

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
Moe Township Board of Supervisors
(Audio recording available)

October 6, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall with Dan Botner sitting in for Patricia Botner because of a scheduling conflict. The POA was given by all. Introductions were given but rules of the meeting were dispensed with.

The agenda was considered and one addition to discuss a cartway south of County Rd 8 which would be an extension of Minister Lake Rd was added by Strandskov. A motion was made to accept the agenda as modified. (m- Johnson, s- Strandskov, v- unan.)

The minutes of September's meeting were approved as mailed out to the members of the Board. (m- Strandskov, s- Johnson, v- unan.)

The Treasurer's report was given by Dan Botner. A motion was made to accept the report as given. (m- Johnson, s- Strandskov, v- unan.) The Clerk read the monthly claims for approval. A motion was made to pay the claims. (m- Strandskov, s- Johnson, v- unan.)

OLD BUSINESS

Tall Timbers Rd Blacktop Update

The Chair introduced Jeff Kuhn from Widseth Smith and Nolting who was asked to speak to the procedures and cost involved in blacktopping Tall Timbers/Moe Hall Rd out to Cty Rd. 8. Jeff explained the steps we would have to go through to accomplish a project to upgrade this road. Highlights were:

- the petition process or unanimous decision by the Board
- a feasibility study
- approval by the board
- order further plans and specs
- hearing process to get public input
- solicit quotes (public bidding process)
- commit to the project

He also explained that usually these types of projects become a special assessment project assessing those who benefit from the road. Also, throughout the whole process, it is recommended that an Attorney needs to be involved. Of course, the project needs to have engineering input to assure all specifications are followed. He made specific recommendations for Tall Timbers road as to how wide and how thick the base and overlay. He submitted a rough estimate for approximately 3.5 miles 3 inches of blacktop and 3 to 8 inches of gravel, not necessarily Class V. This was \$ 700,000. Huettl explained that we have had

quotes from two contractors that were around \$535,000 Jeff explained that his quote would be higher so there would be no surprises after the project. This is subject to change as the project moves forward. There are many variables which will affect the bid in the future. It was the consensus of the Board that an additional 25% should be added for road reconstruction, and about \$ 20,000 in Engineering costs. Jeff responded that this is close but maybe a little low depending on what we would want him to do. He actually estimated about \$30,000 for Engineering costs. Huettl summarized with a cost per parcel to be about \$ 6,000. At this point, the Board could obtain a bond which would add even more expense to the total. Strandskov asked if we could go to a local bank and bypass the bonding process. The Clerk reminded the Board that we did get a certificate of indebtedness when we bought the grader. The Clerk then asked Jeff if he thought we would have the power to do assessments other than the special case of the previous blacktop on Cherry Point and the CLRSD assessment which we were authorized to do this through other rules. Jeff responded that we need to talk with our Attorney about this. Final total would be around \$705,000 for everything. After further discussion of added costs for engineering, road bed prep, surveying and additional costs for engineering & Attorney fees, the final estimate was increased to \$725,000. This number is what Jerry Ellis will work with as far as reporting the cost to the residents and see what interest might remain. Final comments were concerning our ability to assess and also not doing the interconnecting roads all the project area. Jeff agreed to investigate the 429 special improvement code as to whether or not we have the power to assess without urban powers in place.

Ekola fence update

Johnson reported that Guy Ekola re-installed his electric fence along Walstad Road. Also, Giles Ekola has not removed his at the intersection of Walstad Road and Centennial Lane. Giles Ekola has promised that all fences will be removed before freeze-up. Johnson reported that he told Ekola that it isn't just for road maintenance and snow removal, but for large machinery trying to drive down the roads especially during harvest time. It was the consensus of the Board to send a letter to each informing them of a deadline of Friday, October 8th, that all fences must be moved. It was also suggested that these letters be sent by registered mail. The Clerk agreed to send said letters.

Supervisor's road inspection tour

Huettl reported that during the tour, the Supervisors had identified the need for approximately 1,692 cu yards of gravel. It is estimated that by spring, probably it will be around 4,000 cu yards. This will enable us to ask for quotes earlier in 2011.

Water management along Tall Timbers Road @ Baumann's corner

It was reported that there is a need to re-shape the corner by Adam Baumann's residence on Tall Timber Rd. It was mentioned that Baumann would be open to

any such work as his driveway always washes out. Saathoff could start by angling the corner with the grader.

CLRSD Bond repayment funds

Huettl reported that John Rolf of Bremer bank has expressed his opinion concerning pre-paying the loan with proceeds in the CLRSD Fund. Rolf explained that this bond is similar to a mortgage. If you pay it down, the interest will be affected at the end of the loan. If we alter the payment now, the County will have to get involved to adjust everyone's payment which could get very complicated. Also, it was reported that 19 residents are delinquent. We have to make that up so all agree we stay with the scheduled payments for now. The Clerk asked about the deadline for pre-payment of assessments. Huettl instructed the Clerk to not accept any pre-payments other than those coming from real estate transactions. He was instructed to return the payment made after September 15th which was not a result of a real estate transaction. The Clerk agreed.

NEW BUSINESS

M.A.T. District 9 annual meeting

Huettl reported that he had attended this meeting on September 7th. There were a number Legislators who spoke of the State budget, employment and the high water of the Red River and the cost to the state and local governments of the new mandated sign requirements. A Director was elected and also Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State, was also present. A lot of focus was on the Red River Valley as most of the speakers are from that area. He passed out handouts along with his notes from the meeting. A new township law book was presented to the Clerk.

Minister Lake Rd extension water problem

Strandskov reported he met with Dr. Glen Zebarth at the end of this extension. He is concerned with high water backing up in his field because the culvert is partially plugged. The agreement was that Zebarth would hire someone to clean out the culvert at his expense. Strandskov had visited with Gerry Haggemiller about this problem. Haggemiller explained that if the road is not in jeopardy, they do nothing in his township.

CORRESPONDANCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pemberton Law Firm

Huettl reported that a representative from this law firm explained that they do township law. They agreed to supply a quote for future business if we are looking for an option for representation. Refer to letter from Attorney for specifics.

General Correspondence

The Clerk read the monthly correspondence. The highlights were:

- missing Timber Lane sign and post
- building permits
- annual road map for the County. It was decided that Huettl would accompany the Clerk and visit with Scott Greene from the County before the Nov. meeting.
- title for our new truck
- law change from the State of Minnesota for UI compensation
- permit for underground construction of GCTEL (Chairmen signed)
- quote for flagpole for the township hall

Next meeting, date, time & place

Next meeting will be Monday, November 1, 2010 at the town hall at 7:00 p.m. by consensus.

Public Input

Vick's talked about Gurie lane and lack of maintenance.

Sherman talked about dust control or lack of proper application.

Joyce Botner gave permission to take down a low overhanging tree east of her driveway that she is concerned it may fall down and hurt someone. Arnie Vick would like the dead branch by Becker's residence removed so he can drive his motor home down Moe Hall Road.

A motion was made to adjourn. (m- Strandskov, s- Johnson, v- unan.) 8:35 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Wayne E. Becker, Clerk