

EDNA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 15, 2011

Report of Board Meeting held on October 18, 2011.

Next Scheduled Meeting is December 20, 2011.

Minutes of
10-18-2011

Board Members Present

James Nigg, Chair

William Norris, Supervisor

Dennis Sazama, Supervisor

Carol Nelson, Clerk

Karen Marthaler, Treasurer

Others Present

Doug Ackling

Terry Marthaler

Lyle Smith

Dave Heyer

Darrell Nordick

John Lovas

John Haremza

Dennis Anderson

Linda Nigg

Rick Birkeland

Ralph Logan

Jeff Stabnow

Allan Damman

Karen Damman

Rick Sonnenberg

1. Supervisor Chair Jim Nigg opened the meeting at 8 p.m. with the Pledge of allegiance.

2. Agenda -

#14-add report on EMS by Sazama, add claims, Farmer's State Bank interest payment, Road Maintenance, Ditch Mowing costs, Fire Protection + \$10,800 to be considered.

#7-sand for East Little McDonald. Norris moved, to approve the agenda with the corrections.

Sazama 2nd. Approved 3/0

3. Gopher bounty - no claims

4. Road Maintenance -

- The culvert on W. Paul Lake Drive has been cleaned so water is flowing.
- Culvert on 428th is blocked by beaver activity, will be cleaned just before freeze up.
- Fawn Oaks Lane needs overhead branches trimmed, or any additional brush/overhang that would cause problems for a snowplow.
- Silt fence on North access/ Little McDonald is to be removed before snow build up.
- Want to request quotes for gravel for 2012, once needs are calculated.
- Would like additional mowing of high grass before snow fall to stop snow drifting especially Minnesota Street & Fort Thunder Road. Will ask Dustin Dahring to mow again where needed.
- The soft spot on 423rd street has been repaired, will be checked again 10/19.

5. Clerk's report - Everyone has a copy. There were no corrections or additions. Norris made the motion to approve, Sazama 2nd. No discussion. Approved 3/0

6. Treasurer's report - September receipts = \$628.19. Disbursements were \$26,189.24. Year to date revenue \$164,141.85 Year to date expenditures \$176,710.83. Norris made motion to approve, Nigg 2nd. Approved 3/0.

7. Road updates

- North Little McDonald Drive - road was narrow, repair has widened the road so two cars can meet. The road is in pretty good shape right now.
- West Little McDonald Drive- silt fences need to be removed.
- East Little McDonald Drive- blisters have been removed, pipes for pumping have been removed. The water on lake side of road is to the edge, with about 2" of freeboard. Any kind of rain this fall will cause trouble. Road material is stacked on the side. Cannot go through the winter with road in its current condition. Need 6-8" of free board.

Option 1 = close the road, not raise road & hope for no additional moisture, or, go in after the fact & raise the road. Costs = material is there, could be pulled back over the top of the road would raise road 2".

Any spring water runoff would turn the road into a mud puddle.

Option 2. Raise the road 8" now, using existing material + additional material, 33 feet from the center line, would cost approximately \$9,500.

Option 3. Raise the road 12" with an approximate cost of \$13, 975, using over 2 tons of materials.

Discussion: Average spring runoff averages 9" raise in water level. When you pour road materials into water, it takes more material due to hydraulic effect of the water. It would be more effective to build road up before water comes. Would put just sand on the road, not class 5 materials. Not as much binder. A resident spoke out, saying he wants the road fixed to the 12". He already has enough water on his property, doesn't want any more.

Option 3 is proactive, even the pipes could be laid in place under the sand for pumping. Dave Heyer, Engineer, agrees. Capping the pipes at each end could prevent freezing & cracking.

Supervisor Norris believes we should be proactive & raise the road 12". Sazama made that motion, Norris 2nd.

Dave Heyer says more material can be added at anytime. Motion approved 3/0.

Since this project is estimated to cost less than \$15,000, there is no need to request quotes. Norris made motion to award the repair costing \$12,500.00 to Ackling construction. Sazama 2nd. Approved 3/0.

d. Polish 10 - seems to be holding up well, did not need to add a culvert.

e. Jamie Lynn road was repaired by Sonnenbergs.

f. Devil's Lake road = a resident request a culvert be placed into the slough. Slough is down some but still appears to be higher than the lake. Road is in so-so condition, but better than it was earlier in the year. Some residents do not want the culvert. They believe it will raise the lake & bring in poor quality water. There will need to be something done to relieve the pressure from the wetlands on the road. This will involve DNR & Land & Resources. The road will be water covered by spring. The south end could use another 5-6" of fill to raise it above the water. Devil's Lake LID is moving forward towards becoming a reality. Residents have placed reflectors, marking the water line. However, residents need to realize the reflectors will be knocked down during snow removal. Sonnenberg's will use the mailboxes as a guide.

g. 455th street = dug out a culvert out late last year & seems okay.

8. FEMA update

Work on East & North Little McDonald & Big McDonald Lane -appears that it may not be accepted for FEMA reimbursement. Edna Twp. has 6 months to get repairs moved from incident to completion. The Supervisors will ask for an extension since there is still water pressure on the roads. Will go through State of MN for this extension. Having an engineer working with Edna Twp has been helpful for getting approval. The 3 existing projects come close to costing \$100,000. If all proposals were approved, that reimbursement would come close to \$215,000 dollars. No official decision has been received.

9. Retroreflectability signs - 2 quotes will come in from Heyer & Stabnow. Board will look at the sign quotes & compare them, then make a decision for acceptance.

10. Norris made the motion for Edna Township's Board attend annual East OTC Annual Fall meeting and dinner. Sazama 2nd. Carried 3/0

11. A lawsuit has been filed against Edna Township by a West Little McDonald Drive resident. The aspects & defense of lawsuit will not be discussed by the Edna Township Board. MN Association of Townships has hired Attorney Kris Svingen to defend Edna Township.

Nigg has met with the attorney several times.

12. Other

a. Web site additions. Nothing new, just needs updates.

b. Shared twp lines -the sign replacement will be a shared cost on shared roads. Agreements will need to be written.

c. Job descriptions - need for noxious weeds & road supervisor description.

13. Approval of claims The supervisors will wait until November to pay the Dent Fire fees instead of needing to borrow more dollars.

Norris made motion to approve the payment of the current claims, holding back on the Fire Department.

Sazama 2nd. Motion approved 3/0

14. EMS Report by D. Sazama = EMS is in the black, but will only pay half of loan on new vehicle even though the money is in place. This allows for keeping emergency funds.

Nigg will connect with bus company to let them know work will be done on East Little McDonald Drive. There are five school aged children living on East Little McDonald.

15. Motion to adjourn at 9 pm Norris made the motion, 2nd by Sazama. Meeting adjourned 3/0.