**Approved**

**October 1, 2024**

**Rockford Township**

**Regular Meeting Minutes 7:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Otten called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. at the Rockford Township Hall. Present were Supervisor Dale Otten, Joel Kjome, Dennis Beise, Troy Beise, Nancy Norsby, Deputy/Clerk Connie Hunt, and Maintenance Crew Allen Valentine.

**Agenda**

A **motion** was made by Supervisor Dennis Beise and seconded by Supervisor Kjome to approve the agenda as printed. **Motion carried unanimously**.

**Meeting Minutes**

A **motion** was made by Supervisor Dennis Beise and seconded by Supervisor Troy Beise to approve the regular meeting minutes from September 17, 2024 as printed. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Continued Items**

**City of Rockford – Fire Board Meeting Discussion**

The board questioned why the City of Rockford was the only city asking for funds beyond what the township pays for fire protection annually and asking for additional funds totaling over $400,000.00 (12.30% based on percentage of service the city has provided for the township yearly) over a ten-year period or payment upfront.

Supervisor Kjome stated that before any contributions would be made, the township residents should be made aware of this decision. Supervisor Norsby stated she was concerned that with the lack of updated equipment, the city wouldn’t be able to accommodate the township residents during a fire. The board discussed further into the budget Rockford Township Residents sets aside each year for fire protection and the age of the equipment at the township that will eventually need additional maintenance and replacing relying on our own budget.

A resident at the township meeting also stated that the City of Rockford has a shortage of firefighters. Supervisor Kjome made a **motion** to not give additional funds/contribution to the City of Rockford Fire Truck Fund at this time. Supervisor Dennis Beise seconded the motion and then rescinded his motion needing further clarity. Supervisor Kjome then rescinded his motion after the third request to second the original motion.

Supervisor Dale Otten stated that more communications with the City of Rockford should be further discussed later. Supervisor Troy Beise suggested they go over the dollars when it comes to time for budgeting to let the public know. Supervisor Troy Beise made a **motion** to continue to work thru this project with the City of Rockford and Rockford Township to be upfront with the citizens of the township as they work thru the budget. Supervisor Otten added that the City of Rockford needs to look for additional avenues for funding that was added to the motion. Supervisor Norsby seconded the motion. **Motion carried in favor**, Supervisor Otten, Dennis Beise, Troy Beise, Norsby, Kjome opposed.

**Maintenance** - None

**Public Comments** – None

**New Items**

**Planning Commission Recommendations from October 1, 2024**

A **motion** was made by Supervisor Norsby and seconded by Supervisor Troy Beise to approve the October 1, 2024, Planning Commission recommendations. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Election Equipment Lease Agreement with Wright County**

A **motion** was made by Supervisor Kjome and seconded by Supervisor Norsby to approve the Election Equipment Lease Agreement with Wright County. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Rockford Lions Request to sell pull-tabs during Riverworks event in October 2024**

A **motion** was made by Supervisor Dennis Beise and seconded by Supervisor Norsby to approve the Rockford Lions request to sell pull-tabs during the Riverworks event in October 2024. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Supervisors**

**Supervisor Joel Kjome** - Supervisor Kjome suggested adding a fence between the tree line to the south to stop residents from accessing the pit area illegally. He has inspected Eastwood Ave SE and it looks good.

**Supervisor Nancy Norsby** – Supervisor Norsby did not give specific information but commented overtime that was not approved. Supervisor Norsby ~~gave her opinion that she believed~~ **stated** overtime needed preapproval as discussed at a prior meeting.

**Supervisor Troy Beise** – Supervisor Troy Beise discussed meeting with a contractor about installing an exhaust fan in the wash bay.

**Supervisor Dennis Beise** - None

**Supervisor Dale Otten** - Supervisor Otten gave each board member a copy of a quote for Town Hall entrance from Knife River. Supervisor Kjome questioned if 4” of Bituminous was enough. After discussing how much Bituminous would be needed, soil boring and the date of the quote, it was decided not to proceed that this time. Supervisor Dennis Beise commented that the County should be responsible for the entrance on Dague Ave. SE.

**Deputy Clerk** – None

**Funds Report** – None

**Review of Claims**

A **motion** was made by Supervisor Dennis Beise and seconded by Supervisor Kjome to approve the claims #5385 to claim #5400 for $22,830.65 including payroll. **Motion carried unanimously**

**Adjournment**

 Supervisor Otten adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

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Dale Otten (Chairperson)

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Connie Hunt (Deputy Clerk)