

HAWLEY TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Location: 405 6th St Hawley

Date: July 2, 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, Lynn Reading, Karen Hanson, Chad and Claudia Murray, Brian Gullickson and Larry Henry.

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

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

Public Comment: None

Building Permits: Nelson presented applications from Isaac Lanouc, Roger Guida, Carol Rodewald and RCH Custom Homes, LLC. Claudia Murray asked why permits were being issued with the 200th St South and 12th Ave South intersection incomplete. Nelson said the road should be complete this month and couldn't justify any delays.(See Road and Bridges)

Presentation of Bills:

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| 1. Northstar Self-Storage | Annual Rent | \$720.00 | Check #2400 |
| 2. Cline Jensen PA | Attorney Fees- Fire Hall | \$ 1555.00 | Check #2401 |
| 3. Hawley Old Timers | Rent/Storage | \$ 100.00 | Check #2402 |
- **Six Dust Control Reimbursements were also presented but Knife River had not been able to complete the work.**

Nelson moved to approve the bills excluding ones for Dust Control, Weaver second, motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence:

1. Letter and photos from Doug Keeping regarding traffic and dust in front of their home.
2. Clay County Zoning Certificates for Bison Ridge Estates ,Clayton Larson, Michael Schenck and Randy Ellefson.
3. Hourglass Newsletter from the Historical Society.
4. Minnesota LTAP Newsletter.
5. Letter from State Demographic center.

OLD BUSINESS

General Business:

1. The Treasurer had not purchased a computer.
2. The board discussed the recent MAT Short Course they had attended and asked the Clerk to make a list of the Town's current insurance coverage.
3. Shawn Nelson's property dispute with the City of Hawley had been determined that the city limits were legally dictated by the City and Clay County would not change it without a court order. The Township was not going to spend any more money on the issue.

Road and Bridges:

1. Larry Henry and Ray Reading had come to a final agreement about the intersection at 200th St South and 12th Ave South. Reading had told Nelson that the roadway should be completed by the end of July. **Nelson made the motion to allow construction to start as soon as possible with the required Township Resolution given at the August Meeting, Weaver second, motion passed unanimously.**
2. Next the issue with the west portion of 12th Ave South was discussed. Nelson started by stating that there were 4 options. Do nothing, make minor improvements keeping cost low, improve to County Specifications or vacate the road. Weaver said if vacated, he would want the 7th Ave roadway. He stated the Town Board was the town road governing authority. Gilson said she was okay paying for the Fire Hall because everyone in the township would benefit but did not want to pay to improve 12th Ave South or 7th Ave South to county specs. Nelson had checked with the Town's attorney and was told the board could not shut down the road. It would require a petition of town residents in a three-mile radius of the road. The board then does the final action. Nelson had talked to the Clay County Engineer who thought the township should vacate the road and eliminate liability. Weaver stated that he would prefer easements from property owners before making any improvements. He thought they should talk to the attorney regarding easements for brush removal and any other improvements. **Nelson moved to get gravel placed on 12th Ave South from 190th St South to the Bison Ridge hammerhead with no brush clearing, Weaver second, motion carried.** ATV's, speeding, road damage and snowmobiles were also discussed. Nelson said he would contact the Snowmobile Association.
3. The board reviewed the bid from Buffalo River Excavating for the road repair projects approved at the June meeting. The estimate for 200th St north of Hwy 10 was \$8695.00 and the Gloryland road was estimated at \$16,805.00. The culvert repair along Silver Lake, 220th St South from 40th and 50th Ave was estimated from past projects to be approximately \$2200.00. **Nelson moved to go ahead with all three projects if the cost didn't exceed \$28000.00, Weaver second, motion passed unanimously.** The supervisors then discussed the order of projects for the Five-Year Road Plan. It was agreed that a Road Management Book would be helpful. **Weaver moved to approve the**

Five-Year Road Plan, Nelson second, motion carried unanimously. Weaver mentioned beaver control and Nelson said he would contact a trapper.

4. Discussion of the Dust Control Reimbursement was next. It was agreed that invoices sent in after July 1st should be taken care of . Because of road conditions, most people still hadn't received chloride. Everyone agreed that a more detailed program was needed and said they would put a new program together at the August Meeting .**Nelson moved to extend the deadline for dust control reimbursement to the August meeting, Weaver second, motion carried.**
5. Nelson then asked if anyone was aware of trains blocking roadways. No one had any issue.

Fire and HERT: The contract is going to be reviewed at the upcoming July meeting.

Landfill: No

Weed and Gopher: Mowing had begun, and the clerk said she would look to see if we had a contract.

Other Old Business: None

There was no New Business.

Adjournment: Nelson moved to adjourn at 8:38 PM, Weaver second, motion carried.

Dennis Olsen, Chairman

Rick Weaver, Vice Chairman

Barb Gilson, Clerk
