

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
June 13, 2017**

Present: Don Hales, Jon Steblay, Carol Pundt, RaeJean Anderson, Justin Smith

Absent: None

Community members present: Carl and Carla Biederman, Terry Otto, Dan Baker, Sue and John Rudie, Kevin McCormick

Don Hales called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jon Steblay. A motion was made by Jon Steblay and seconded by Justin Smith to approve the agenda. All voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Jon Steblay and seconded by Justin Smith to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors held on May 9, 2017. All voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Justin Smith and seconded by Jon Steblay to approve the Treasurers Report subject to audit. All voted in favor of the motion. The ending balance as of May 31, 2017 was \$201,504.27.

A motion was made by Jon Steblay and seconded by Justin Smith to approve the claims as submitted. All voted in favor of the motion.

Road Report: Don Hales gave the Board an updated road expense report.

Disaster Relief Update: The Township received a check in the amount of \$8,973.03 for the storm damage in the Township last year. The Township expected to receive around \$11,000. Don Hales will talk to his contact at Crow Wing County for an explanation in the difference in the amounts.

Minimum Maintenance Roads Up Keep/Don Hales: Don will be talking with the Township attorney regarding this matter next week. This topic will be put on the July monthly Board meeting agenda.

Eastwood Road: Carl and Carla Biederman asked the Board for guidance regarding lake access through the Eastwood Road right of way. Don explained he had given them the authority to clean out the culvert, but, there was a misunderstanding by both parties regarding the authority for them to alter the ice ridge. A dock is not allowed on the shoreline of the Eastman Road right of way. The Biederman's can construct a boardwalk at their expense, but, it cannot block the water drainage from the culvert. The Biedermans told the Board there is no clear way to know the width of the right of way access. There are numerous trespassing signs on the property, but, they seem to be in differing areas. A motion was made by Jon Steblay and seconded by Justin Smith to authorize Don to spend up to \$2,000 for a survey of the property with permanent stakes. Only downed trees can be removed from the property.

Eaglewood Circle: Don reported to the Board the road improvement project should be completed this week, unless the weather does not cooperate.

Variance Requests: A motion was made by Jon Steblay and seconded by Justin Smith to recommend approval for the variance request of Paul Thomsen. All voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Justin Smith and seconded by Jon Steblay to recommend approval for the variance request of Michael and Laura Ristau. All voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Jon Steblay and seconded by Justin Smith to recommend approval for the variance request of Thomas and Rebeca Potts. All voted in favor of the motion.

Cemetery Report: Spring Clean up has been completed. Terry Otto told the Board that in his opinion Eric Twistol is not full filling the Cemetery Contract. He showed the Board pictures. There has been only one complaint regarding the lawn

maintenance of the cemetery this year. Jon Steblay will make some observations over the next month and report his findings back to the Board.

The Ruttger family voiced some concerns regarding a cedar tree close to a gravesite on their family cemetery plott. Jon Steblay will get a couple of estimates on removal of the tree and landscaping in the area. He will present the estimates to the Board at the July Board meeting.

Town Hall Update: Justin talked to Brad Holmvgig regarding topping the pine tree versus removal of the tree. Brad said the cost would be the same. Justin will look into getting an estimate from a tree removal service. To be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Recycling: Jon Steblay reported to the Board he received a call from Waste Management this last week. Because of the overflow the Township will be charged an additional fee. Waste Management suggested another container, but, there is not room for another container. The Board decided not to have another container delivered, but, instead to pay the overage fee.

Deerwood Fire Department: Don asked Carol Pundt to e-mail the contract to him to forward on to Virginia Knudson, the Township attorney, for her opinion.

Board Conflict of Interest Policy: Tabled to the July Regular Board meeting.

Charter Communications: Carol Pundt e-mailed and left a phone message for Patrick S. Haggerty, from Charter Communications, inviting him to the June Monthly Board meeting. There was no response to the invitation.

MN Association of Township Agency Insurance Policy: Tabled for discussion at the July monthly Board meeting.

Crow Wing County Land Services Letter Re: Proposed Land Exchange: A motion was made by Justin Smith and seconded by Jon Steblay to approve the land exchange. All voted in favor of the motion.

Emergency Management Summary: Tabled to the July Monthly Board meeting.

Other Business:

Eagle Creek Lane: Residents living along Eagle Creek Lane asked the Board what the procedure is for the Township to take over their road. Eagle Creek Lane is a public road privately maintained. The Board listened to their concerns. The residents were given the a document explaining what needs to be done before the Township will hear their request for a road take over by the Township. All expenses will be born by the residents petitioning the Board.

All correspondence and e-mails received by the clerk were read.

A motion was made by Justin Smith adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. All voted in favor of the motion.

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