

HAWLEY TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Location: 405 6th St Hawley

Date: March 5, 2020

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

Present: Chairman Dennis Olsen, Supervisor Everett Nelson, Supervisor Rick Weaver, Treasurer Linda Ekre, Clerk Barb Gilson, Chris Guida, Bill and Bev Henning, Chad and Claudia Murray.

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

Yearly Audit Report: Weaver moved to approve, Nelson second, motion carried.

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

* JJ Cline had returned a 2019 check for overpayment for \$1210.00 and Jody Jackson had never received her reimbursement 2019 check for dust control. **Nelson moved to approve sending Jackson another check, Weaver second, motion carried.**

Public Comment: Guida said she was frustrated with the slow internet in the Boutan Addition area. She had contacted Representative Marquart and other companies and there weren't any viable options. Gilson read a response she received from the Minnesota Broadband Grant Program that stated Red River Communications was doing a feasibility study to determine the viability of extending service in our area. The state is offering a Border to Border Broadband Infrastructure grant program. If Red River Communications applied, construction might not begin until 2021 but, Red River Communications are looking at possible 2020 construction if enough people show interest.

Building Permits: None

Presentation of Bills :

1. Jody Jackson	Reissue Dust Control Check	\$287.72	Check # 2466
2. Hawley Old Timers	Storage & 2 Meetings	\$145.00	Check # 2467
3. Barb Gilson	Office Max – Labels	\$20.10	Check # 2468
4. City of Hawley	HERT	\$896.18	Check # 2469
5. Clay County Hwy Dept	Annual Gravelling - Period Ending Oct. 31, 2019	\$30,435.87	Check # 2470
6. Clay County Treasurer	Clay County Hwy Maintenance- Period Ending Dec. 31, 2019	\$12,285.00	Check # 2471

Weaver moved to approve payment, Nelson second, motion carried.

Correspondence:

1. Gravel price for 2020 from Turner Sand and Gravel.
2. Brochure from MR Sign.
3. First Invoice from Hawley Area Fire Dept. to Kasin Farms.
4. CCATO Minutes and Notice of Spring Meeting on March 16th.
5. Gravel price for 2020 from Fitzgerald Construction.
6. Letter regarding ditch mowing from Central Applicators, Inc.
7. Information from Road Grooming Manufacturing.
8. Minnesota LTAP brochures.
9. Letter from Turfmasters Plus re: deteriorated sugar beets application management.

OLD BUSINESS

General Business:

1. Nelson reviewed the Clay County Multi-Plan Mitigation Meeting he had attended.
2. Nelson voiced concerns about completion of the March Township Aid Report. Ekre said she would check with Kathleen Pettis- Smith.

Road and Bridges:

1. Nelson said the paperwork wasn't completed yet regarding the road agreement between Reading and Henry.
2. Weaver had met with Gary Johnson who signed off on their property at the proposed intersection.
3. The board reviewed the 2020- 2021 Township Maintenance Agreement. **Nelson moved to continue with Clay County for gravel, Weaver second, motion passed unanimously.**
4. **Nelson moved to approve the Dust Control Letter Gilson had presented, Weaver second, motion passed unanimously.**

Fire and HERT: The Joint Powers New Fire Hall Construction agreement was terminated. The City of Hawley refused to sign the contract. A decision would be made later regarding reimbursement to the Hawley Township for attorney fees.

Landfill: Bids were being taken for the upcoming landfill expansion project.

Weed and Gopher: Nelson had attended a recent Hazmat Meeting. Poison Hemlock has been located north of his property. This is a very caustic weed. If found, it is recommended not to touch. Contact the town board regarding disposal.

Other Old Business: None

NEW BUSINESS

General Business:

1. Election poll hours are 5 -8 PM.

2. Weaver cannot be re-elected for the At Large position for the Clay County Association of Township Officers SE District as he has served all terms allowed. The board discussed a possible replacement.
3. The MAT Training Short Course will be held March 30th in Mahanomen.

Road and Bridges:

1. Road restrictions start next week. **Weaver moved to approve seasonal overweight permits for Rodke Trucking and Petermann Farms, Nelson second, motion passed unanimously.**
2. **Nelson moved to approve the request from Turner Sand and Gravel for permission to increase weight on township roads, Weaver second, motion passed unanimously.**

Other New Business:

1. Ekre called Valley Premier Bank and said the town's safety deposit box, # 20, was last entered in 1996. The board was going to do more checking to locate keys.
2. A public hearing needs to be held for approval of the GIS Map for the future 911 system. **Nelson moved to have the meeting at 7:00 PM April 7th before the scheduled monthly meeting, Weaver second, motion passed unanimously.** The board agreed that it would be okay to send the Dust Control letter out with the public notice.
3. The board discussed setting levy recommendations for the upcoming Annual Meeting. **Nelson moved to recommend keeping levy amounts the same as last year, Weaver second, motion passed unanimously.**

Nelson announced that this was Dennis Olsen's last meeting. He is retiring after 12 years of service to the Hawley Township. Thank you and Best Wishes!

Adjournment: Weaver moved to adjourn at 8:40 PM, Nelson second, motion carried.

Dennis Olsen, Chairman

Rick Weaver, Vice Chairman

Barb Gilson, Clerk
