

HAWLEY TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Location: 405 6th St. Hawley

Date: September 3, 2019

Chairman Dennis Olsen opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM.

Present: Chairman Dennis Olsen, Supervisor Rick Weaver, Supervisor Everett Nelson, Treasurer Kathleen Pettis-Smith, Clerk Barb Gilson, Karen Hanson, Chris Guida, Chad Murray, Bill and Beverly Henning and Duane Hansen.

Clerk's Report: Weaver moved to approve, Nelson second, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Weaver moved to approve with verification of the checking account balance, Nelson second, motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Building Permits: Nelson had approved one last month for Troy Anderson and one this month for Jerry Komrosky.

Presentation of Bills:

1. Karen Erickson	Dust Control	\$144.00	Check #2421
2. Perry Burnside	Dust Control	\$240.00	Check #2422
3. Rodney Tibbetts	Dust Control	\$105.60	Check #2423
4. Clayton Larson	Dust Control	\$105.60	Check#2424
5. Barb Gilson	Ink & Address Stamp	\$42.93	Check#2425
6. Hawley Old Timers	Rent & Storage	\$100.00	Check#2426
7. Buffalo River Exc.	Site Work	\$16,805.00	Check#2427
8. William Rodewald	Trapping Bounty	\$65.00	Check#2428
9. Kathleen Pettis-Smith	Laptop	\$540.17	Check#2429

Nelson moved to approve the Bills, Weaver second, motion carried.

Weaver moved to reimburse Smith for the new computer, Nelson second, motion carried.

Correspondence:

1. Minnesota Fall Maintenance Expo newsletter.
2. Hawley Township 2020 Town Aid Notice.
3. Notice for Renewable Energy Development Workshop.
4. Letter from Clay County Highway Department regarding 2019 Snow Removal Preparation.

OLD BUSINESS

General Business: None

Roads and Bridges:

1. Nelson stated that Larry Henry and Ray Reading had resolved their issues and Reading planned to start soon on the 12th Ave South and 200th St South intersection.
2. Next was an update on the west portion of 12th Ave South. Weaver said he had spoken with Buffalo River Excavating and they hadn't had the time to address gravel or widening the culvert. Hansen said he might be able to spread gravel from Strata. The clerk stated a Certificate of Liability Insurance would be needed. Hansen said he would email the information to the Clerk. Murray told the board they had decided they would not give permission for widening the culvert at this time.
3. Next were road improvement updates. The 1st Ave South project was completed but other projects were delayed because of the rain. The board discussed the letter from Crystal Francis about a driveway/culvert issue at their property at 955 210th St South. The board felt the letter to the county was misleading. They said the existing culvert might need to be replaced with a larger one, but the watershed would need to approve first. The board questioned if the homeowner or town would be responsible for the cost. Nelson suggested waiting until the Fall Road Tour before making any decision.
4. There are still beavers damming the edges of culverts .
5. The board discussed how the wet weather has made gravel road maintenance difficult.
6. The supervisors decided to have the Fall Road Tour in October.

7. Nelson provided a letter from Clay County regarding FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance. Gilson said she would mail a Notice of Interest.
8. Nelson said he would put together a Dust Control Proposal for the next meeting. Weaver thought it should be 50/50 cost share. They also agreed that the program was for Township roads only.
9. Guida asked about the letter regarding grass clippings on the roads. The board stated that they had received a complaint from the County Road Maintenance Department. Organic matter such as grass clippings can be problematic for blading.

Fire and HERT: The town's attorney had attended the August 26th Fire District Meeting. Key points were members needed to approve a Capital Improvement Program/ Finance Plan with a two thirds majority of the members. Hawley Township would be the Fiscal Agent for the New Fire Hall. Once the fire department moves into the new building, Hawley Township would pay the bills (utilities, etc.) and be reimbursed on a quarterly basis. A 1.3 million dollar cap is on the proposal. A special meeting will need to be held before the September 18th Fire District Meeting. The board decided not to include the Road Resolution at the special meeting.

Landfill: Nelson presented a draft of the Revised Schedule of Annual Rates for 2020.

Weed and Gopher:

1. Eight gophers and one beaver had been trapped.
2. Weaver said there were still beavers that needed to be removed. He was still cleaning affected culverts.
3. The board agreed a record of culverts would be helpful.
4. Weaver suggested that L M Road Services should spray before mowing. Olsen said he would contact them.

Other Old Business: Olsen said he still wanted to send town records to the Historical Society and help organizing would be appreciated. He was also hoping someone would take over the town website.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

Adjournment: Weaver moved to adjourn at 8:28 PM, Nelson second, motion carried.

Dennis Olsen, Chairman

Rick Weaver, Vice Chairman

Barb Gilson, Clerk

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