

October 13, 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 Card 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 \$599,590.48. The report was approved and filed for audit at a later date. Supervisor Newkirk, seconded by Supervisor Hardy, made a motion to pass resolution 2020-015 accepting a \$50,000.00 donation to the fire department truck fund from the LABA. The remainder of the board concurred.

**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.

Mike will be putting the plow equipment on in the next week. He has been working on truck maintenance in the last week. The pickup had wheel bearings and brakes worked on. The 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue/350<sup>th</sup> Street project should be completed by the end of the week.

The vacation of 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue is complete. Mike wants to thank the Lastovich and the Nelson families for their help and cooperation with tree removal and the gravel donation. 5,000 yards of gravel was purchased from Ideal Construction at \$6.50 per yard. The ditch mower needs to be repaired this winter. Mike will order eight tons of cold patch for next year.

Chair Sandstrom reported a call from a resident about a bog over the Cantleberry Road. Removal of the bog was discussed the decision was made to hold off any removal attempts until spring.

Resolution 2020-015 for the annual Town Mileage Certification was passed in a motion by Supervisor Pantzke, seconded by Supervisor Newkirk, with three board members approval. Supervisor Hardy abstained from voting.

**Fire Report:** Assistant Fire Chief Brian Post reported one call during the month - 9/25 a semi with a tire on fire on Highway 10.

The meeting with Custom Fire in October to go over truck specs was held. The department is now waiting on a hard bid proposal, which should come in the next few weeks.

Training for the month will be cold-water rescue on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. The state reported the township fire aid for 2020 is \$37,4863.94 that is deposited directly into the volunteer fire fighters relief association fund.

**O.B.:** Kelly Zak asked of the dedicated road between the Zak and Mitchell properties can be sold. Clerk Headley reported that per the township attorney” platted roads are held in trust by the Town and must be vacated like any other road. At that point, the dedicated road disappears and the property owners own the property to the centerline subject to no easement.”

**N.B.:** Training for the Board of Appeals and Equalization can now be done online. The Morrison County Township Officer meeting will be on October 21. Treasurer Meier and Supervisor Sandstrom will be attending. The Board of Canvass will be held on Thursday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. Masks for the election were discussed. It was decided that masks will not be required.

The board removed to the library at 7:25 to discuss starting pay, benefits, and postings for the full time road maintenance person needed to replace Ryan Kuklok. Plans are to start the new employee at 90% of the current rate with a review and pay increase at six months. Supervisor Pantzke, seconded by Supervisor Hardy, made a motion to increase the road maintenance manager position pay rate by \$1.94. The remainder of the board concurred. The meeting resumed at 7:50.

The job posting was discussed. Mike Rosvold suggested that the new employee also volunteer for the fire department. Job applications will be accepted through October 27 to be followed by interviews.

**Claims** 20311 – 20336 totaling \$148,707.22 were read and approved for payment. Motion made by Supervisor Card and seconded by Supervisor Pantzke. The remainder of the board concurred.

**Correspondence** was read and dealt with.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m. The motion was made by Supervisor Hardy and seconded by Supervisor Pantzke. The remainder of the board concurred.

Terry Sandstrom – Chair

Kathie Headley – Clerk