

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of
the Board of Supervisors of Moe Township
April 5, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. sharp at the Town Hall with all members in attendance. The POA was given. The agenda was read and modified. Additions were for John Bittner of Andes Ski Hills and Don Swanson representing Tall Timbers. A motion was made to adopt the agenda as modified. (m- Johnson, s- Strandskov, v- unan.)

The minutes were accepted as E-mailed out to all officers. (m- Strandskov, s- Johnson, v- unan.) Note that copies were available for the public.

The Treasurer's report was given and accepted as given. It was pointed out that Pat is still working on updating monthly reports and that the Chair will start getting monthly bank statements as required per Auditors who have audited other townships. (m- Johnson, s- Strandskov, v- unan.)

Reorganization of Board for the ensuing year of 2010

The following positions and compensations were adopted by motion:

Chairperson of the Board for 2010 is	Hardy Huettl (m- Johnson, s- Strandskov)
Vice-Chair	Bruce Strandskov (m- Huettl, s- Strandskov)
Meeting fee	\$ 75.00 (m-Strandskov, s- Huettl)
Labor rate for Bd members	\$ 15.00 (m- Johnson, s- Huettl)
Clerk' wages	\$ 1100 mo. plus meeting fee (m- Huettl, s-) plus \$20 mo. for internet sharing
Election Admin.	\$ 15.00 per hr.
Treasurer	\$ 100 per mo. plus labor & meeting fees
Election Judges	\$ 15.00 Head Judges & \$11.00 reg. judges
Equipment operators	\$ 24.00 (Saathoff) & \$ 19.00 (helpers)
Spl. Assessments	\$ 25.00 (m- Strandskov, s- Johnson)
Bounties	\$2.50 pocket gophers & \$25 for beavers

All above adopted by motion. (m- Strandskov, s- Johnson, v- unan.)

The monthly claims were read and approved for payment. Township life insurance program remained at the Bronze level or \$80 per officer for the year. A motion was made to pay all the claims. (m- Strandskov, s- Johnson, v- unan.) The Clerk reported that Ron Saathoff Jr. has submitted a check for \$125 for the purchase of our old V-plow and another check was received from the CLRSD for an IRS settlement.

OLD BUSINESS

Representative for SSTS task force

Johnson reported that the County has to adopt the MPCA guidelines for septic systems. They have received a grant of \$142,000 to look into sub-surface treatment systems in Douglas County. The current focus is on lakeside systems. This task force will be made up with 28 people of various interest groups. Note as Strandkov was not present last month, it was tabled to this meeting. Strandkov challenged the County's objectives that would come out of this task force. He feels the County is not looking ahead for equitable solutions for failed septic systems. Huettl is fine with Johnson as sitting on that task force from Moe Twp. (m- Huettl, s- Johnson, nay vote- Strandkov) Motion carried. Note that Strandkov's nay vote was not against Johnson as representative, but against the concept of this task force.

Urness Townline agreement

Becker reported that he had talked to Brent Johnson of Urness Township and he would be willing to meeting with Moe to discuss this agreement. He brought the Board up to date of the past history of this Andes Road problem and suggested that agreements were sketchy at best. The Clerk agrees to set up a meeting with reps from both Boards, hopefully before the May meeting.

Posting of Business of the Board on LLA website

The Clerk explained that Bonnie Huettl and he have started posting business on the LLA website. It is working well and hopefully helps to inform the community which has been asked for years ago.

Chip Seal for Roads

Huettl reported on other types of hard-surfacing procedures. He had talked to Becker County and Dave Robley of Douglas County. He passed out information pertaining to same. He gave pros and cons of all options. Currently, Dave Robley is not an advocate of chip-seal when looking at cost savings compared to life expectancy.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual road inspection and report

Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. was set up. Meeting shall start from the Township Shed. Clerk agrees to post this Special meeting of the Supervisors.

Gravel quotes and awarding of same

Huettl reported that we had received two quotes. Morical came in at \$ 8.35 and Okerlund at \$6.75 per yard delivered and spread. It was the consensus of the Board to take Okerlunds quote.

Proposed Dog Ordinance

Huettl explained that he had visited with the City of Alexandria and a few townships which have ordinances. They have adopted formal documents drawn up by an Attorney and they are on file with the County. He feels that the recent problems in our Township have been resolved without incident and feel at this time, there is no need to go through the process to adopt such an ordinance for Moe Township. Therefore, by consensus of the Board, we will stand down on this issue. Jim Barrett reminded the Board that the County has ordinances that deal with the harboring of dangerous animals and the enforcement of same. The Townships would also fall under that enforcement by the County. The Clerk also read a resolution passed by the Moe Board on April 10, 2000 calling for support of the County wide ordinance.

Tall Timber Road blacktop proposal

Don Swanson representing some of the Tall Timber residents gave a history of the Tall Timber road blacktop interest going back to the late '90's. The Clerk read and explained the current road policy. Much discussion resulted in the process of our road policy and the condition of the road. Swanson feels that there is more interest today concerning doing a blacktop project. He gave all the benefits of blacktop. He indicated that he would be interested to participate in some degree but does not want to make any enemies in the neighborhood. There was some clarification as to our road policy compared to a petition to order a road improvement by 8 freeholders within a 3 mile radius of the problem road. This policy was drafted by Attorney Ralph Tillitt. He added that we need to find out that if we have the power to assess residents if there are not sufficient funds to pay for such improvement. Terry Potzmann reminds the Board that there are bad spots along the road that need to be repaired and that they would be costly. She would like to know who would pay for that. The Clerk also added that there would have to be permission by the DNR where the road runs between Lobster Lake and Fish Lake. Strandskov reported that first time in history; PFA allows funding for roads projects. Jerry Ellis volunteers to send out copies of the petition that was given to Don Swanson in the late 1990's. He added that the project could extend to Moe Hall Road out to County Rd 8. The Clerk suggested that maybe we could charge by benefit as many people use that road not only those abutting the road. The Clerk also compared this interest to the early days of the sewer project. He asked the audience how much opposition there might be and the answer was that more people are interested today then 10 years ago. If the County hasn't changed their cycle of miscellaneous blacktop projects every even number years, we could be in line for a possible project in 2012.

John Bittner of Andes Tower Hills

He is interested in who is responsible for the maintenance of Andes Road and the issues they have had this past winter. He added that some of his questions have been answered already just listening to the dialogues of tonight's meeting. He also explained that he has customer service and safety issues with this road. He adds there is no gravel on the road. He also has issues with Cty Rd 107 also,

but understands that it is the responsibility of Douglas County. The Clerk gave a brief history of how they had contributed along with Andes Ski Hill and Urness Township to blacktop Cty 107. Then at a later date, Andes asked the two townships to blacktop Andes Road but both townships felt they had contributed enough and Andes was not interested in helping out financially. Bittner summarized that he feels there is a maintenance issue. He wants to know who he should call when he has problems. Huettl assures him that the Board will be looking at his road during the inspection and if it needs gravel, it will get it. As for the middle of winter, he should call any Supervisor on the Board. Strandskov adds that he drives this road a lot in the winter and has actually pulled cars out of the ditch on Cty Rd 107 more than Andes Rd. Strandskov also assured Bittner that Saathoff continue to grade this summer as Andes Tower Hills is not shut down for the summer.

Next meeting time and place

By consensus, the next meeting will be Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hall.

Public Input

Ms. Swanson added that Moe Hall road was graded but Tall Timbers did not! Don Swanson added for clarification as to who should sign the petition per household. Clerk will give road policy to Jerry Ellis also.

Correspondence and announcements

WCA school district is requesting a donation; consensus to donate \$10. CLRS questions to Julie Haseman – Clerk taking care of same. Questions to Board as to payment of CLRS debt procedures; write checks to Douglas County. Board of Review next Monday here at the Hall.

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. (m- Strandskov, s- Johnson, v- unan.)

Respectfully submitted by,

Wayne E. Becker, Secretary

Chairman Signature _____