

# OSAGE TOWNSHIP

## BECKER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

### BOARD MINUTES OF MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 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; approximately 6 residents per sign in sheet.

BOARD MINUTES OF April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 were approved as read by a 1<sup>st</sup> motion from Sup. Lyn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sup. Nicole & carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT - approved by a 1<sup>st</sup> motion from Sup. Andrew, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sup. Lyn and carried. It showed a beg. balance of \$185,180.00 on April 1, 2018. Receipts of \$6,393.67 and disbursements of \$4,472.31 leaving an ending balance of \$187,101.36 on April 30, 2018.

CLAIMS: approved as presented by a 1<sup>st</sup> motion from Sup. Nicole, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sup. Lyn And carried. total paid out in May 2018 - \$10,670.33.

Sup. Andrew made a 1<sup>st</sup> motion that the Checks for claims can be pre-printed before the meeting, ready for signatures upon board approval of claims.

OLD BUSINESS: Sup. Andrew reported on the Annual Road Review conducted on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Supervisors Andrew and Lyn and Leonard Thelen/Road Maint. Contractor met at the Community Center at 8:00 am - a copy of the report is attached to minutes. Calcium Chloride application request form through Becker County Highway Dept. was completed. Discussed graveling with Thelen's. - Start with the roads which are going to be chlorided. Sup. will check with Carsonville Twp for cost share on West Straight Lake. Sup. would like to get a cost for doing these roads and decide next month how much more graveling to do. Separate Road maint. Contracts for graveling, snow plowing, and grading with Thelen's are completed. Road work for West Straight Lake will be a separate contract with Thelen's Excavating, Inc.

The Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting was held on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Osage Community Center. Discussed "open book" meeting with Becker County Assessor.

This type of meeting allows for several Townships, The County Assessor & Township Assessor to meet at 1 location. Township Supervisors/Clerk may, but are not required to attend. Supervisors also are not required to take the training course. No resident has attended the meeting in several years. Sup. Andrew made a 1<sup>st</sup> motion to go to an "open book meeting" for the annual Board of Equalization meeting, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sup. Lyn and carried.

BOG LAKE TRAIL: approximately 6 residents from Bog Lake Trail were in attendance. Sup. Andrew advised the residents that after talking with the Lawyer, County Engineer and several contractors the Township cannot do anything with the road without the 66' easement and during construction the full 66' will most likely be used. Sup. Andrew contacted 4 contractors to get a preliminary cost for the project. He heard back from 2 - one came in \$150,000 - \$175,000 and the other est. cost came in \$50,000-\$70,000. Supervisors discussed how to finance the project. Sup. Lyn checked into the Assessing procedure. Did not sound like this would be an option. Would have to look into taking out a bond. In discussing the project with the County Engineer Sup. Andrew felt that an engineer would not be needed which would save on the cost. Once the Township gets the easement Supervisors stated that if the bids comes in less than \$100,000.00 the Township would move forward, but if the bids come in to high the project might have to be tabled for a bit. Lawyer advised if the residents want to proceed with the Petition to move forward with establishing Bog Lake Trail as a Township Road a new hearing date can be set. As this is a process the project will not be started this year. Did discuss laying gravel for this year. Residents still seemed to be in disagreement on moving forward with the petition - Discussion tabled - no hearing date set.

Sup. Lyn reported on his findings regarding the average of wages paid to Township Officials. Based on the information Supervisor Andrew made a 1<sup>st</sup> motion that Township wages be set: Meeting 4Hr. or less \$90.00. after 4 hrs.- \$150.00; employee hourly rate -\$20.00; Treasurer & Clerk stipend for regular monthly work - \$225.00 month. Community Center Coordinator - \$50.00 month. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sup. Lyn and carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Sup. Andrew reported that the Wayside Rest has been opened up. Clerk reported that all board members will have to stop into Citizen's National Bank to sign the new signature cards for the checking account & safety deposit box. Supervisors discussed a "road use agreement" received from Enbridge Roads they will be travelling- Brill Ave, Grant St, Frazier St. - Sup. Andrew made a 1<sup>st</sup> motion to accept the agreement, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sup. Lyn and carried.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS: Rita Boyce presented some information to Board regarding Tru County Assessing & Assessor rotation - Would like board to review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: next regular Town Board meeting - June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - 7:00 pm  
Osage Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT - Sup. Andrew made a 1<sup>st</sup> motion to adjourn the May meeting at 9:10 pm  
Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sup. Lyn and carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Margo Boyd, Clerk

