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Town Board: Chair Kevin Comnick, Supervisor Kurt Brooks, Supervisor Dan Golen
Clerk Susan Krasaway, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES: AIS GRANT APPLICATION/DISCUSSION **October 24, 2016**

ATTENDING: Chair Kevin Comnick, Supervisor Kurt Brooks, Clerk Susan Krasaway, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal, Pike Lake Association members Larry Modean and Bob Idziorek, Caribou Lake Association members Tom Marchand, Mary Mann and Mary Charnes.

Chair Comnick called the meeting to order at 5 p.m., and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Purpose: In order to apply for the right amount of grant money from SLC, the township wanted to hear the lake associations' hopes for the summer 2017 AIS inspection season.

The PLA would like to increase the landing hours at Carmen's Way to 10 a.m. (instead of noon) to 8 p.m. daily from May through September, which would add up to about 1,200 hours. They are not sure yet if they will contribute any of their own funds (donated by their membership) which have been earmarked for inspections; they may purchase vests for the inspectors and/or use it for other related educational projects. We will proceed with the application as if they are not donating anything at this time.

The CLA would like us to budget 1,200 inspection hours for Caribou Lake as well. The inspectors will likely rotate around to the various landings. They are hoping the inspectors can be trained for a May 1 start date (note: last year, the inspectors were not trained by the DNR until early/mid-may).

Both associations are in favor of a wage increase; it has been at \$10/hour for the past several years. Inspectors on the range are paid in the \$12/hour range. The town board will need to determine/approve any wage increase. Based on that decision, the township will finalize the grant application and submit to SLC by the December deadline. Comnick thanked the PLA for their preliminary work on drafting the application.

2016 leftover grant funds: We have roughly \$5,000 left over from the \$6,000 Caribou grant and \$1,100 left over from the \$10,000 PLA grant. That money can be carried over and used until the end of 2017. Some of it may be used for educational signage, laminated pamphlets, etc. and/or to pay for township administrative costs which have yet to be submitted for reimbursement.

Since this is already a big undertaking, the supervisors agreed they will not reach out to other lakes at this time or consider getting a level-2 decontamination unit.

For the coming year, Comnick asked the associations to respect the township's role as the program manager and asked them to contact him first before corresponding with the county, inspectors, etc. regarding any issues. The township and associations will meet if/when the grant is approved. At that point, we can discuss hiring logistics, hours, locations, etc.

Motion by Brooks, seconded by Comnick, to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Susan Krasaway, Clerk
November 2, 2016

Kevin Comnick, Chair
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