

Moe Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
May 5, 2010
(Audio recording on file)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair, Hardy Huettl. All members of the board were in attendance. The POA was given. Introductions were given.

The agenda was presented and approved as presented. (m- Strandskov, s- Johnson, v- unan.)

The minutes as sent out electronically to all members of the Board were approved by motion. (m- Johnson, s- Strandskov, v- unan.) The minutes were then signed by the Chair.

The Treasurer's report was then given. Botner explained the frustration she the Clerk has been having with the new version of CTAS. She explained that to produce the reports the Board requires, she will have to export the data into an Excel file and then it will show what is required. She asked Johnson for his help as he is well versed in Excel. He agreed. If possible she would like to meet with Johnson towards the end of June or the first part of July, if she needs help. A motion was made to accept the report as given. (m- Johnson, s- Strandskov, v- unan.)

The monthly bills were presented by the Clerk. A motion was made to pay said bills. (m- Johnson, s- Strandskov, v- unan.)

OLD BUSINESS

Urness townline agreement

Huettl brought the Board up to date on the history of the current agreement. He explained that he and the Clerk had met with Comm. Jerry Johnson, two Supervisors of the Urness Board, Kenneth Schjei recently and discussed the history and current understanding of the agreement. The conclusion is that both Boards will discuss the options at their next meetings and then we will finalize an agreement. He presented many options and explained that he had visited with Ron Saathoff for his ideas. Much discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Board to propose that we take care of the south 1/3rd and Urness take care of the north 1/3rd and the center 1/3rd of Hidden Valley Road. Also, all costs of material for any portion of Hidden Valley Road are shared on a 50/50 basis by both Townships. Concerns were that the south 1/3rd will be high maintenance because of Andes Ski Hills, we do not get many complaints from the other 2/3rds so Urness might not keep up their part as well, the south 1/3rd will probably require gravel every year, etc. The Clerk agreed to draft a proposal to Urness and get it to them before their next Board meeting.

Update on CTAS, Version 7

The Clerk explained that he had found problems with the new version and when presented to the State, they admitted they knew about them but didn't tell the people using it. He feels that we have a plan to accomplish what the Board requests and with the help of Johnson, we can make it happen. The Board agrees with the plan.

Spring road inspection

Huettl gave a brief update on the tour. This tour determines how much gravel needs to be applied. This included the follow-up on Reuben's Lane which was re-constructed last year. He also reported that as of this meeting, about 68% of the graveling has been completed. He also had talked to the chloride people today and that they expect delivery 7 to 10 days. This will put us ahead of last year's schedule.

Mosquito Lane Road Repair

Johnson reported that he had talked to two different contractors. Central Specialties quoted \$22,213.00 and Lakes Area Paving quoted \$16,925.00. This is for repairing the sink hole in the middle of the road where water exists on both sides of the road. Concerns of cost were discussed as no money had been budgeted for this repair. It was decided that we should patch the area for now until we can budget for the correct repair. The cost of this repair should come out of the Cherry Point Improv. Fund. All agreed by consensus. Note that if the cost of the repair is less than the amount in the above fund, Johnson can go ahead and authorize the repair.

Tall Timbers Rd/Moe Hall Road blacktop conversations

Jerry Ellis of Tall Timbers was called on to share his recent letters to residents concerning interest in upgrading these roads to hard surface. Ellis explained he had received 67 responses to his letters with 38 signatures in favor of upgrading said road. He went on to suggest that the Township do the research for this upgrade. The Board explained that to date, they have not received a petition. Strandskov suggests that he or others from Tall Timbers do some more work in explaining to the residents how much this might cost on an estimate basis and if there would be any new interest, etc. The Clerk agreed to supply Ellis with a list of landowners along these two roads and also to include the adjoining roads as more residents who benefit from this road in question might be interested in sharing in the cost.

NEW BUSINESS

Purchase of another truck

Huettl reported on many truck options he had researched. He passed out a packet of information to the Board. It appears that the unit which will be available by Douglas County is the best deal. He went on to justify the purchase of another truck:

- increase response time for winter plowing
- extend the useful life of our grader and live the carbide tips on
- cheaper to operate
- a second sander for quicker response in winter season

He went on to report that if we are interested in the Douglas Cty unit, they need to know by June 18th. He also reported that the County's new policy is to offer this equipment to their townships before they do any advertising. The Board agreed that we should commit to Douglas County that we are interested in purchasing this truck as it seems to be the best deal and we know who has owned and have taken care of this truck. A motion was made to commit to Douglas County Highway Department for this truck. (m- Strandskov, s- Johnson, v- unan.) Huettl agreed to contact the County this week.

Spring cleanup of Hall, Shed and Equipment

Huettl reported that the estimated cost for the cleanup as performed last year will cost about the same. This should be between \$800 and \$900 and was budgeted.

Consensus of the Board was to go ahead with this cleanup. Huettl agreed to contact Contractor.

Review of Correspondence and Announcements

The Clerk read the above which was the usual amount as past months.

Next meeting date, time and place

It was decided that the next meeting will fall on the normal meeting night here at the hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. No publishing or posting is required.

Public Input

Steve Sherman reported that because of the terrible road conditions on Moe Hall Road near County Road 8, he has incurred a \$900 repair bill because the deep ruts had damaged the oil pan on his company car. This initiated the following comments from the public:

- big trucks are hammering the road
- rocks have been observed on the road
- every Board has turned their heads concerning road conditions on road past the Bushard and Chlian residence
- residents know how to drive so it must be poor maintenance on road

The Board assured the public that spring conditions always cause problems and for the most part, the roads of Moe Township are better than average.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Wayne E. Becker, Clerk

Chairperson