

OSAGE TOWNSHIP

BECKER COUNTY, MN

BOARD MINUTES OF JUNE 14TH, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Andrew Holmer with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Supervisors Andrew Holmer, Lyn Hartness, Nicole Hartness: Treasurer Petra Hartness, Clerk Margo Boyd, Deputy Treas/Comm. Center Coordinator Anna Johnson, Thelen's Excavating, Inc./road maintenance contractor. Approx. 5 residents.

The BOARD MINUTES of May 10th, 2018 were approved as read by a 1st motion from Sup. Lyn, 2nd by Sup. Nicole and carried.

The TREASURER'S REPORT was approved by a 1st motion from Sup. Andrew, 2nd by Sup. Nicole. It showed a beginning balance of \$187,101.36 on May 1st, 2018. Receipts totaled \$65.60- Disbursements of \$10,670.33 leaving an ending balance of \$176,496.63 on May 31st, 2018.

CLAIMS: - approved as presented by a 1st motion from Sup. Lyn, 2nd by Sup. Nicole and carried. Total paid out for June, 2018 - \$30,005.37.

OLD BUSINESS Clerk reminded board members to sign sig. cards at Citizens National Bank.

Road Maintenance- Supervisors discussed road work identified at the annual road review. Roads that have been graveled: W Gillian, W Straight Lake, Middle Grant, N Brill, Washington Sup. Andrew talked with Green Valley Township - They are going to gravel Sartain Street. Sup. Lyn reported Harvey Harvala /Carsonville Township agreed to cost-sharing of improvements to West Straight Lake. Sup. Andrew reported he talked with property owners on South Witter and Brill Ave. and they were ok with the recommended road work/tree removal Also on Bog Lake Trail certain trees have been marked for removal & entire road will be graveled. Sup. Andrew has not been able to get in touch with property owner on Eagle Bay - project tabled. Sup. Nicole made a 1st motion to proceed with road improvement projects on South Witter, Brill Ave & Bog Lake Trail, motion 2nd by Sup. Lyn and carried.

Sup. Andrew made a 1st motion to continue with graveling of roads identified at the Annual Road Review. Thelen's to continue graveling 270th St, part Grant, Frazier, part of Gillian, Brill Ave. Motion 2nd by Sup. Lyn and carried.

Sup. discussed installing stop sign at Oak Knoll Trail. Sup. Lyn will take of.

Sup. Andrew talked with Becker Hwy Dept. - they will be crack sealing Grant Street and will be starting Calcium Chloriding soon.

Discussed Oak tree & other brush that should be removed on Green Acres - might require REA Sup. will talk with property owner.

Rita Boyce was present to discuss the Township Rotating Assessors. She feels this is a way to keep things more fair and catch human error. Sup. Andrew stated that the Township has a 5 year contract with the current assessor. When the contract was up the Township did advertise, 2 assessors put in a bid, but only 1 had a commercial license. Supervisors feel that if rotation is to work the County would have to organize it. When the current contract is up the Township will advertise. Sup. also stated that if residents have a question regarding their assessment they can check with the County Assessor or bring it to the attention of the Town Board. The Township use to do a 3 year contract, but the State recommended a 5 year contract.

Sup. Lyn reported on Wayside Rest - Bathroom doors were locked again - He will get new handles & install. Also he put a padlock on the pump & has the key.

NEW BUSINESS: Anna Johnson requested approval from the Town Board to split off 10 acres from her 55 acre property on County 125. She stated that Becker County Zoning said she needed to get Township approval.

Sup. Andrew made a 1st motion that Anna Johnson may break off the north 10 acres from her property on County Road 125 and sell if she so desires. Motion 2nd by Sup. Lyn and carried.

Sup. discussed attending MAT summer training courses.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS: resident Kathy Lofy questioned the Board why she was not contacted regarding the trees that were removed from her property on Bog Lake Trail. She stated that 91 trees were removed and that her flower bed & mailbox were destroyed. She felt her property was the only one that was cleared. Sup. Andrew stated that after discussion & advise from the Township lawyer the Board did give approval for Peterson's Outdoor service to clear the entire roadside to 10' for safety and visability - removing brush - 6" and under. Also that there was a bad winter storm that came through and a few mail boxes got taken out. This is an extremely hard road for the Road Maint. Contractor to maintain -especially in the winter. Supervisors stated that the flower bed was out in front of the mailbox and was a hazard & there was no way for the plow to see it under all the snow. Supervisors stated the Township and the road maintenance contractor are doing their best to keep a bad road maintained. Township has repeatedly stated they would like to give the residents a good quality road. But all contractors & engineers that the supervisors have talked to advise they need the full 66' roadway to work with in reconstructing the road.

ADJOURNMENT: The June 14th, 2018 meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm by a 1st motion from Sup. Lyn, 2nd by Sup. Nicole and carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Margo Boyd, clerk