

August 12, 2020

Chair Sandstrom called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members except Supervisor Newkirk attended.

Reading of the minutes was waived by motion of Supervisor Hardy, seconded by Supervisor Pantzke. The remainder of the board concurred.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Meier reported a total working cash balance of \$760,544.16. The report was approved and filed for audit at a later date.

Road Report: Mike Lahr reported that the roads are in fair condition. Normal routine maintenance of the town roads, township equipment, fire equipment, and refuse and recycling center has been ongoing.

Staff has started the second round of ditch mowing. The chip sealing went well. They will be back in a week or two to do a final sweeping. Ideal Construction will be starting 70th Ave in the next couple of weeks.

Mike reported that he did end up going with Ideal Construction for the purchase of gravel. Mike called Hengels and they said that 5,000 yards of gravel would not be enough for them to do any gravel for us. Mike and Ryan also cleaned up the last of our gravel pile in the Hengel pit.

Bob Harmsen reported that Birch Acres Road is in very bad shape. He asked when the board plans to do some work on it. Chair Sandstrom explained that due to the work on 70th Avenue, Birch Acres would be in the 2021 repair list. Mike Lahr stated that some patching is planned in the near future.

Resolution 2020-013 vacating section B of 80th Avenue was done at the public hearing.

Fire Report: Mike Lahr reported two fire calls; a grass fire at Highway 10 and Ridge Road, and an accident on 320th at Athena Road.

Logan Bell is a new fire fighter. The training for the month will be Brest Practice first 5 minutes on scene.

O.B.: The board would like to meet with the MATIT representative at the September meeting.

Bob Ingle and Steve Backowski (Morrison County Department of Public Works) talked to the board about the “Turn Off the Faucet” project. Morrison County would like to install a culvert under 30th Avenue to move the water pumped from the south side of CR 203 to the drainage ditch between 30th Avenue and Highway 10. Supervisor Pantzke, seconded by Supervisor Hardy, made a motion to sign off on a permit to allow Morrison County to place a 12” water line along and across 30th Ave from CR 203 to an existing ditch/culvert crossing. Thence open cut 30th Avenue about 1130’ south of CR 203 and install a corrugated metal pipe culvert to act as a sleeve for said 12” water line including riprap outlet protection. . The remainder of the board concurred. Mr. Ingle and Mr. Backowski also talked to the board about the pump electrical costs and who would be responsible for those costs. After discussion, it was decided to table the electrical cost issue until the September meeting.

N.B.: The District 8 meeting will be on August 19 via Zoom.

Jesse Mitchell talked to the board about vacating a dedicated to the public road between his property and the Zak property. The road has never been taken over or maintained by the township.

He and Ms. Zak have concerns about erosion on the public road. The board discussed the issue and will consult with the attorney about whether the dedicated public road can be vacated.

Claims 20245 – 20273 totaling \$113,226.79 were read and approved for payment. Motion made by Supervisor Card and seconded by Supervisor Hardy. The remainder of the board concurred.

Correspondence was read and dealt with.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m. The motion was made by Supervisor Card and seconded by Supervisor Pantzke. The remainder of the board concurred.

Terry Sandstrom – Chair

Kathie Headley – Clerk