

Minutes of
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 7, 2011 (audio recording on file)

The meeting was called to order with all members in attendance. The POA was given. Introductions and rules of the meeting were dispensed with. The agenda was presented with one change by Huettl, adding the adoption of the revised snow plowing policy. A motion was made to adopt the agenda as modified. (m- Strandskov, s- Johnson, v- unan.)

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as E-mailed to all Board members. (m- Johnson, s- Strandskov, v- unan.)

The Treasurer's report was given by Pat Botner. Many reports were handed out in an attempt to help explain to the Board, the financial picture of the Township especially as we prepare for the Annual Meeting. A lot of discussion took place focusing on the negative fund balances. Strandskov questions whether everyone understands that the some of the fund balances only appear on paper. The bottom line is the sum of all accounts and as three funds are actually in the hole, is this an accurate representation of our financial picture. It was explained by the Treasurer and Clerk, that the Board has the power to transfer funds to get all the funds in the black, but was cautioned that two of the funds are proprietary, such as the CLRSD and the Cherry Point Fund. Money can not be taken from these funds. After lengthily discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to wait until we receive the first tax levy payment which will come sometime in early July. It was pointed out by Botner that we are gaining on these funds every year, and it was the Board's intention to recover over a period of years to keep tax levies reasonable. A motion was made to accept the report as given. (m- Johnson, s- Strandskov, v- unan.)

The monthly claims were read and approved as presented. (m- Strandskov, s- Johnson, v- unan.)

OLD BUSINESS

Heart Lake update by Johnson

Johnson reported on the recent meeting on site with some of the residents who explored some of the possibilities to lower Heart Lake. Bonnie Huettl submitted an analysis of the phosphorus levels in Heart Lake which showed it to be almost four times that of Lobster Lake. She had visited with Jerry Haggemiller and Emily Siria who were encouraged to contact the DNR. Bonnie summarized by saying the water in Heart Lake cannot go into Lobster Lake without some sort of filtering. Terrie Potzmann suggests that the Board send out a letter explaining the serious situation which exists with the high water, possibility of spring flooding and that it is going to be difficult to prevent damage to the road and to private property. A lot of contention followed among everyone present. A motion was

made to build a dike as soon as possible to prevent the road from washing out. He explained that our first obligation is to protect the road. By protecting the road, we ultimately prevent flooding of most properties. Consensus of the Board to build the dike. Johnson received a quote from Backhoe Bob to build a dike 2 ft high, 4ft wide by 300 ft long with plastic to prevent erosion. Strandskov urged Johnson to negotiate down the price of gravel for the dike if possible. Bonnie Huettl volunteered to research options for filtration systems. Johnson and Becker will draft and send out letters to residents starting in the neighborhood of John Stone. Also, language in these letters should suggest that the Board may pose weight restrictions during the time of most vulnerability of spring thawing.

NEW BUSINESS

Preliminary Signage Policy proposal by Huettl

Draft of policy was handed out. Huettl summarized his training and what is required of us and when by the sign mandate. He reported that his draft of needs to be reviewed by our Attorney at Pemberton Law firm. A motion was made to authorize this action by Huettl. (m- Strandskov, s- Johnson, v- unan.) Next order of business is to generate an inventory. He shared an idea of Johnson which would develop an inventory list, the labor and time to actually visit all the sites which might save us some money. Huettl had talked with RSMS, a company who specialize in this work, who had given him a phone quote of \$2,000 to survey, inventory and supply the Township with the software and database to comply with the Federal Mandate for updating our signs. Their website is www.ruralsms.com. Discussion followed weighing the pros and cons of doing it ourselves. A motion was made to authorize Huettl to hire RSMS to begin work on their quote. (m- Strandskov, s- Johnson, v- unan.)_Huettl added that he would be available for help even after he is off the Board.

Open Discussion in preparation for Annual Meeting tomorrow night

The Clerk reported that all is ready for the election and annual meeting. Strandskov announced he will be in Hawaii for the annual election and meeting. The Clerk asked for the Supervisors to be prepared to address upcoming road projects and gravel needs if it comes up at the annual meeting. Huettl volunteers to supply handouts concerning same. Please find copies of these attached to the minutes of the annual meeting.

Discussion of revised snow plowing policy

Huettl proposed changes to the existing snow policy which will bring it up to date which adds new equipment, additions to roads and more defined sand/salt requirements. A motion was made to accept the revised snow plowing policy. (m- Johnson, s- Strandskov, v- unan.)

Correspondence & Announcements

The Clerk read the regular monthly correspondence and reminded the Board of the important upcoming dates for meetings. It was announced that Ronnie

Saathoff will not be available on the 18th through the 20th for personal reasons but Frank Foslien Jr. will be available for snow removal.

Next meeting, Date, Time & Place

The first Monday of April will work. Monday, April 4, 2011, 7:00 pm at the Hall. Botner explained she will be gone but Dan Botner can fill in for her.

Public Input

None taken.

A motion was made to adjourn. (m- Johnson, s- Strandskov, v-unan.) Strandskov publically thanked Hardy Huettl for all his hard work on the Board and how it was a pleasure working with him. The rest of the Board extended their thanks and best wishes also.

Respectfully submitted by,

Wayne E. Becker, Clerk
Moe Township

8:52 PM

Chair _____