

Hawley Township Meeting Minutes

Location: 405 6th St. Hawley

Date: February 8, 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, JJ Cline, Roger and Chris Guida, Rod Tibbetts, Sheila and Richard Toczek, Doreen Gwin, Raymond and Lynn Reading, Larry Henry, Brad Weiss, Chad and Claudia Murray, Bill and Beverly Henning, Randy and Kara Ellefson and TJ Tibbetts.

Approval/Additions to Agenda: None

Public Comment: Because of public interest, the board opened the discussion Re: the Bison Ridge Subdivision and 12th Ave South.

Everett Nelson started by explaining that the township was exploring different road options. Connecting 12th Ave South to 7th Ave South in the Boutan Addition was one of the options being studied. The board said they had received a message from Moore Engineering stating that Braun Intertec would have to wait for the spring thaw before they could get information on the depth of potential muck in the wetland area where they were considering building a road.

The residents who spoke from the Boutan Addition wanted to know why the road was necessary since it hadn't been mentioned when the Bison Ridge Subdivision was approved. Rick Weaver said he had brought it up at the hearing and it was the reason he had voted against approving the subdivision. They also stated they did not want the additional traffic. They asked about the cost. Everett Nelson explained that the actual cost of either project wouldn't be known until bids were received. No one felt that they should have to pay for it.

Mr. Reading stated that he had built a "hammerhead turnaround" at the west end of his subdivision and he and others suggested blocking off the rest of 12th Ave South. The township attorney, JJ Cline said there was no law requiring the township to build another road or improve the minimum maintenance road. But the attorney also raised concerns about the possible addition of 35 homes to the Bison Ridge Subdivision. Cline also mentioned that 35 homes were a lot and often in these situations, a Developer Agreement was made regarding road responsibility.

The board stated that they were obliged to look at all the options so they could make an informed decision and that no option had been ruled out.

Some residents questioned meeting notification. They were reminded that there was a monthly meeting the first Tuesday of every month. The schedule and pertinent information was on the township website and posted at the town hall. Emails could also be sent to interested parties and often special meetings

were published in the Hawley Herald. It was also mentioned that discussing the road issue had been going on for a long time.

The board also informed Mr. Reading that they would not sign off on his road until it was adjoining 200th St South. Reading said that they had researched the road back to 1939 and it wasn't his responsibility. The board disagreed and said Tim Magnusson from Clay County Planning and Zoning said that the plat they had approved showed Reading completing the road.

Everett Nelson then thanked JJ Cline for assisting the township regarding the City of Hawley wanting to pay 45% for building the new Fire Hall. Cline presented the City of Hawley with a previous contract where the split was 50/50.

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

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

Building Permits: None

Presentation of Bills:

1. Void			Check # 2280
2. United States Treasurer	Taxes	\$ 294.94	Check # 2281
3. Clay County Hwy Dept	Annual Gravelling	\$ 26,373.11	Check # 2282
4. MATIT	Insurance Premium	\$ 1,150.00	Check # 2283
5. Hawley Herald	Election Notice	\$ 52.25	Check # 2284
6. Barb Gilson	Printing Ballots, Paper & Stamps	\$ 62.73	Check # 2285
7. Hawley Old Timers	2 Meetings & Storage	\$ 145.00	Check # 2286
8. Moore Engineering	12 th Ave Project	\$ 10,290.00	Check # 2287
9. Mark Rustad	Dues for Clay County Assoc & MAT	\$ 678.72	Check # 2288

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

The township received a \$45 check for the Town Hall meeting rent from Skree Township.

Correspondence:

1. Zoning Certificate for Timothy and Maria Regnier.
2. Copy of MATIT's Insurance policy.
3. Minutes from the HERT meeting and the Hawley Area Fire District meeting.
4. Certificate of Insurance from Westlund Excavating.
5. Brochure on Township Group Life Insurance.

Old Business:

General Business: None

Road and Bridges:

1. See public comment for Bison Ridge Subdivision road and 12th Ave South.
2. Steve Henry wants a 33' easement clarification with Mark Lewis and Kost Bros.
3. Dust Control in the Boutan Addition was discussed. Questioned if it would be cheaper for the township to pay for dust control instead of grading the road in the summer.

Fire and HERT: See public comment.

Landfill: Discussed Well ID numbers.

Weed and Gopher: Regneir had a weed concern on his property.

Heartland Trail: Rick Weaver attended the January 29th meeting. He reported that their goal was to raise \$500,000.00.

Clay County Intergovernmental Retreat: Everett Nelson said the focus of the January 26 meeting was on opioids, workforce issues and rural broadband.

Other Old Business: None.

New Business:

General Business: None

Roads and Bridges:

1. Rick Weaver will be attending a Road Maintenance meeting February 25th. He expects costs to be lower due to the recent mild winters. The township should have the cost figures in time to set the 2019 Levy at the March meeting.
2. Lynn Reading suggested the board check to see if there are any grants available from Minnesota's "Safe Road Funding". She offered her assistance and said Representative Paul Marquart might be able to help also.

Fire and HERT: Everett Nelson presented a copy of the proposed 2019 Fire District Budget that has increased from \$106,000.00 to \$111,000.00.

Landfill: None

Weed and Gopher: None

Election Judges: Everett Nelson, Dennis Olsen and Bill Henning will be the election judges at the Annual Election held March 13, 2018 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Other new Business: None

Dennis Olsen moved to adjourn at 8:40 pm, Everett Nelson second, motion carried unanimously.

Rick Weaver, Chairman

Everett Nelson, Vice Chairman

Barb Gilson, Clerk
