

Hawley Township Meeting Minutes

Location: 406 6th St. Hawley

Date: November 7, 2017

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, Clerk Barbara Gilson, Jon Pauna, Larry Henry, Bev and Bill Henning, Chad and Claudia Murray and Paul Wibe.

Approval/ Addition to the Agenda: None

Public Comment: Larry Henry was angry that the road built by Mr. Reading on 12th Ave South hadn't been signed off by the township and a house was already under construction. He said a building permit should never have been issued under the circumstances. Chairman Rick Weaver agreed. He was also upset that the new subdivision was using his road. Rick Weaver said it was considered a public road since it had been in use since the Henry's built it in 1962. Larry Henry also voiced concern on how the road was built and that it was Mr. Reading's responsibility to complete the road to 200th Street South. He also questioned who from the county or township had inspected the construction of the road since the road was supposed to be built to county standards as part of the CUP.

Chairman Rick Weaver than opened the meeting to Jon Pauna from Moore Engineering. Mr. Pauna gave the board members a map showing the proposed road starting from the Bison Ridge Subdivision west to 190th Street South. The road would be straightened and hug the Railroad property as much as possible. He felt that this route would have the least impact on people living on the road.

Bill Henning asked why there hadn't been the promised informal meeting with neighbors regarding road options. He was upset that the Bison Ridge Subdivision had been crammed down everyone's throat. He said he expected more diligence from the board moving forward and that Mr. Reading was arrogant and needed to be reined in. He also reminded the board that if enforcement / litigation were a concern, the Minnesota Association of Townships had help available. Supervisor Everett Nelson apologized for signing the Building Permit before the road was signed off on.

Jon Pauna said the next step moving forward would be a legal boundary survey that would identify easements, elevations and right-of-ways. The survey would cost the Township \$10,290.00. After the survey, Moore Engineering could design a plan and cost estimate for the next meeting. Mr. Henning asked if that was now the only road being considered. Chairman Rick Weaver said the road connecting to the Boutan Subdivision was still an option to be looked at.

Dennis Olsen made the motion to approve having the survey done, Everett Nelson second, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Kathleen Pettis-Smith was out of town for a funeral.

Building Permits: Everett Nelson had signed one for Bison Ridge Subdivision. The board agreed that any future building permits should be emailed immediately to the other board members.

Presentation of Bills:

1. Cline Jensen P.A.	Re: Road & Special Assessment	\$634.00	Check #2257
2. LM Road Services	Mowing	\$1593.00	Check # 2258
3. Fitzgerald Construction	Gravel	\$299.66	Check #2259
4. Hawley Old Timers	Rent / Storage	\$100.00	Check #2260
5. Kathleen Pettis-Smith	Planning Commission	\$50.00	Check #2261
6. John Olson	Planning Commission	\$50.00	Check #2262
7. Chad Murray	Planning Commission	\$50.00	Check # 2263
8. Linda Ekre	Planning Commission	\$50.00	Check #2264

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

Correspondence:

1. HERT Meeting Minutes
2. CCATO Meeting Minutes.
3. Invoice from Hawley Area Fire Dept. for Darren Tangen. Second notice.
4. Clay County Building Permits for Bison Ridge Estates and Carol A Rodewald.
5. Drainage and water conference notice.
6. MnDot request for mapping information for the township.
7. Check # 206364 for \$1427.50 from Minn Gas Co.
8. Clay County Highway Grant information. (Everett Nelson took it with him to study.)

Old Business:

General Business: The Township has not received proof of insurance from Mr. Reading or Mr. Westlund.

Roads and Bridges:

1. Received reimbursement from Min Gas Company. (see correspondence)
2. Gravel has been applied to the Glory land road.
3. Not all of the new signs have been put up. Will be done weather permitting. Also, the sign taken down for the road in the Bison Ridge Subdivision has not been put back in place.
4. Spraying and mowing is done for the year.
5. The board decided to contact the County Engineer regarding inspecting the road Mr. Reading built on 12th Ave South. There are concerns about proper compaction, the hammerhead being

large enough and also about completion on the east end to access 200th Street South .Rick Weaver said he would meet with him.

6. The Fall Road Inspection was completed October 7th and generally everything is in good shape.
7. The board discussed the letter from our attorney JJ Cline regarding having a special assessment district.

Fire and HERT: Everett Nelson discussed the Quarterly Meeting.

Landfill: The focus is on the Transfer Station that is proposed for Morhead.

Weed and Gopher: None

Other Old Business: None

New Business:

General Business: None

Roads and Bridges: The board discussed the Richard Gruhl's request for tree branch removal. Dennis Olsen said they did need to be removed and that the branches were too high for the board to safely remove themselves. They also mentioned a large tree that had fallen on the 12th Ave South minimum maintenance road. **Everett Nelson made the motion to hire a tree service company, Dennis Olsen second, motion carried.** Dennis Olsen said he would take care of it. R Gruhl had also complained about round hay bales by Darrel Barth's driveway. The board said they could only act if the bales were on the right-of-way. Rick Weaver mentioned that he had removed rocks on 28th Ave South for Lloyd Hanson. Also the board determined it was too late for them to respond to the County Road 23 Mill and Overlay since the county had already applied for the grant.

Fire and HERT: None

Landfill: None

Weeds and Gopher: None

Other New Business: None

Adjournment: Dennis Olsen moved to adjourn at 8:30 pm, Everett Nelson second, motion carried.

Rick Weaver, Chairman

Everett Nelson, Vice Chairman

Barb Gilson, Clerk
