

# OSAGE TOWNSHIP

## BECKER COUNTY, MN

### BOARD MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13<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: Osage Supervisors, Andrew Holmer, Lyn Hartness, Nicole Hartness, Treas. Petra Hartness, Deputy Treas/Comm. Center Coord. Anna Johnson, Clerk Margo Boyd. Township contractors; Thelen's Excavating, Inc./road maint. Jeremy Hensel/roadside mowing & Brett Peterson Outdoor Service/mowing/tree removal and resident Harlow Janssen.

The BOARD MINUTES of August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 were approved as read with one correction - by a 1<sup>st</sup> motion from Sup. Nicole, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sup. Lyn & carried. The correction is in regards to the topic of garbage removal by a private citizen from the different sites in Osage Township - Minutes listed 4 locations. Currently there is no garbage can at Friendship Park. The 3 sites that had cans this past summer were Osage Beach, Wayside Rest and the Fishing Pier.

The TREASURER'S REPORT was approved as read by a 1<sup>st</sup> motion from Sup. Andrew, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sup. Lyn and carried. It showed a beginning balance of \$214,074.08 on Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. CTAS report shows - Receipts totaled \$12,199.39 with disbursements of \$31,649.51 leaving an ending balance of \$194,623.96 on August 31, 2018. NOTE - The receipts & disbursement totals include \$10,704.52 of transfers between funds - actual new money received of \$1,494.87 & claims paid were \$20,944.49.

Treasurer Petra wanted Board to address the balance in the road & bridge fund -the ending balance as of 8/31/18 is \$1,457.13 Township will not get the 2<sup>nd</sup>  $\frac{1}{2}$  of property taxes until mid-December. Sup. Andrew made a 1<sup>st</sup> motion to transfer \$20,000.00 from the General fund to Road & Bridge fund. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sup. Nicole and carried.

CLAIMS - approved by a 1<sup>st</sup> motion from Sup. Andrew, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sup. Lyn and carried. total of claims paid for September - \$28,402.16

OLD BUSINESS: road maint. / Graveling of Witter is complete. Brill should be done soon. Tree removal /brushing is going good. Harlow Janssen reported on some trees that are rotten on Bog Lake Trail. Supervisors discussed location., Peterson Outdoor Service has board approval to remove the trees., Also as stated before Peterson's has approval to remove trees in road right-of-way that seem to be a safety hazard.

Sup. Andrew reported again that the Becker County Hwy dept. will have to take care of the cracks on Grant Street next spring. As there is a difference between crack sealing & actually filling the cracks in. - misunderstanding between Andrew & Jonah of what the Township wanted.

WAYSIDE REST - Itasca Mantrap took care of the outdoor light - facility will be closed as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, Supervisors will contact R & J Plumbing to shut down & winterize.

Dist. 9 Meeting - no board member was able to attend.

Clerk Boyd reported on primary elections -polls were open 7am-8pm. Approx.. 20% voter turnout

Sup. Lyn reported on the Garbage removal from public facilities. Resident Keith Ketcher has been removing the garbage & bringing to the transfer station this past summer. Lyn checked with Becker County about waiving the charge. This was a no-go. Keith has been purchasing the large garbage bags & paying the charge at the transfer station. Supervisors discussed about reimbursing him for his expenses. Different questions came up if he would be reimbursed for expenses only or also for his time. He could submit a claim for expenses if he had all the receipts. Tabled for further discussion come springtime.

Supervisors reviewed & completed Annual Road mileage certification from Becker County.

Sup. Lyn is a member of the Becker County recreational advisory committee. They would like to develop a County wide Master Trail Plan. - would be hiring an outside firm at a cost of roughly \$50 -\$55,000.00. The County has \$30,000.00 to go towards the project & the DNR has dedicated \$10,000.00 thru some different funding. The Committee is seeking help thru townships or other entities/businesses for donations to come up with the additional funds needed. One area they are working on is Schilton Park - they are asking for Citizen's input - there is a survey on Becker County Website. The master plan is to develop how to connect existing trails & develop new trails.. Supervisors discussed. May have to be presented at the Annual Meeting for voter approval & will have to check with MAT if there is statute that would allow for that type of donation. Tabled till Oct. meeting for further discussion.

Comm. Center Coord. Anna was requested by Jill Dickinson from Dist. 309 Community Ed. To Use the Osage Community Center on Oct. 15th, & Dec. 17th at a reduced rate. Sup. Andrew made a 1<sup>st</sup> motion to approved Community ED using the center at \$25.00 per class. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sup. Nicole and carried.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS: none - other than discussing why Becker County Hwy Dept. has not mowed the ditches this end of the County. Andrew will check with Jonah.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - next regular Township Board Meeting - October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Osage Community Center - 7:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT: September meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm by a 1<sup>st</sup> motion from Sup. Andrew, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sup. Lyn and carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED / Margo Boyd, clerk

