

Minutes of
Board of Supervisors
Moe Township

October 3, 2011

The meeting was called to order with Dan Botner sitting in for the Treasurer, Pat Botner. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with the POA.

As there were new faces in the audience, brief introductions were made. The agenda was presented, amended and approved as amended. (m- Bushard, s- Johnson, v- unan.)

The minutes were presented as E-mailed out to all officers. A motion was made to accept them as presented. (m- Johnson, s- Bushard, v- unan.)

The Treasurer's report was presented by Dan Botner. A motion was made to accept the report as given. (m- Johnson, s- Bushard, v- unan.)

The monthly claims were presented by the Clerk. A motion was made to pay the claims as presented. (m- Bushard, s- Johnson, v- unan.)

OLD BUSINESS

Elk Lake update by WSN

Pete Sarberg and Chris Peterson, engineers for WSN were introduced. They explained they were hired to design an outlet solution for Elk Lake. They offered handouts to the Board along with a summary of their findings. Many questions were asked and a lengthy discussion followed. The following are highlights of that discussion:

- acreage of Elk lake at one time was 130 acres, now it is 2200 acres
- their plan would lower lake 1 ½ feet over a 30 day time period
- currently is about 4.74 ft over DNR established high water mark
- source of high water is contributed to runoff and heavy rains lately
- cost to accomplish this is estimated at \$51,298.00 not including 15% contingency and restoration of East Moe road

Many questions asked by the Board could not be answered by the presenters. The Board challenged the current area of Elk Lake and it was discovered WSN misplaced their decimal point and the current area is probably more like 220 acres. Johnson asked for a detailed explanation of all WSN's plan and costs. It seems additional work would have to be done on and near Walsted Road as current culvert is not large enough. Whatever is done, the DNR will have to be in charge of run-off especially during spring thaw. In other words, the operating plan developed for Moe Township will be controlled by the DNR. Finely,

Strandskov asked WSN to E-mail results of the previous historical events. WSN agreed.

Rebuilding of our motor-grader & Ronnie Saathoff

Bushard brought the Board up to date on the status of our grader. to repair engine and transmission which was \$39,000. then it was suggested to do an assessment of our grader. A cost of \$134,990 was quoted which would restore our machine to expect another 8 to 10 thousand hours of service. We purchased our machine about 10 years ago for about \$77,000. Todd Lindenburgh supplied quotes for leasing for 7 months out of the year for \$ 4,900 per month. He gave additional quotes on other machines and new machines of 140 and 120M with snow equipment. He would give us \$44,000 as trade in of our old machine assuming the engine doesn't blow first. Bushard explained he had talked to another township and they assured us a 120M would do the job for us if not getting into building roads. Bottom line cost would be \$179,215.00. Caterpillar will finance it for 3.2% interest with Moe determining the terms. Strandskov asked if we can exchange a 120M for a larger machine if it doesn't do the job. The answer was yes. We can prepay this loan to lower monthly payments. Ziegler estimates were put about 500 hours on our machine per year. Johnson gave a great summary of comparisons of all options presented and research he had learned. Ronnie Saathoff feels a 120M will do the job. The chair asked for a motion. Therefore, a motion was made to sign a purchase agreement on a new machine as presented by Todd Lindenburgh. (m- Bushard, s-Johnson, v- unan.) Note that a new machine comes with a 5 year or 3000 hour warranty. The Clerk asked if this 120M will do the same work as our 140G. Lindenburgh answered yes. Also, Ziegler will provide two training sessions for our operator. A purchase agreement was signed by the Chairmen and Lindenburgh. The Clerk asked if we are subject to the bidding law as this is over \$100,000. Lindenburgh assured the Board that this is a State contract and bidding law does not come into this transaction.

Tall Timber Rd update

Johnson reported that level of Heart Lake is down about 24 inches. The final issues are cutting stand pipe off and to prevent clogging. Johnson recommends removing burm with caution to cleaning up plastic. All agree.

Cleaning of Hall

Johnson reported of all the cleaning of the Hall which greatly needed. The benches were the worst. He suggests the benches need repair and sealed along with floor. He also vacuumed up thousands of house flies. Any further actions were tabled until next spring.

Grass cutting around Township Buildings

Johnson reported he has taken care of this for the reminder of 2011.

Sign Resolution 2011-3

The Clerk presented resolution 2011-3 which is an addendum to our Signage Policy. (Please find original in Resolution book) A motion was made to sign this resolution. (m- Bushard, s- Johnson, v- unan.) Also, it was reported that all road signs are installed according to the 2011 schedule except for those at Elk Lake. Discussion followed about School Bus signs but no action was taken concerning this.

Maintenance Drivers meeting

It was the consensus of the Board to hold this meeting at the Shed on Oct. 12th at 6:30 pm. Clerk agrees to post.

Shamrock Lane regrading

Bushard talked with Joe Struck. We have added gravel and have re-graded road. Struck as not removed block wall and he has used a skid loader to re-grade our ditches. It was decided to again re-shape road and see what happens. The Clerk added that Struck had threatened to report him because he couldn't vote for the recent school election.

NEW BUSINESS

New lighting at Shed

Johnson reported he had received two contractor quotes. Both quotes were very close. Johnson recommends Sid's Electric for \$3,180.00 as his quote was more desirable. A motion was made to hire Sid's Electric. (m- Bushard, s- Johnson, v- unan.) Saathoff is collecting paint for brightening up walls.

FEMA Update

Becker read letter from County Disaster Officer which informs us that the County did not qualify for FEMA money.

Happy's Landing update

Strandskov reported that he had talked to the County in reference to pipe which will run under Township road. They have no issue with that and we will not assume any liability in the future should any issue arise. Bushard asked why this was not brought up during the viewing. Strandskov was told that Land & Resource didn't think it was an issue and therefore no notice was required. The consensus of the Board is to allow permission and Strandskov will communicate this to Happy's Landing.

Luethner completes recording of easements

Strandskov has received final records concerning recording of easements granted by Flaata and his relatives.

Hanson gravel pit problem

It was reported that residents are complaining about the constant target practice. Johnson agreed to talk to the Hanson's and suggest that they control the hours

of shooting because the Board doesn't want to get into writing ordinances over firearms and target practice.

Neubauer's soccer field

Strandskov and Becker reported on the calls and letters written over the issue of the illegal grading by Neubauer. The County has taken over this issue.

Monthly announcements & correspondence

Becker read routine information with one building permit. One complaint over brush in Heart Lake by McCullem. All the Board is aware of this. Johnson agreed to look at 12727 Crooked Lake Ln to see if culvert was installed. Clerk also brought up training for Board of Equalization. Strandskov is not up to date. Street signs were brought up by Surveyors office. Clerk agreed to make copy for Bushard.

Next meeting time and place

November 7th at 7:00 pm at the Hall will be the next meeting.

Public Input

Todd Zarbok is concerned about Lake William if Elk Lake is lowered. Jerry Morical asks about the plans for Elk Lake. Both men ask for copy of plans presented by WSN. Much discussion followed concerning East Moe Road. Johnson agreed to do research on Elk Lake problem.

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

Respectfully submitted by,
Wayne E. Becker, Clerk

Chairperson