**Minnesota Street Superintendents Association**

**Tuesday February 14th 2017**

**11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**North St. Paul American Legion Hall**

**2678 East 7th Avenue**

**North St. Paul, MN 55109**

**MSSA First Quarter Member Meeting**

**Call meeting to order: Will Elwell Time 11:04 a.m. Meeting Adjourned: Time 11:25 p.m.**

**Attendance:**

**Present**  **Absent**

Past President, Dan Tobritzhofer \_\_x\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

President, Will Elwell \_\_x\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President, Jeff Wolff \_\_x\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary, Mike Okey \_\_ x \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

Treasurer, Jake Theisen \_\_\_x\_\_\_ \_\_ \_\_

Assistant Treasurer, Tim Kieffer \_\_x\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Treasurer / Administrator, Bert Tracy \_\_x\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Outgoing Past President, Ken Frosig \_\_x\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Outgoing Treasurer, Jim Romanik \_\_x\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

**Meeting:**

**Introduction of Retired Members:**

Will Elwell recognized Randy Bastyr from Oakdale.

**Introduction of Vendors:**

Titan Machinery

Specialty Solutions

Force America

MacQueen Equipment Group

RCM Specialties, Inc.

Falls, Little Falls Machine Inc.

Envirotech

**Vendor Notes:**

Envirotech is looking for a municipality to be a test partner to install sensors on light poles to collect road temp and weather data.

**LTAP Update:**

Mindy Carlson provided an update on winter, spring and summer LTAP workshops and events. Winter is a great time to take LTAP's on-line courses in culvert maintenance, sign management and maintenance, gravel road design and maintenance and Turf Grass Pathology. Mindy brought a set of their new LTAP Safety Trivia cards for everyone. The cards are used as a fun learning tool that can be placed on lunchroom and break tables for staff to quiz each other in the basics of work place safety, personal protection equipment, large equipment safety, traffic control, trenching, confined space and fall protection training. She also discussed a new state-wide "Build a Better Mousetrap Competition". Submit a project you've built or fabricated to make a job easier or more efficient and you'll be entered into the competition. Two winners will be selected with one winner moving on to a National competition. OPERA funds are available once again for construction and maintenance operations research. They are granting funds up to $20,000. More info can be found at mnltap.umn.edu/opera

**Approval of November 1, 2016 Fourth Quarter Meeting Minutes**

**Motion to Approve**

**By:** Jeff Radick-Burnsville

**Second By:** Andy Weldon- Savage

**Motion Passed**

**Approval of November 28, 2016 and January 24, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

**Motion to Approve**

**By:** Tom Reiner-Ham Lake

**Second by:** Tom Zabinski-St. Cloud

**Motion Passed**

**Finance Committee Report**

***Finance Committee Members – Jake Theisen / Tim Kieffer / Bert Tracy***

**2017 Membership Update and Bank Balance:**

**General Memberships 102 - $7,050**

**Associate Memberships 52 - $7,550**

**2017 Total Memberships – 154 members for a total membership income of $14,600**

**Bank Balance as of 2-8-17 - $9,294.14**

**Scholarship Committee Update:**

***Scholarship Committee Members – Co-Chairs John Harlow and Todd Berg, members, Jeff Kirkeby and***

***Mike Purdy.***

Mike Purdy discussed the flier that will be coming out soon to be posted at each city. The plan is to

Internally market the scholarship to City employees and also reach out to a few local trade schools.

**Membership Appreciation Night Committee Report**

***Membership Appreciation Committee Members- Jake Theisen, Jeff Kirkeby, Tom Reiner and Bert Tracy***

Jake Theisen has been in discussion with Canterbury Park to reserve a spot in late May or early June to

host a salsa bar, burgers, chicken, brats and beverages.

**Award Presentations:**

Dan Tobritzhofer presented Ken Frosig with a plaque and MSSA jacket to honor his years of service tenure as MSSA President. Jim Romanik also received a plaque and MSSA jacket to honor his years of service and tenure as MSSA Treasurer.

**Old Business:**

MSSA Board of Directors is looking for a location to host the August and November 2017 Meetings.

Please contact a board member if you are interested in hosting. Scott County training Facility was

mentioned as a potential site to host the third quarter meeting in August.

**Reminder:**

2017 Second Quarter Vendor Exhibit and Meeting to be held Tuesday, May 2nd at Dakota

County Empire Transportation Facility 2800 160th Street West Rosemount MN 55068.

**Adjournment**

**Motion to Approve:**

**By:** Bert Tracy- Golden Valley

**Second By:** Tom Zabinski- St. Cloud

**Adjourn:** 11:25 A.M.

**Guest Speaker**

Erik Therwanger, Corporate Speaker/Training gave a 90 minute presentation on the definition and

Qualities of leadership and what we can all do to be better leaders and improve our work culture.