

HAWLEY TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Location: 405 6th St Hawley

Date: March 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, Chris Guida, Sheila and Richard Toczek, Maureen Kelly Jonason, Chad and Claudia Murray and Lynn and Richard Reading.

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

Treasurer's Report: Smith stated that there was no explanation regarding the County Dec 31 Distribution. It was noted that the Candidate Filing Fee was from Nelson, not Olsen. **Nelson moved to approve with corrections, Weaver second, motion carried.**

Public Comment: None

Building Permits: None

Presentation of Bills:

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| 1. Barb Gilson | Light for Town Hall | \$6.49 | Check # 2369 |
| 2. Buffalo River Exc. | Snow Removal | \$1617.50 | Check 3 2370 |
| 3. Hawley Old Timers | 3 Meetings/Storage | \$ 190.00 | Check # 2371 |
| 4. Linda Ekre | Planning Commission Meeting | \$50.00 | Check # 2372 |
| 5. John Olson | Planning Commission Meeting | \$50.00 | Check # 2373 |
| 6. Clay County Treasurer | Road Maintenance for | \$12,463.75 | Check # 2374 |
| | Period Ending Dec 31, 2018. | | |
| 7. City of Hawley | Fire District Fund | \$ 5300.00 | Check # 2375 |

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

Correspondence:

1. Gravel proposal from Fitzgerald Construction, Inc.
2. Boundary survey from US Dept. of Commerce.
3. Sewage Treatment Permits for 2018.
4. Brochure and letter from Central Applicators, Inc.
5. January and February Fire District meeting minutes.
6. Notice of upcoming March Weed Inspector Training meeting.
7. MAT Spring Short Course notification.

OLD BUSINESS

General Business:

1. Reading presented the Final Plats for Phase 2 and 3 of the Bison Ridge Estates, LLC. The board discussed the Planning Commission's decision to approve both Phases with the condition that no building permits could be issued in Phase 2 or Phase 3 until completion of the intersection at 12th Ave South and 200th St South. The township attorney had reviewed everything and agreed that the intersection completion was contingent for approval. Reading stated that he had signed the documentation deeding the land for the intersection. It was noted that Larry Henry, at the previous Planning Commission Meeting said he was willing to go forward but wanted to wait for spring when the road markers would be visible. Nelson told Reading that the town's attorney stated that one, a Performance and Cash Bond would need to be paid to the township 30 days in advance and two, that road building specifications and maps would need prior 30 day approval from the Clay County Engineer .**Olsen moved to approve the Final Plat of Phase 2 with the recommendation made by the Planning Commission and the two requirements put forward by the town's attorney. Weaver second, motion passed unanimously. Olsen moved to approve the Final Plat for Phase 3 with the same conditions of Phase 2, Weaver second, motion passed unanimously.**
2. Next was a presentation from the Clay County Historical Society. Jonason gave a brief overview of what the society does and the importance of preserving Township history. Annual dues are \$85 and will be voted on at the annual meeting.
3. **Nelson moved to appoint Bev Henning, Rick Weaver and Barb Gilson Election Judges and Bill Henning as the Annual Meeting Moderator, Olsen second, motion carried.**
4. The treasurer had not purchased a new computer.

Road and Bridges:

1. The board discussed any additions to the Five-Year Road Plan. Weaver said the culvert on 50th Ave South and the culvert by Kenneth Ekre's should be included. Chad Murray said a larger culvert by Thomson's at 12th Ave South and 190th St South should be on the list. The board discussed drafting a plan and proposing a priority list before having a public hearing. It was recommended to the board that the public hearing should be more for making additions to the list- not setting priority for which project should be completed first. Nelson said he would start drafting a plan. Weaver said it would be a great help for future supervisors.
2. Guida said the snow removal in the Boutan Addition was better but 7th Ave was still narrow.
3. The board commented on how well the snow fence by Glyndon helped with road snow drifting. Having corn left on some fields could be helpful in our area.
4. Weaver had attended the Clay County Road Maintenance Meeting. Based on the 5-year average for cost per mile, the 2019-2020 maintenance cost came down \$11 per mile. (from \$767 to \$756)

Fire and HERT:

1. Nelson said the MPCA had determined the old county shop building was clear of pollutants and it was the preferred location for the new fire hall. Nelson explained that JJ Cline, the town's attorney, said it was legal for the Hawley Township to own the property and legal for us to finance. The Hawley Township would own and lease to the joint powers until the bond was paid. It would not be open to a public vote until there were signed contracts from all parties, costs were determined, etc. **Olsen moved that Nelson could go forward with the town's attorney to get contracts started for the Fire Hall, Weaver second, motion carried.**

Landfill:

1. Tipping fees are going to be increased from \$43 per yard to \$50 per yard. There will also be an increase in truck traffic on 190th St South due to new cell construction.
2. Larry Henry was retiring at the end of March.

Weed and Gopher: Olsen moved to recommend raising the gopher bounty to \$5 at the Annual Meeting, Weaver second, motion carried.

Other Old Business: None

NEW BUSINESS

General Business:

1. The board discussed having the archivist from the Historical Society go through the township records.
2. The board than discussed setting recommendations the 2020 Township Levy.
Olsen moved to keep the levy for the General Fund at \$20,000, Weaver second, motion passed unanimously.
Weaver moved to keep the levy for Road and Bridges at \$50,000, Olsen second, motion passed unanimously.
Olsen moved to keep the levy for Fire and HERT at \$25,000, Weaver second, motion passed unanimously.
Weaver moved to keep the levy for Weed and Gopher at \$5000, Olsen second, motion passed unanimously.

There was no other new business.

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

Everett Nelson, Chairman _____ Barb Gilson, Clerk _____

