

HAWLEY TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Location: 405 6th St. Hawley

Date: February 5, 2019

Chairman Everett Nelson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM.

Present: Chairman Everett Nelson, Supervisor Rick Weaver, Supervisor Dennis Olsen, Treasurer Kathleen Pettis-Smith, Clerk Barb Gilson, Brian Gullickson, Chris Guida, Kara and Randy Ellefson, Bill Henning, Chad and Claudia Murray.

Clerk's Report: Weaver moved to accept, Olsen second, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Olsen moved to accept, Weaver second, motion carried.

Public Comment: Henning commented on a letter that attacked people personally regarding the proposed access road. He requested that the tone of the meeting be respectful of everyone offering their opinion.

Building Permits: None

Presentation of Bills:

1. Barb Gilson	Supplies	\$ 65.90	Check # 2364
2. Clay County Hwy Dept	Annual Gravelling-	\$ 25,394.85	Check # 2365
Period ending July 31, 2018			
3. Hawley Old Timers	Rent/Storage	\$100.00	Check # 2366
4. Clay County Assoc /MAT	Dues	\$677.44	Check # 2367
5. Hawley Herald	Notice & Ballots	\$ 97.50	Check # 2368

***A check for \$ 619.00 was refunded for over payment from Cline Jensen P.A.**

***\$2.00 was received from Everett Nelson for Affidavit of Candidacy.**

Olsen moved to accept the bills, Weaver second, motion carried.

Correspondence:

1. HERT Meeting Minutes & Fire District Agenda and Minutes.
2. Group Life Insurance plan information for Townships.
3. Letter from Land Stewardship Project.

OLD BUSINESS

General Business:

1. The upcoming March Annual Meeting was discussed. The three election judges will be Bill Henning, Rick Weaver and Barb Gilson. Henning also agreed to be the meeting monitor.
2. The treasurer had not purchased a computer.
3. The Planning Commission needed to review and vote on the Final Plat for Bison Ridge Addition #2 and #3. February 19, at 7:00 PM will be the time and date.

Road and Bridges:

1. Weaver said the Fish and Wildlife Dept. had removed the wire but not the posts on 50th Ave.
2. Nelson presented a map and a list of roads he thought needed to be included in the 5 Year Road Improvement Plan. Nelson wanted the other board members to review it and prioritize the list and decide whether to go forward at the March Meeting.
3. The board then opened the meeting to discussion about building an access road on either via 7th Ave or completing 12th Ave. He mentioned Murray's willingness to provide an easement up to 7th Ave. Ellefson asked why doing nothing wasn't an option. The board said they could abandon the road but would need a public hearing to do so. Henning said building a second access road for public safety has been the board's position since Reading's Subdivision had been approved. Weaver felt two accesses were important. The board said doing nothing at this time was not an option. The board then discussed leaving the west end of 12th Ave as a minimum maintenance road only with improvements. Widening the culvert area and improving visibility was discussed. Gullickson and Murray agreed they would be willing to walk the area with the board when the weather improved. Murray stated that a minimum maintenance road would not be viable for two-way traffic. Guida asked if there would be a conflict with paying for a road and the new fire hall. Nelson said there were options available for the fire hall and did not think that was problematic. Special Assessments to the new Bison Ridge Lots was mentioned. Weaver said it could be difficult to prove value to their property. Murray said he was concerned with special assessments since he was a major property owner along 12th Ave. The board agreed that it would be fiscally prudent to make safety upgrades to 12th Ave and deal with an access road in the next 5 to 10 years. Nelson repeated that 12th Ave would remain a minimum maintenance road with minimum maintenance road standards. Weaver said if money was spent on improving 12th Ave that would probably be the future route. Gilson said she didn't think either option (7th ave or 12th ave) should be agreed upon at this time. The board said both options would be included in their 5 Year Plan.
4. The board discussed upcoming Culvert and Road Weight training.

Fire and HERT:

1. Nelson said the proposed 2020 budget for the Fire District was \$ 111,600.00. He said a final site for the Fire Hall had not been agreed upon yet. The next meeting was Wednesday, February 6.
2. Nelson asked about the past due balances for Rocky Moe and Roger Hehn. Gilson said Moe was not a property owner and said the township had paid the fire department \$350.00 for Hehn back in July of 2017. No one had ever confirmed to her if there was an additional fire call for the same dollar amount.
3. The board than mentioned that the township was responsible for the three cemeteries' in our township.

Landfill: Tipping Fees were probably going to be increased.

Weed and Gopher: None

Other Old Business: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Adjournment: Olsen moved to adjourn at 8:45 PM, Weaver second, motion carried.

Everett Nelson, Chairman

Dennis Olsen, Vice Chairman

Barb Gilson, Clerk
