

Minutes of
Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
July 6, 2011
(audio recording available)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall with all members of the Board in attendance. The POA was given. The minutes of the preceding meeting was approved as e-mailed to all members. A motion was made to accept the minutes as sent. (m- Bushard, s- Johnson, v- unan.)

The Treasurer's report was then given. Questions were asked concerning the CLRSD payment from the audience, also there was some confusion about balances from the County which Botner explained. Discussion of transferring funds to eliminate negative balances was tabled until the November settlement check arrives.

The Clerk read the monthly claims. A motion was made to approve the monthly claims. (m- Bushard, s- Johnson, v- unan.)

OLD BUSINESS

M-R Sign update

Bushard reported that M-R Signs of Fergus Falls does not supply a price list. We should submit an inventory list and they would then get a quote from M-R and also, Etc. Signs & Apparel of Brandon. This list should include posts also. Johnson volunteered to help compile this list by mail. Strandskov would like pricing by the August meeting.

Gravel update

Bushard reported that Okerlund is almost done. He needs to haul 6 loads to Pheasant Drive.

Dust Control

Bushard reports that chloride is complete and our supply is exhausted. (Note: 11,950 gallons were purchased this year.) Clerk was instructed to turn down any further requests.

Tractor update

Bushard commented that the mower we have does not do a good job as that's why they call it a brush hog. Bushard reported that the hydraulics have been repaired by Marv Kangas who sold Case tractors at one time. Unless we purchase another tractor, Saathoff will use it again this fall for mowing.

Tall Timber Road Update

Johnson reported that the dike is holding but Flaata is getting a little nervous. The rock that Okerlund added is working well. He also visited with the County Engineers office and the opinion of the County is that something has to be done. Pumping will be very expensive and the correct way to fix the problem is to install a tile. Johnson adds that the contractor would charge \$25 a foot to install. Johnson estimates it would run for about 300 ft. This would be 8" PVC pipe. LeRoy Flaata agrees to work with the Board to allow this tile to go through his property. Strandskov asks LeRoy Flaata if he would be willing to sign an easement before the township goes any further with a proposed project. Flaata cautiously agrees and it was suggested that we hire Bill Luethner to draw up an easement which will protect both the township and Flaata. As this is only one or two pieces of property in question, a public hearing should not be required. A motion was made to research the project further and involve SCS and the DNR and bring some project costs back to the Board. (m- Johnson, s- Bushard, v- unan.) Johnson added that he has talked with Bonnie Huettl and she is aware of this plan. Strandskov gave kudos to Johnson and LeRoy Flaata.

Mosquito Lane Repair

Johnson reported that Backhoe Bob removed a stump 2 ½ feet in diameter. The cost of the repair is estimated at around \$600. Bushard reported that Backhoe Bob charged \$200 to add to culvert near intersection of Eternity Point and Tall Timbers Road.

Elk Lake Closing

Bushard reported that the road has been barricaded but someone has broken through the barricade. He submitted with a quote from Miles Tiling to install tile. He had met with LaGrand and they aren't interested in any cost share for any project Moe might look at. They made the comment that LaGrand takes care of their roads and not their residents. With engineering costs, the total would be about \$23,100. This would be for a 12" corrugated tile. Strandskov adds that the Township really can't afford this expense at this time. The audience expressed their frustration. Becker suggested that Bushard and himself look into some funding alternatives. He will arrange for a meeting with Pat Conroy, a grant writer, before the next meeting. It was suggested that some advance signage of closed road be installed. Arlynn Johnson suggests that Bushard contact Lee Tiling for a quote.

Tires for new truck

Bushard reported that Ronnie reported the tires on the new truck are terrible in the winter. He went on to offer quotes from \$2095 - \$4869 for eight new tires. These were from H & R Tire and Brownies Tire. It was decided that we do not want recaps. Becker volunteered to get a contact from someone he knows who sells truck tires. Strandskov reminded the Board that we need to start looking for a second driver for this winter. Bushard also reported that he had Ronnie take a

sample of oil of the grader for analysis. Quotes for tires should be available by the August meeting.

Contract Mowing

Johnson reported that the contract mowing is complete and there was only one mishap. An overhead electrical service was hit and is now repaired.

NEW BUSINESS (note the following items were added to the agenda)

Culvert request for inspection

Johnson reported that Rollance Olson of Golden Drive would like to install a culvert. The consensus of the Board is to allow a culvert twice the width of the driveway and that it is a 15" galvanized culvert.

Employees Only Sign

Strandskov suggested that a sign be placed at the entrance of the shop which prohibits the public from hanging around the shop when Ronnie is working. This is a safety issue also. All agreed. Strandskov volunteered to make one at a very complete price.

Tractor Purchase

Strandskov reported on a tractor that is for sale from Ida Township. Bushard added that Huettl and Saathoff had looked at it last year and was not impressed. It was suggested that the Board would like to try it out first. It will be going to an auction if they can't sell it. Discussion followed on the pros and cons. Strandskov feels the job that is being done is not adequate. He went on to report that there is an offer on the table to purchase our tractor and mower for \$6000. Strandskov agreed to supply phone number if anyone wants to set up an appointment to try. No action was taken.

Grading Update

Bushard had received a call asking if we have a route set up for our road grader for the summer and also read letter from Jim McKay who commented that his road hasn't received any gravel. Strandskov added that there is a schedule for summer grading and that the Board has added gravel to Mill Lake Shores Rd. Strandskov volunteered to take a look at the condition of said road.

Permit request for holding tank

Bushard reported that a lot along Mill Lake Shores Rd has applied for a permit to install a sealed holding tank so he can sell the property. The consensus of the Board is that it can't be put in the road right of way. Bushard will attend the upcoming hearing.

Announcements & Correspondence

The Clerk read the monthly correspondence.

Date, Time & Place of August meeting

All can make the first Monday of the month which is August 1, 2011, here at the hall at 7:00 pm.

Public Input

Jerry Morical asks if monies can be borrowed form other funds for road projects. Strandskov explains how the levy is proposed and adopted at the annual meeting in March. He encourages all to come to the annual meeting. Arlene Bushard commented on how few attend these important meetings. Arlynn Johnson asks why there isn't an emergency fund. The Clerk with Johnson explained that with the adoption of the 2012 budget, there now exists an emergency fund. This is something that has been suggested for at least three years and now has been adopted last March. Johnson explained how the Reuben's Lane project really set us back.

A motion was made to adjourn. (m- Bushard, s- Johnson, v- unan.)

Respectfully submitted by,

Wayne E. Becker, Clerk

8:55 pm

Chairperson