

Minutes of
The regular monthly meeting of
Moe Township Board of Supervisors
(Audio recording exists)

December 6, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall with all members in attendance except for Hardy Huettl. Bruce Strandskov chaired the meeting. The POA was given. Introductions were given. Rules of the meeting were dispensed. The agenda was modified with the addition of Andes Road in New Business and approved as modified. (m- Johnson, s- Strandskov, v- unan.)

The minutes of the prior meeting were approved as E-mailed to all members of the Board. (approved by consensus of the Board) (copies available to the public)

The Treasurer's report was given by Pat Botner. A motion was made to approve the minutes as given. (m- Johnson, s- Strandskov, v- unan.) The claims were read by the Clerk. A motion was made to approve same. (m- Johnson, s- Strandskov, v- unan.)

SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY JERRY CHALLIS OF THE BRANDON FD

Jerry showed the Board the portable fire pump that Moe helped purchase two years ago and explained as it has been a great asset to the Department, they wish to install special signs at various locations whereby the less experienced personal will be able to recognize ideal locations to place the pump to expedite setup time for fire fighting. He went on to explain that they are asking Moe Township for permission and financial support. He estimates about 10 locations at a cost of \$25 - \$28. They would call Gopher One call and install at their expense. A motion was made to approve their request and to pay only for the signs. (m- Johnson, s- Strandskov, v- unan.)

OLD BUSINESS

Moe Hall Rd/Tall Timbers Rd update

Jerry Ellis along with John Stone addressed the Board concerning the following concerns:

- After research of others, our Road Policy needs to be updated,
- It should be the responsibility of the Township to prepare the road for hard surfacing,
- Dust control in the past is not acceptable and needs to be looked at for the coming year,
- Rental property is causing lots of traffic on road and is this something that should be looked into as there is rumors of more activity like this,
- the public has heard rumors of the projected costs and hesitate signing any petitions to pay for blacktop

- emergency vehicles find it hard to respond to 911 calls
- a letter of these concerns was distributed to the Board

Pertaining to this letter, Johnson addressed certain items explaining that some of the procedures of our road policy are required by State Statute. More discussion followed becoming very intense at times and confusion of all the concerns being discussed at once. The Chair tried to summarize the discussions presented and agrees that our road policy is out of date and reminds the residents that to date, we have not been presented with a petition to do anything. He went on to say that if we had a petition on the table, then we could address all the concerns discussed tonight. After a clarification of petition requirements of 35% of lineal footage to qualify for a petition as opposed to assessments by parcel, they responded that they would try again to get a petition. This would be based on the current road policy of a cost share of 80/20% of project. To add to this discussion, the concern of Heart Lake was brought up. It is the feeling of the nearby land owners that the water will flow over the road this coming Spring. The Board explained that we do not manage water levels and if there is a road problem we respond with a repair. Much more discussion followed. There was a lot of disagreement as to the definitions of maintenance as opposed to improvements. The Board explained that the current road policy will stand until the time that we are looking at a project.

Water level of pond along Bay View Road

It was reported that McCoy is not concerned at this point but the Board could do a one-time flushing for around \$600 this Spring but then the landowners would be responsible to maintain culvert, tiles and water level. The Board wants to make it clear that this is a consideration at this point.

CAPX2020 update

It was reported that the route of the highline has been changed to go over the property once known as the King residence. McCoy had his Attorney present at the last hearing to represent Susan & Keith McCoy.

Heart Lake water level update

The Clerk read copies of letters sent to Arlynn Johnson and gave a brief history of this problem. Much discussion followed. He went on to report that Jerry Hagenmiller maintains that this is a problem which needs to be resolved within the Township. In other words, there is no County, State or Federal agency that will come in and fix the problem. However, with this said, the determination of the high water mark does fall on the Department of Soil and Water Conservation. It was pointed out that even if the township could or would do something about this problem, the township would have to get permission from the landowners around the lake and two landowners on Lobster Lake. Strandskov reported that he had visited with all the landowners 3 or 4 years ago and at that time there were mixed feelings about any project. Arlynn Johnson repeats that he will not send out any more letters and maintains that it is the responsibility of the

township. The Board responded that no decision will be made at this meeting but offers to visit with all the landowners involved with the help of the neighbors. Any decisions were tabled until the next meeting when Huettl will be present. Terrie Potzmann volunteers to talk with Steve Sherman who has been against any project all along.

Sander for older truck

It was reported the sander is installed and working so we need to pay Urness Township \$300.00.

NEW BUSINESS

Andes Road

Strandskov reported that our Commissioner had called with a concern expressed to him by the Ski Hill about the road leading to their parking lot. Strandskov reminded Jerry Johnson that a contractor enlarged their parking lot this past summer and the heavy equipment pounded the road. He reminded J. Johnson that we had installed gravel this year and that it is scheduled for more loads next summer. Strandskov finally agreed to add 9 loads yet this fall and to bill Urness for one half the cost according to our town line agreement. The question is can we go after the contractor for damages. It isn't fair to the residents of Moe Township who are paying for extra gravel for road repair. The Clerk reminded the Board that at one time, Andersons of the Ski Hill wanted the township to blacktop Andes Road but refused to help out as they claimed the road belongs and is the responsibility of the township.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerk read two building permits, announcements of upcoming meetings and reminded the Board of the usual monthly newsletters.

Next meeting, date, time and place

It was the consensus of the Board to hold the January meeting on Jan. 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hall.

Public Input

Arlene Bushard and John Stone thanked the Board for their efforts in discussing all the concerns that were presented tonight.

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. (m- Johnson, s- Strandskov, v- unan)

Respectfully submitted by,

Wayne E. Becker, Clerk

Chair _____

