

Hawley Township Meeting Minutes

Location: 405 6th St. Hawley

Date: March 6, 2018

Chairman Rick Weaver opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm.

Present: Chairman Rick Weaver, Supervisor Everett Nelson, Supervisor Dennis Olsen, Treasurer Kathleen Pettis-Smith, Clerk Barb Gilson, Lynn Reading, Ray Reading, Michael Raum, Chris Heyer, Kara and Randy Ellefson, Brad Weiss, Larry Henry, Chad and Claudia Murray, Paul and Ann Jean Wibe, Bill and Beverly Henning, Harley and Norma Downer. (I could not read two other signatures).

Approval / Additions to the Agenda: Speed limit in Boutan Addition.

Public Comment: The board agreed to discuss the speed limit change in the Boutan Addition early. Ellefson said she would like the speed limit of 30 mph to remain the same. Dennis Olsen agreed. After researching, she stated that it wasn't required to be changed to 35 mph. Everett Nelson stated that the township could not set speed limits without a traffic study. Dennis Olsen said he would check the legalities to see if they were required to raise the speed limit or not. Harley Downer said he was also against the 35 mph speed limit.

Clerk's Report: Dennis Olsen moved to approve, Everett Nelson second, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Everett Nelson moved to approve with changes, Dennis Olsen second, motion carried. Dennis Olsen requested copies after the corrections.

Building Permits: None

Presentation of Bills:

1. Clay County Hwy Dept.	Road Maintenance – Period Ending Dec. 31, 2017	\$12,522.14	Check #2289
2. City of Hawley	HERT and Fire Dept.	\$6118.70	Check #2290
3. Hawley Old Timers	Storage & 2 Meetings	\$145.00	Check#2291
4. Void	Void		Check#2292
5. PERA	Contribution / Match	\$318.00	Check#2293

****Everett Nelson moved to approve the PERA payment, Dennis Olsen second, motion carried.**

Dennis Olsen moved to approve the bills, Everett Nelson second, motion carried.

Correspondence:

1. Turner Sand and Gravel request to increase weight limits on Township Roads.
2. Gravel bid from Turner Sand and Gravel.
3. Gravel bid from Fitzgerald Construction, Inc.
4. Minnesota LTAP brochure.
5. Certificate of Insurance Coverage.
6. LM Road Service's brochure and Mowing Contract.
7. Clay County request for township officers email addresses.
8. CCATO Fall 2017 Meeting Minutes and notice of the upcoming March 19th Meeting.
9. Check for \$45.00 from Cromwell Township for use of town hall.
10. MAT Spring Training brochure.
11. Mailing Address update from IRS.

OLD BUSINESS

General Business: None

Road and Bridges: Weaver had attended the February 25, 2018 Road Maintenance Meeting. He provided the board a summary of the costs for the year ending December 31, 2017. The 5 year actual cost per mile was on average, \$744.40. Because of the recent mild winters, only a 3% inflation adjustment was added, so the proposed contract rate for 7/1/18 thru 6/30/19 was increased to \$766.73 per mile.

The board verified a cart way easement had been awarded to Larry Henry's brother and that Nelson would notify Lewis's and the Bankers.

Fire and HERT: HERT has signed a new 5 year contract for \$44,500.00. The new contract for the Fire Department was raised to \$116,000.00.

LANDFILL: Nelson said that fees could possibly rise earlier than expected. He said he had raised concerns regarding blowing plastic bags but the county was unresponsive.

WEED and Gopher: The board reviewed the new contract from LM Services. They noted that there was no fall spraying included. **Everett Nelson moved to approve the contract with the addition of fall spraying, Dennis Olsen second, motion carried.**

Other Old Business: None

NEW BUSINESS

General Business: None

Levy Recommendation: The board reviewed the Township 2019 Levy and will make these recommendations at the upcoming Annual Meeting. The General Fund would remain @ \$20,000.00, Road and Bridges \$50,000.00, Fire and HERT \$ 25,000.00 and the Weed and Gopher Fund would increase from \$3000.00 to \$5000.00.

Spring Short Course: April 2nd in Mahanomen. Can register there.

Road and Bridges:

1. The engineer representing the Bison Ridge Subdivision passed out maps detailing the proposed roads in the next two phases of the subdivision. Weaver said he didn't want to approve any roads until the minimum maintenance road issues were settled. Reading said his hammerhead turn-about fulfilled his responsibility with that issue and that it had no bearing on the roads up for consideration. The unsettled issue of the road Reading built on the east end of the addition was discussed. Raum, Reading's attorney, said they did not own the property to access 200th St South so it would be illegal for them to do so. Reading stated he was willing to complete the road. The board asked Larry Henry if he would grant an easement and Henry said yes if the road was built as shown on the Platt. He also wants to make changes to his driveway. The board said they wanted to do an inspection of where the new roads were proposed and because the township is the Road Authority under the new Hawley Township Ordinance 2017-1, they thought they should talk to the town attorney for guidance. The board also wanted the county engineer to look at the plan.

Everett Nelson moved to table the decision for the April Meeting so the board could check with experts, Dennis Olsen second, motion carried.

2. The gravel maps for 2018 were reviewed. Some changes were noted including gravel for 12th Ave South (minimum maintenance road). The board was also in agreement with partnering with Clay County. **Everett Nelson moved to approve the 2018 gravel map with additions, Dennis Olsen second, motion carried.**
3. The board discussed the request from Turner Sand and Gravel for permission to increase weight limits to haul on township roads. **Dennis Olsen moved to sign the agreement, second Everett Nelson, motion carried.**
4. The speed limit in the Boutan Addition was mainly discussed in the public comment portion of the meeting. But Ellefson did mention that she was hoping the Heartland Trail would be completed in the area and that hopefully all the changes in the area would not be too disruptive for everyone involved. Henning noted that the speed limit by his home on 200th St. South was 55mph and that couldn't be changed.

Fire and HERT: None

Landfill: None

Weed and Gopher: Dennis Olsen said he would contact a tree trimmer this spring.

Other New Business: Bill Henning volunteered to be the moderator at the upcoming Annual Meeting.

Everett Nelson moved to adjourn at 8:55 pm, Dennis Olsen second, motion carried.

Rick Weaver, Chairman

Everett Nelson, Vice Chairman

Barb Gilson, Clerk
