

April 14, 2021

Chair Sandstrom called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members were present.

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

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Meier reported a total working cash balance of \$502,795.59. The report was approved and filed for audit at a later date.

Supervisor Nygren, seconded by Supervisor Card, made a motion to pass Resolution 2021-001 accepting the \$1,000.00 donation to the fire department from Great River Energy for 911 electronics. 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.

The staff has been sweeping roads and started crack sealing. They will be starting leaf cleanup. Mike would like to purchase a couple of loads of granite for washouts and patching in wet areas.

Glenn Jans requested Lakeshore Drive have fill beyond his property. Residents are currently using Mashuga's property to turn around. The Cattleberry Road residents are asking if anything will be done for their road. The board decided to do nothing at this time and wait to see how it looks in a couple of weeks. The contracts for 350th and 70th Avenue have been returned to Ideal Construction.

Arlo Rohl's question about a public easement to the north of the Borgstrom property was discussed. It was determined that the easement/cartway was a private easement between the residents and has nothing to do with the township. Mr. Rohl should check with the county auditor for any additional information.

Dean Headley's question about the township easement to the east of his property was discussed. Supervisor Nygren will do some follow up at the county.

Fire Report: Chief Ryan Kuklok reported three calls; a gunshot wound, a grass fire, and a gas leak. The department is doing physicals and SCBA fit testing this month. Morrison County is still working on active 911.

The department accepted two new members. The new fire truck was ordered with an expected delivery date in December.

A Hurst battery powered extradition tools cutter/spreader was ordered. Supervisor Altrichter, seconded by Supervisor Card, approved the purchase.

Summerfest is being planned for August 7. Fireworks will be held on Saturday night. The department is putting together a gun raffle to be drawn at Summerfest.

O.B.: The board is not going to be offering AFLAC to the township employees.

Supervisor Newkirk asked about road recording. Supervisor Nygren will check with the auditor's office about it.

Clerk Headley reported that per the attorney the township could sell 20 of the 40-acre parcel that the Refuse & Recycling Center is located on. Supervisor Nygren, seconded by Supervisor Altrichter, made a motion not to sell the 20 acres behind the Refuse & Recycling Center. The remainder of the board concurred except for Supervisor Newkirk.

Bob Harmsen asked the board about Birch Acres Road. The board stated that it would be in the next road project. The board will be putting together a list of road to be worked on with a bond for road improvements. Supervisor Newkirk expressed reservations about the ability to obtain the necessary levy.

N.B.: Supervisor Nygren, seconded by Supervisor Altrichter, made a motion to approve the Recycling and Clean Up grants. The remainder of the board concurred.

Chair Sandstrom, Supervisor Nygren, and Treasurer Meier will attend the Morrison Co Township Officers Association meeting in Little Falls on April 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Altrichter brought up the pay rates for the part time snow plowing. He feels that the rate should be \$30.00 per hour since the employees are on call and frequently are called out in the middle of the night. Supervisor Altrichter, seconded by Supervisor Nygren, made a motion to increase the part-time snowplow rate to \$30.00 per hour retroactive to January 1, 2021. The remainder of the board concurred.

Chuck Schiemo asked the board about being more involved in the DRT meetings. Supervisor Nygren reported on the proposed Pine Bluff plat on the Sivertson/Weyerhauser property. Supervisors Nygren and Mike Lahr would rather see a cul-de-sac instead of an intersection with Ogema Point Drive.

Claims 21095 – 21122 totaling \$33,326.93 were read and approved for payment. Motion made by Supervisor Card and seconded by Supervisor Newkirk. The remainder of the board concurred.

Correspondence was read and dealt with.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The motion was made by Supervisor Card and seconded by Supervisor Newkirk. The remainder of the board concurred.

Terry Sandstrom – Chair

Kathie Headley – Clerk

Scandia Valley Town Board,

April 20, 2021

Thank you, thank you, thank you for the progress done on West Shamineau Drive. The pumping and the fill helped a lot and were greatly appreciated. I'm sure my fellow home owners, mail carriers, school buses, fire department, EMT's, tourists, garbage + other businesses appreciated it also.

I was very nervous driving over the pot holes and through the flooded road. The water was within inches from our garage door. All the fast traffic making waves just made things worse.

I hope a permanent solution can be accomplished so this situation doesn't become a yearly problem. A gain thank you for all the work you have done to help us out.

Jeanne Dahl
Homeowner + resident

1818 W. Shamineau Dr.

PS. Thanks for making our road safe to drive again.