

Next Board meeting is December 17, 2013

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Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

William Norris, Chairperson

Dennis Sazama, Supervisor

John Krueger, Supervisor

Carol Nelson, Clerk

Karen Marthaler, Treasurer

Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance

TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

1. Introductions: none needed

2. Agenda: adjust & approve

Add OTC's request for a resolution ordering mixed sand & salt (500 cu yards) for winter snow plowing to Road conditions report. Sazama made motion to accept agenda w/the change. Krueger 2nd. Approved 3/0.

3. Bounties: Cynthia Moenkedick brought in gopher feet for a bounty of \$87.50. Accepted & paid.

4. Road Report:

Contractor – mowing of ditches was well done.

Conditions

a. Krueger traveled all the Twp. roads w/Sonnenberg Excavating to see the current conditions. There has been brush cut for easier snow removal. If the brush is more than 6" in diameter, it is considered to be a tree. Residents will need to be asked if they can be removed. Supervisors could consider including Sonnenbergs on spring inspection trips.

b. Big McDonald Road (across from #42253) has a ditch loaded with rocks in the Twp. right of way. These rocks will freeze in place & will interfere w/snow removal. More work needs to be done there.

c. Some of the residents on East Little McDonald want that road sloped so it drains into the swamp. Doing that would remove Class 5 gravel. The slope would be extreme for that draining to happen. Not approved.

d. Howard's Driveway & filling in potholes before winter. Norris did authorize filling of potholes for a cost of \$1800.

e. The homeowner at 37722 N. Little McDonald Drive is requesting permission for Mr. D's Excavating to place a holding tank at that location. The road is narrow there, hemmed in by houses & water. If Edna Twp. will sign off on the holding tank, OTC will grant the permit. Norris made the motion to accept Mr. D's Excavating request to install a holding tank with OTC permission. Sazama 2nd, approved 3/0.

f. Devil's Lake Road – a resident is raising his house & as a result, is messing up the road. The contractor doing that work is responsible for the clean up

g. E. Paul Lake Drive residents have requested permission to install no parking signs. Norris spoke w/MAT's attorney. "As a Township, Edna cannot enforce the signs but will not have to take the signs down." Townships cannot put up the signs unless we are willing to put them at every location with that concern.

h. Two quotes are in for the removal & replacement of the Culvert on North Little McDonald Drive: Sonnenberg's quote is \$3,100. Ackling Construction's quote is \$4,010. Supervisors agree that this repair should be done before freeze up. Sazama made motion to accept Sonnenberg's quote. Sonnenberg's Excavation is expected to put down a good rock base, under the culvert. Krueger 2nd. Approved 3/0. Sonnenberg wants 50% paid in advance. Supervisor Krueger is not in favor of doing business this way. That was not approved.

5. Clerk's Report: Correct & approve

Norris made motion to accept Clerk's report as written. Sazama 2nd. Approved 3/0

6. Treasurer's Report: Transactions for the past month include \$5.73 in receipts, \$17,090.43 in claim. Year to date, there has been \$202,348.53 total income, \$267,072.80 in expenses. MAT recommends ½ of total costs is carried in savings. There has been plenty of road work done the past two years. Edna Twp. is playing catch up for past road neglect. Sazama made motion to approve this report. Krueger 2nd. Approved 3/0.

7. Claims to be paid: Discuss & approve/not approve

Norris made the motion to approve the payments, Sazama 2nd. Motion approved 3/0.

Change Ackling Construction's claim explanation to read as Final repairs to Devil's Lake road. Add the gopher bounty payment and the PERA bill to this list.

8. Public comments & correspondence:

A thank you note was sent to Edna Township's board from Devil's Lake road residents. They appreciate the repair that was done on their road.

9. Unfinished business: none

10 New Business: none

11. Administrative Business:

Web Site

Education

Job Descriptions

An educational meeting is available on 10/22. The East Otter Tail Association of Townships is holding their annual fall meeting in Deer Creek. Buffet dinner will be first, business meeting will follow.

12. Other:

13: Adjourned Meeting at 8:59 :

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Nelson, Clerk

CLAIMS PAID In October

2561	Sonnenberg Road Maintenance	Road grading for September & October	\$5,220.25
2562	Sonnenberg Excavating	Mowing shoulders, hauling gravel	\$28,635.75
		September & October	
2563	Ackling Construction	Final repairs to Devil's Lake Road	\$7,330.00
2564	North Central Inc.	Class 5 materials, dust control, riprap	\$10,871.79
2565	Karen Marthaler	Salary & meeting	\$224.52
2566	Carol Nelson	Salary & meeting	\$247.91
2567	PERA	Employer/Employee Retirement Contributions	\$253.50
2568	Cynthia Moenkedick	Gopher bounty	\$87.50
		TOTAL	\$52,871.22

Report of East Otter Tail County Association's Annual Fall Dinner & Meeting. Karen Marthaler

Diane Sazama gave a presentation on the East Otter Tail County Fair. She thanked the townships that donate to the fair. The donations go to the premiums paid out at the fair, about \$17,000.

Zach Fjestad from the Otter Tail Solid Waste Dept. gave a presentation on Perham's Incinerator Expansion, the Prairie Lakes Municipal Solid Waste Authority. Four counties participate. Testing will be done in the summer of 2014 and finish the end of 2014. Landfill in Henning was updated, making rates go down.

Commissioners Doug Huebsch and Wayne Johnson discussed the budget being up 4% and that the county has many bad roads. They may consider a $\frac{1}{2}\%$ sales tax. The treasurer and auditor duties are being combined. There is a grant being pursued for a trail from Perham to Pelican Rapids thru Maplewood State Park.

Loren Ingebrestsen updated on the MAT calendar and the upcoming Lobby day.

Next year's meeting in Deer Creek on October 21, 2014.