

Hawley Township Meeting Minutes

Location: 405 6th St. Hawley

Date: November 13, 2018

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, John Olson, Lynn Reading, Karen Hanson, Chris Guida, Brian Gullickson, Chris Lessard, Kara Ellefson, Beverly and Bill Henning, Chad and Claudia Murray.

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

Treasurer's Report: Olsen moved to approve, Weaver second, motion carried. Smith asked the board to provide their wages so she could have the PERA amount for the December meeting.

Public Comment: Ellefson commented that the Clay County website still showed voting at the Hawley Community Center and she had two people ask her about voting.

Presentation of Bills:

1. City of Hawley	HERT	\$818.70	Check #2337
2. Hawley Herald	4 Public Notices	\$270.00	Check # 2338
3. Void			Check # 2339
4. Carr's Tree Service	Tree Trimming	\$4165.00	Check # 2340
5. Cline Jensen P.A	Attorney Fees	\$521.55	Check # 2341
6. John Olson	5 Planning Commission Meetings	\$250.00	Check # 2342
7. Chad Murray	6 Planning Commission Meetings	\$ 300.00	Check # 2343
8. Linda Ekre	6 Planning Commission meetings	\$300.00	Check # 2344
9. LM Road Service	Ditch Mowing	\$1792.00	Check # 2345

Check # 2331 for Hawley Fire Dept RE: Jody Jackson was voided.

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

Correspondence:

1. Six Clay County Zoning Certificates
2. Minutes of Spring CCATO Meeting and notice of upcoming November 19th meeting at the Dilworth Community Center.

OLD BUSINESS:

General Business:

1. The board discussed the mail in ballot election. No one on the board had received any complaints. It was decided that the Auditor needed to be contacted regarding the website and that a notice at the Community Center would be helpful in 2020. Weaver stated that every year people had shown up to vote from other townships. Olsen said he had received positive comments that it gave time to research candidates before voting- especially in more obscure races.
2. Next was the Bison Ridge Subdivision. The Planning Commission had approved Phases 2 and 3 with conditions. One of the conditions was pressing the board to deal with the 12th Ave South access road issue. The options of closing the minimum maintenance section of the road, building a road from 12th Ave to 7th Ave and completing the road to 190th St were discussed. The cost (Moore Engineering \$228,300.00 or \$263,000.00) and who would pay was discussed. Guida was concerned about the wetland area for the 7th Ave access. Nelson explained it was not a natural wetland. The board decided that contacting the area hydrologist and Moore Engineering would be beneficial. Henning cited safety issues and said the board had been concerned since Phase 1 was approved. Gullickson said that he felt the road wasn't needed. He cited the Town's attorney saying it was not required by law, that other subdivisions in the area only had one access and he didn't think other township residents would want to pay for the road. Nelson explained that the supervisors had the authority to act and did not require a public vote. Nelson and Weaver felt that creating another access road was necessary for safety and liability issues.
Nelson presented the board with an email from the Hawley Fire Chief, Justin Martin. When questioned about serving a development with one access, Martin stated "My initial answer was that it was no different than when we go to any rural address and only have one access in and out". But after research, he found information from the International Fire Code Book. In Section D107.1 it was stated that in Developments of one -or- two family dwellings where the number of dwelling units exceed 30 shall be provided with two separate and approved fire apparatus access roads with exceptions*. Olson asked if the Township or County had adopted this code and Nelson said no. When asked about completion of the intersection at 12th Ave South and 200th St South, Reading stated that everything had been sent to JJ Cline regarding Henry's property. The board said they should formalize a plan and that it didn't need to be acted on right away.
3. Weaver said he had replaced signage at 220th St and 60th Ave and at 210th St and 40th Ave. Nelson said he would contact Fish and Wildlife concerning a fence on 50th Ave.

Fire and HERT:

1. Nelson passed out copies of an email from Mason Pender regarding funding for the new firehall. Instead of a USDA loan, the Otto Bremer Foundation, a non-profit, might be an

alternative. Bremer agrees to be the purchaser of the bonds and cannot sell them, thus there is no rating requirements which saves considerably on costs, effort and is less intrusive. The Detroit Lakes fire hall addition was funded this way. Nelson was going to gather more information at the next firehall meeting.

2. It was also suggested that this might be an option for funding a second access road.

Landfill: Burns and Doyle Company received the 2019 Construction Bid Award and work should begin next May or June. Gilson voiced concerns regarding the truckloads of contaminated soil being piled at the landfill. Nelson said he would check into it.

Weed and Gopher:

1. The board discussed raising the gopher bounty at the March Annual Meeting.
2. Olsen said he would contact LM Road Services about fall spraying.
3. The board said there were two locations where tree trimming was recommended by the county.

Other Old Business: None

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

Adjournment: Olsen moved to adjourn at 8:21 PM, Weaver second, motion carried.

Everett Nelson, Chairman

Dennis Olsen, Vice Chairman

Barb Gilson, Clerk
