snowmobile/ATV Club to bring them up to date and to talk about the available land at the site and how to ensure that space is left for their future needs. The County is willing to move their property boundary to accommodate the needs at the site (transfer property to the Township), and support a future septic system at the site.

We're still solidifying Friends of Finland's role through a written agreement with the County. Mostly it would be to assist with hiring and managing the employee who would be getting the facility up and running. Some funds from the MPCA grant would be transferred to FoF for this purpose, and we will be helping to track our in-kind time for the match. We would also be assisting with facilitation and public outreach for the project.

Once things are more solid, likely by the February meeting, we will be asking the Township to pass through the funds that were voted on at the last Annual meeting for this purpose, and we plan to encourage and publicize the issue before the next township Annual meeting where it should be voted on again.