

Town of Crystal Bay

Special Meeting re: Lake County Garage Project in Finland

Clair Nelson Community Center

6866 Cramer Road Finland, MN 55603

Minutes

September 24th, 2025

- I. **Attendance:** Stacy Breden, Douglas Perfetto, Randy Josephson, Michael Nikula, Lise, Abazs, Sandy Gunnink, Paul Hartshorn, David Geist, Paul Deaner, Roger Peterson, Colby Abazs,
 - A. Supervisor Hartshorn called the Special Meeting of the Crystal Bay Town Board to order at 6:02 pm with the Pledge of allegiance.
 - B. MOTION: To approve the September's Special Meeting Agenda. Motioned by Supervisor Nikula, Seconded by Peterson, Passed by unanimous consent.
 - C. MOTION to waive meeting stipend for board members & officers Motioned by Supervisor Peterson, Seconded by Supervisor Nikula, Passed by unanimous consent.
- II. **Crystal Bay Town Board to discuss Repair of 2019 710G Loader**
 - A. The clerk presented the board with quotes from McCoy re: Backhoe Loader
 - 1. Our Loader is not a 2019 it is a 2004, there is an error on McCoy's paperwork.
 - a) Quote on 9-9 was for \$6,721.48
 - b) Quote on 9-17 was for \$67,315.02
 - (1) 2nd Quote on 9-17 is for \$34,407.18
 - (2) Email on 9-17 from McCoy states we are \$2,200.00 in labor into the machine already.
 - c) Quote on 9-18 is for \$45,139.02
 - (1) Email on 9-18 states there is an attached estimate for (roughly) 10K to get the machine operational again although the attached quote is actually for \$45,139.02
 - d) Clerk Breden emailed on 9-22 to Scott Van Aernum Sales Rep with McCoy asking for a sales evaluation as is. Kalin Kvttek Territory Manager with McCoy emailed back stating that he estimates the unit to be around 27K repaired and running. The Value as it sits (not running) is the repair minus the 27K. So Kalin says Scott believes the repair to be around \$12-13K. That would put the (as-is value at \$14-15K).
 - e) Treasurer Abaz asked Doug what his hours on the Loader are typically at this time of year or even in the winter. Posing the question of is it cost effective to fix and sell our backhoe or just simply rent for x amount of hours yearly. Doug did not know the hours spent annually or bi-annually on the loader. Treasurer mentioned it might be worth keeping track to

help the Town Board when emergencies come up re: equipment to help decide where they are able to cut corners. Supervisor Nikula agreed that a log should be kept, and Supervisor Peterson referenced the Comprehensive Plan stating that this information will be needed when looking at Cost Comparisons on our roads and equipment. Treasurer Abaz mentioned it would be great to know those numbers to see if hiring out contractors for certain road jobs is actually beneficial to the Road Budget.

- f) Renting Jack Nelson's Loader would cost \$2.00 a yard to load the truck. To run the loader from Jack's house to the pit is \$175.00 an hr. To remove snow or fix a turnaround would be the hourly rate of \$175.00.

- (1) Clerk Breden noted that there would be an additional cost to renting for renters insurance for the duration of the renting period. There is no estimate at this time because it would depend on the make, model and time in use.

- g) Doug asks where the 83K from FEMA is and why he can't get equipment fixed? Supervisor Peterson stated that we didn't get 83K. We spent a good amount of money and were reimbursed. (Clerk Breden and Treasurer did not have figures available on how much the Flood actually cost the Town vs the reimbursement from FEMA) Clerk Breden noted for example the Town spent a lot hourly on admin for her position but was only reimbursed a bit over 4K. So that doesn't always mean there is extra just because FEMA money came in. Furthermore, Treasurer Abaz explained that the 83K brought in from FEMA as a reimbursement is actually subsidizing other funds right now. Mainly the General Fund, so the Road and Bridge budget number isn't accurate.
- h) Doug said he needs to get roads graded so need the loader asap. Supervisor Peterson said we have to pause on road work for the moment until we can see what this repair is going to cost. Doug said he needs to mow, can he mow? Supervisor Peterson states that : No, we need to take a 3 week pause on the roads so we can see where the Road and Bridge fund sits and decide how we are going to pay for a repair or if that is feasible. Supervisor Nikula and Hartshorn agreed.
- i) Clerk Breden suggested that Doug put a pin in communicating with McCoy so that she can and the board can get accurate information to move forward with a decision stating that there are too many quotes and too much information floating around and that this is how mistakes and miscommunication happen.

- B. Supervisor Peterson asks Clerk Breden to email McCoy asking what the definitive cost for the fixing of the loader will be. Then the board can decide if another Special Meeting is needed or if it can wait until Oct 21st's meeting. Doug stated that he will need the loader

by Oct 15th to put the wing on the grader. Treasurer Abaz stated that maybe it's worth renting a loader to help with that and Supervisor Hartshorn said maybe the County would help with that if it came to it.

VI. CLOSE MEETING: MOTION: to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm Motioned by Supervisor Peterson, Seconded by Supervisor Nikula , Passed by unanimous consent.

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Paul Hartshorn- Board Chair

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Michael Nikula- Vice Chair

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Roger Peterson- Supervisor

Attested to this 21st day of October, 2025

Stacy Breden - Town Clerk