

**EDNA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING APRIL 19, 2011**

Report of 3/15/2011 Board Meeting Approved 4/19/2011

Minutes of  
3-15-11

Present: James Nigg, Chair William Norris, Supervisor Dennis Sazama, Supervisor  
Carol Nelson, Clerk Karen Marthaler, Treasurer

Others: Terry Marthaler Linda Nigg David Antonsen Odell Nelson Norb Benke

1. James Nigg opened the board meeting at 8:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Agenda;

a. add swearing in of board members, alignment of offices

b. #11 b. Joint powers agreement with Perham Medical Services #18, Big McD Lane/ Walde Lake

Norris moved to approve the agenda with additions. Sazama 2nd.

2.5 Swearing in of new officers. Norris conducted the ceremony. Marthaler, Nigg, & Sazama are the official Board officers, for 2011.

Norris moved that Nigg is to remain as Chair. Sazama 2nd. Motion carries 2/0.

Nigg moved that either of the other 2 serve as chair if Nigg is gone. Norris 2nd. Moved 3/0

3. & 18 Sonnenberg Road Maintenance - concerns

Berm on Big McDonald Lake & Walde Lake needs an additional 6" of fill soon. Ice is at the top of the berm right now. The water is pushing from Walde. This addition is a band aid solution. Raising the road 12" is in the future. Supervisors will contact a homeowner for permission to put dirt on this land, plus, there is a driveway in the lowest spot. This homeowner may wish to purchase clay for their driveway also. Sonnenbergs' intend to do this the week of March 16 - 22. Wolf Lake from Benke's driveway may need to be closed. There may need to be a regular gavel/clay pit running to use in order to keep roads from going under. Supervisors can close roads &/or keep one lane open. A clay barrier could be placed on one lane. Polish 10/430th St. will need some work or to be closed. Heart Lake road is going to get wet also. Hendrickson called Supervisors to thank them for Sonnenberg's quick response.

4. Dora Twp. Agreement for shared roads. Edna & Dora Townships share some roads and split the care of these roads. Edna does the winter maintenance & bills Dora for that expense. Roads include; Engstrom Beach Road/shared expense, Beaver Dam Road/shared expense, Charlie Trapp Road/Dora's expense, Star Lake Drive/Dora's expense and Happy Drive/Dora's expense. Dora Township, Supervisor Norb Benke, gave instructions for Edna Township to plow Happy Drive and bill Dora Twp. The previous contractor took ½ hour to plow the shared roads and Dora's roads and he billed Dora personally for Dora road expenses. Dora believes their part only takes 35-45 minutes & does not want to pay for 1.5 hours of work. Sonnenberg does not believe he can do it in that time, if he also has to clean out the intersections. Snow packs in on Happy Drive and that requires more time for plowing. The previous contractor did the plowing with a single axle truck. Norris offered the option of Dora doing the plowing & Edna pay them. Dora Township supervisors vetoed that option. Dora Supervisor Benke did question Rick Sonnenberg as to the amount of time taken. He wants Sonnenberg to keep track of their plowing time and check the clock often. Compromise was reached when Edna & Dora Township agreed to split the extra hour of work and each pay for half hour.

Norris will adjust the bills & send them back to Dora Twp.

5. Norris made the resolution to contract for crack sealing for 9.5 miles. Sazama 2nd. Motion approved 3/0.

Norris will contact James Cooper for a quote. Nigg will call S & N Crack Sealing of Perham, for a quote. This needs to be done ASAP.

Mailbox replacement; one resident sent in a bill for replacing their damaged mailbox. When the Supervisors checked on that mailbox, the wooden post & wooden bar were still intact. It does not make sense that the

mailbox would get knocked off without also breaking the post & bar? Nigg made the motion to deny this claim. Sazama 2nd. The major concern is; once you pay for one mail box, you will get bills from other residents. Approved 3/0. Norris will write the refusal letter.

6. Gopher bounty - no requests. Norris made the motion to raise gopher bounty to \$2.50. Sazama 2nd. Approved 3/0

7. Clerk's report - Norris moved to accept Sazama 2nd. Approved 3/0

8. Treasurer's report

As of 2/15/2011, cash in the bank is \$42,263.99. Claims paid in February totaled \$17,482.31.

Norris made motion to approve Treasurer's report. Sazama 2nd. Approved

Nigg made motion to pay claims for March, totaling \$7009.61. Norris 2nd. Motion approved.

9. Report on EOT Association meeting read by Jim Nigg.

10 Short courses = all board officers plan to attend.

11 Recent correspondence = joint powers agreement with Perham Medical Services. Nigg moved to approve the joint power agreement with Medical Services. Norris 2nd. Motion approved 3/0. There is no cost for ambulance services to Edna Twp. Supervisors are asked to attend a special meeting on 3/24. Nelson needs to sign notarize, copy & mail the agreement. (Done & delivered by D. Sazama 3/24/2011.)

Nigg made the motion for Sazama to represent Edna at Perham Medical Services meetings. Norris 2nd. Motion approved. Other supervisors will fill in as necessary.

12. Web site would like the financials added in PDF form.

13 Lobby day in St Paul, 3/2/2011. Interesting day. Audience members did confront legislatures who did not know their info. Supervisor Nigg has submitted a claim of \$88,000+ for 2010 heavy rain damage in Edna Twp. to OTC.

MN Senator Langseth may propose a bonding bill. The heavy rain cost payments could become part of Senator Langseth's bill.

14 Possible need for financing. Supervisor Nigg has talked with Farmer's State Bank, about taking out an amortized bank loan, or, getting a line of credit, that could be tapped into as needed. Norris made the motion for officers to contract with Farmer's State Bank, Dent, MN., for a credit line up to \$70,000 for, amortized over no more than 5 years. Edna Twp. will only borrow exact amounts as needed from that credit line. Sazama 2nd. Motion passed 3/0.

15 Shared town lines no changes

16 Jobs descriptions no change

Adjourned at 9:10 Norris moved. Sazama 2nd. Approved 3/0.

Approved and paid claims

Claim #	Check #	Vendor	Purpose	Cost
19	2210	Otter Tail	mixed sand 15 cubic yards x \$31/cu yd	\$522.30
		County Treasurer	salt .5 cubic yards x \$114.59/cu yd	
20	2211	Sonnenberg Road.	snow plowing & sanding + fuel at \$3.60/gal.	\$2015.00
		Maintenance	170.5 hours x \$76.50/hour	
21	2212	Sonnenberg	rental of snow removal equipment,	\$1365.00
		Excavating	and removal of snow	
22	2213	E.O.T. Focus	3 legal ads running 2 x's each	\$256.50
			Audit meeting Annual Election/Meeting Absentee voting	
23	2214	Perham Printing	binder & dividers, copies for Annual Meeting	\$99.51
24	2215	MN Association	registration for spring short courses	\$250.00
		of Townships	for 5 officers	
25	2216	INTAB	privacy screens for voting	\$112.42
26	2217	O. T. C. Auditor	election supplies	\$220.97

27	2218	James Nigg	light road work & meetings 3/7, 8,	\$161.62
28	2219	Dennis Sazama	road work & meetings, 1/18, 2/15, 3/7,8,15	\$337.72
29	2229	Carol Nelson	salary & meetings, 3/7. 3/8, 3/15	\$369.52
30	2221	Echo Dockter	Head election judge	\$90.00
31	2222	Pat Dubord	Election judge	\$44.00
32	2223	Sharon Guck	Election judge	\$44.00
33	2224	Darlene Wodrich	Election judge	\$44.00
34	2225	Perham Library	Donation	\$750.00
35	2226	Don Garber	Moderator for Annual Meeting	\$50.00
36	2227	Karen Marthaler	salary & meetings 3/8, 3/15	\$277.05