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**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, March 14, 2022 – 7:00 PM**

1. Clerk Etelamaki called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
  - MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chris Grund, Betty Grund, Sarah Etelamaki
  - MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jeff Ogea, Pete Koski
  - STAFF PRESENT:** Steve Bartanen, Jim Kippola
  - STAFF ABSENT:** Dylan Jurasin
  - PUBLIC PRESENT:** None
4. Approval of Agenda
  - MOTION: To approve the agenda as written with addition 12 d. PC Term Appointment.**
  - Betty Grund, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent; Motion Carried.**
5. Approval of Minutes
  - MOTION: To approve the February 14, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.**
  - Chris Grund, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent; Motion Carried.**
6. Approval of Treasurer's Report:
  - MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Total Assets are as follows:**

<b>General Fund: \$1,971,287.30</b>	<b>Road Fund: \$429,531.04</b>
<b>Sanitation Fund: \$560,650.10</b>	<b>Rail Fund: \$327,727.66</b>
<b>Fire/EMS Fund: \$337,206.71</b>	<b>Trust &amp; Agency Fund: \$5,510.29</b>

  - Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent; Motion Carried.**
7. Approval of Bills:
  - MOTION: To accept the bills as written.**
  - Betty Grund, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent; Motion Carried.**
8. Reports
  - a. **BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** None
  - b. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Chairman Kippola gave a summary report of the last PC meeting. Full minutes are on file.
  - c. **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Chief Bartanen gave a brief summary of the last FD meeting. Full minutes are on file.
  - d. **ASSESOR REPORT:** Dylan Jurasin was absent due to Board of Review meetings.
9. Correspondence
  - a. FD February and March Meeting Minutes
  - b. PC February Meeting Minutes
  - c. North Country Letter
  - d. Steward & Sheridan Letter
10. Public Comment: None
11. Old Business:

- a. **Fire Fighter Pay Request:** Clerk Etelamaki presented a spreadsheet with all the Fire/EMS fund financials since 2006 when the millages were passed. It clearly shows the Fire budget has been overspent for quite some time. The remaining monies in the entire fund are actually designated to the EMS per the millage and tax collections over that time period. She is working with both the Assessor and the Accountant to separate these millages and funds moving forward for better clarification, but it takes time. There was a lengthy discussion between the Board and the Chief to see how we can come up with a solution. Sustainability is the biggest factor.
- b. **Rail Lease:** In discussions with two different attorneys, the Board is charged with how to proceed both with Mineral Range and Eagle Mine. It was decided to forward all correspondence to Mr. Murphy and get his opinion.

12. New Business:

- a. **PC Annual Report/By-Laws:** Chairman Kippola went over the Annual Report. The 2022 By-Laws were also reviewed by the Board.  
**MOTION: To accept the Planning Commission 2021 Annual Report.**  
**Betty Grund, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent; Motion Carried.**  
**MOTION: To approve the February 28, 2022 Planning Commission By-Laws.**  
**Sarah Etelamaki, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent; Motion Carried.**
- b. **2022 Dust Control:** The Annual Dust Control Agreement for 2022 was received and reviewed.  
**MOTION: To accept the 2022 Dust Control Agreement.**  
**Chris Grund, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent; Motion Carried.**
- c. **Budget Hearing/General Appropriations Act:** Clerk Etelamaki opened and summarized the budget hearing at 8:53pm. She opened the hearing to public comment. There was no written public comment. Steve Bartanen made some adjustments to the Fire/EMS fund line item amounts. Jim Kippola stated we should examine all ways of sustainability for wage planning. Clerk Etelamaki closed the hearing to public comment. The board had no new discussion about the 2022-2023 budget.  
**MOTION: To adjourn the budget hearing at 9:00pm.**  
**Betty Grund, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported, 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent; Motion Carried.**  
**MOTION: To adopt the General Appropriations Act FY 2022-2023.**  
**Chris Grund, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; Roll Call Vote:**  
**Betty Grund-Aye Chris Grund-Aye Sarah Etelamaki-Aye**  
**3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent; Motion Carried.**
- d. **PC Term Appointment:** Carrie Hair was appointed to carry out Joe Wasie's expiring term which ends on March 31<sup>st</sup>. She must be re-appointed for a new 3 year term starting April 1<sup>st</sup>.  
**MOTION: To appoint Carrie Hair on the Planning Commission for a 3 year term starting April 1, 2022-March 31, 2025.**  
**Betty Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent; Motion Carried.**

- 13. Public Comment: Jim Kippola complimented the 3 members of the Board for tackling some big issues at tonight's meeting.
- 14. Board Member Comments: Trustee B. Grund noted the nice work done on the research and spreadsheet of the Fire/EMS fund.
- 15. Adjournment:  
**MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 9:06pm.**  
**Chris Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent; Motion Carried.**