

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
October 7, 2016**

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

Absent: None

Community members present: Keith Johnson, Ginny Knudson, Bruce and Shawna Hoffabber, Gail Olson, Steve Hopkins, Peggy Olson, Mark Olson

Don Hales called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Justin Smith. 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 Justin Smith and seconded by Jon Steblay to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors held on September 13, 2016. All voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Jon Steblay and seconded by Justin Smith to approve the Treasurers Report subject to audit. All voted in favor of the motion. The ending balance as of September 30, 2016 is \$207,438.67.

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 presented the Board with an updated road report. Don Hales explained to the Board he had carried over the wrong amount for the 2016 Township mowing projects. Which means the mowing budget is not over budget as discussed at the September Board meeting. Don Hales is expecting to get some road disaster relief assistance from Crow Wing County. He will keep the Board updated.

Fall Road Inspection: A motion was made by Justin Smith and seconded by Jon Steblay to approve the Fall Inspection report. All voted in favor of the motion. Jon Steblay and Don Hales reported to the Board the roads seem to be in excellent condition with a few exceptions. It was decided to unplug the Peterson Road culvert. Battle Point needs a new culvert. Taylor Road needs to be graded. One hole needs to be filled in on Portage Pass road and tree trimming needs to be done on Round Lake Road.

Anderson Brothers Construction 2016 Road Improvement Claim: Don Hales will report on this at the November meeting.

Township Road Mileage Certification: Don will talk to Ann Dosch.

Public Roads Privately Maintained: Don Hales presented the notes of the meeting held on September 27, 2016 between Don Hales, Jon Steblay and Ginny Knudson, attorney for the Township.

Eaglewood Court: Several land owners were present for the meeting. In addition an e-mail was presented to the Board from J. Kevin Croston. Gail Olson told the Board she and her family want Eaglewood Court Road moved because it is encroaching their property and it is very close to the garage. The road surface is not in the road right of way. She told the Board the road right of way is through the swamp. Gail said a person at Crow Wing County told her the Township would be responsible for the road. Crow Wing County gave her the run around when she tried to see if the wetland could be filled in order to move the road. Gail also was having a difficult time getting other property owners along the road to share in the cost of moving the road. Also, she wanted to know if she has the authority to remove the trees. Ginny Knudson, the Township attorney, explained the road has never been accepted by the Township as a Township road. It is a platted public road in the Township privately maintained. Ginny explained there are many dedicated public roads privately maintained in subdivisions throughout the Township. The Township has not accepted the road and it is not a Township road. It may be a public road. The difference is in the rights to the road. The Township is not going to say one way or another regarding exercising any authority. The Township has no authority over the road. Regarding who's permission is needed to fill in the wetlands, would need to be discussed with a land use person at Crow Wing County. The Township will work with Crow Wing County regarding the wetlands. Gail wanted to know if the Township would

ever take over the road. As discussed in previous Board meetings with Gail, the road would need to be brought up to Township road standards (at no cost to the Township) before the Township would consider taking over the road.

Variance Requests: A motion was made by Jon Steblay and seconded by Justin Smith to approve the variance request for LaFavor Revocable Trust with the condition that the Shoreline Impact Zone needs to be re-vegetated with the help of Crow Wing County Soil and Water.

A motion was made by Justin Smith and seconded by Jon Steblay to approve the variance request for Charles Lick. all voted in favor of the motion.

Cemetery Report: The landscaping project is in the works. Cemetery clean up and staking will be done the end of October.

Town Hall Update: The new flag pole has been installed. Justin Smith will have a quote on the removal of the pine tree by the town hall ready for November Board meeting.

Township Archived Minutes: Carol Pundt still needs to get a formal quote from Lakes Printing for saving the paper copies of 19 years of minutes.

Recycling: Nothing to report

Deerwood Fire Department: Don Hales passed out a written summary of his conversation with Mike Bodle, the Deerwood Fire Chief at the September Board meeting. This summary was discussed at the meeting. Some ideas for the future Fire protection for the Township discussed by the Board were a possible substation located in Bay Lake Township and the possibility of negotiating a contract with one fire department. Presently the Township has a contract with Deerwood and Garrison Fire departments. These contracts cost the Township \$73,767.00 this year. Don Hales will also be discussing options along with concerns regarding fire service with the Garrison Fire Chief before the November Board meeting.

Garrison Fire Department Contract: The Garrison Fire Contract was discussed by the Board along with the Township attorney, who was present at the meeting. The most current signed contract is dated February 13 1997. Ginny Knudson, Township attorney, will review the new contract draft and discuss suggestions and changes with Don Hales. The current contract states the Township needs to give a 120 day prior notice to the Garrison Fire Department before cancelling fire protection services to the Township. At this time Ginny Knudson suggested the Township Supervisors do not sign the contract. The 1997 contract is in force until the new contract is signed.

Other Business: Nothing to report.

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

A motion was made by Justin Smith adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm. All voted in favor of the motion.

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