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1. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Ray Gurgall with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Present at the meeting-** Ray Gurgall, Chad Knodl, Chris Fazer, Mark Schoen, and Brent Ayotte.
3. **A Motion to approve the agenda was made by Mark Schoen, supported by Brent Ayotte. Motion carried 5-0.**
4. **Bills, Minutes and Treasurers Reports-** A motion was made to approve the Bills, Minutes and Treasurers reports by Mark Schoen, supported by Brent Ayotte. Motion carried 5-0.
5. **Action Item- Sewer Operator Position-** Mark Schoen has been approached by an individual regarding the open sewer position. This person has the necessary L-1 certification with the state, so they would be replacing both Scott Meiner and Dan Stein, and would also be able to file the paperwork to EGLE that Beth Bertolini has been taking care of. This person would like to operate as a contractor rather than an employee. The board asked Mark to have this person put together their proposal and bring it to the February meeting.
6. **Action Item- Board of Review Training-** Chad Knodl reported that the state has mandated that Boards of Review take a training class every 2-year term. This needs to be completed before this year's Board of Review in March. A motion to have Ray Gurgall, Paul Sirchia, Henry Leeseburg, Sr., and David Arnold take the MTA training online was made by Mark Schoen, seconded by Brent Ayotte. Motion carried 5-0.
7. **Action Item- EDC Board Appointment-** The Board received a letter of interest from Bruce Phillips to serve on the EDC Board. **A Motion was made by Mark Schoen, supported by Chris Fazer to have Bruce**

Phillips fill the unexpired term of the late Mike Elliot, which expires 1/1/24. Motion carried 5-0.

**If interested in serving, please drop a Letter of Interest in the Community Club drop box, or contact a member of the Board.**

8. **Bank Account Changes-** Chris Fazer reported that the motion that was passed at last month's meeting regarding changing the Township accounts was not specific enough for the bank. Chris furnished the Board with the necessary list of motions, and they went as follows:  
A Motion to approve adding Chris Fazer and Chad Knodl to all Northern Interstate Bank accounts was made by Ray Gurgall, seconded by Mark Schoen. Motion carried 5-0.  
A Motion to approve adding Chris Fazer and Chad Knodl to all Flagstar Bank accounts was made by Brent Ayotte, seconded by Mark Schoen. Motion carried 5-0.  
A Motion to approve adding Chris Fazer and Chad Knodl to all IntegraFirst Federal Credit Union accounts was made by Ray Gurgall, seconded by Mark Schoen. Motion carried 5-0.  
A Motion to approve keeping Beth Bertolini on the Sewer Receiving Account at Northern Interstate Bank (for the purpose of depositing Sewer bill payments) was made by Ray Gurgall, seconded by Mark Schoen. Motion carried 5-0.
9. **Road Rally-** Roger Van Damme contacted Mark Schoen about the annual Road Rally which is held up in the Vega/Sand/River Rd. area. The county is leaving the decision to approve the race to the local units of government. The board tabled this until next month.
10. **EDC Expense Request-** Mark Schoen reported that the EDC decided at their January meeting to request incurring the cost of seeking legal assistance in pursuing repayment of the long past due loans that they have been dealing with. After some discussion, a Motion was made by Chris Fazer, seconded by Brent Ayotte to allow the EDC to incur this cost. Motion carried 4-0, with Ray Gurgall abstaining.
11. **Public Comment-** There was a question about what the backup plan is if Brent Ayotte or Mark Schoen are not available to open the gym for walking in the morning, for whatever reason. Chad Knodl offered to open the gym in these cases, so long as he is given notice the night before.

**12. Board Comment- Mark Schoen:** The Sportsmen's Club will be updating the signs on the highway to reflect North Central's State Championship in football. **CONGRATS TO THE JETS!** Mark is working with the DNR on the establishment of a trailhead for the ATV trail at the Meyer Twp. Recreation Area. Mark also expressed interest in seeking grant funds for a fishing pier at the Point.

**Brent Ayotte:** Monica Guiles contacted Brent about having her traveling volleyball team hold practices in the gym on Sundays, and possibly later hosting a tournament. For the practices, there will be a no more than 8 players and 2 coaches attending, falling in line with current guidelines. A Motion was made by Chad Knodl, seconded by Mark Schoen to allow the practices at the current day use rental rate. Motion carried 5-0. The board decided that allowing the possible volleyball tournament would be addressed later.

Brent also presented the board with quotes for replacement of the water heater, water tank, and floor scrubber that were given to him by previous Clubhouse Manager Andrew Fazer. The board advised Brent to request updated quotes on the water tank and water heater, as these were over a year old. No further action was taken.

**Chris Fazer:** Chris reported that the Road Commission will only allow 3 of our board members to attend our annual meeting in person. He suggested that Ray Gurgall, Chad Knodl, and Mark Schoen make the trip, and he and Brent would teleconference from the office. Chris reported that he is continuing the search for a new website host, as well as a credit card for the Township.

**Chad Knodl:** Chad asked the board for permission to take care of the extensive backlog of Fire Number signs that need to be ordered. Some people have been waiting years for these signs. A Motion was made by Ray Gurgall, seconded by Brent Ayotte to allow Chad to proceed. Motion carried 5-0. Chad reported that Assessor Bob DesJarlais informed him the board needs to pass two resolutions prior to March Board of Review: A Resolution to set the Meeting Date for the March Board of Review as Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> was presented by Mark Schoen, supported by Chris Fazer. The Resolution passed with a vote of 5-0. The second Resolution is to extend any 2020 Poverty Exemptions to 2021, as allowed by the state due to the pandemic. The

Resolution was presented by Mark Schoen, supported by Chris Fazer. The resolution was passed with a vote of 5-0. Chad then commented that in his opinion, the board should put a motion on the record that we will not stand in the way of Bob and Bryan Maule should they decide to resume the Gold Medal Classic this year. After some discussion that this would be a good thing to do, a Motion was made by Mark Schoen, seconded by Chad Knodl to support the return of the Gold Medals. Motion carried 5-0. Lastly, Chad asked the board whether he should proceed with completing the Letter of Intent to apply for EGLE Wastewater project funding that was mentioned at last month's meeting. Submitting the letter doesn't commit us to a project, but is necessary to get a meeting with EGLE to discuss possibilities for the 2022 funding cycle. A Motion was made by Chris Fazer, seconded by Ray Gurgall to have Chad submit the Letter of Intent. Motion carried 5-0.

**Ray Gurgall:** Ray reported that he met with St. Vincent Tree Service regarding the trees that need to be removed at the cemetery and they have sent a quote, which he gave to Chad Knodl. The board will seek two more quotes before proceeding. The goal is to have the trees removed well before Memorial Day. Ray also reported that he will be taking a ride around the Township with Road Commission Engineer/Manager Darrell Cass prior to our meeting in order to show him our priorities and areas of concern. Ray also has been in contact with County Commissioner Larry Johnson, State Rep. LaFave's office, and the DNR regarding road funding. Lastly, Ray reported that he was approached by the Rebels Motorcycle Club about their willingness to volunteer with any projects we might have going on in the future.

**There being no more business before the board, a Motion to adjourn was made at 7:34 by Ray Gurgall, seconded by Chad Knodl. Motion carried 5-0.**