

HAWLEY TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Location: 405 6th St. Hawley

Date: September 4, 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, Chris Guida, Karen Hanson, Chad Murray, Lynn and Ray Reading, Betty Thomson, Bryan Gullickson and Larry Henry.

Clerk's Report:

- 1. Weaver moved to approve the August 7th meeting minutes, Olsen second, motion carried.**
- 2. Weaver moved to approve the August 21st meeting minutes, Olsen second, motion carried.**
- 3. Olsen moved to approve the August 28th meeting minutes, Weaver second, motion carried.**

The clerk read the minutes of the two special meetings. Guida asked why it wasn't in the Hawley Herald. Nelson explained that legally the notice had to be posted in the designated spot at the Town Hall three days before and that had been done.

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

Public Comment: Olsen said people had voiced concerns regarding the Guard Dog – No Trespassing signs Gullickson had posted on his property on 12th Ave South. The board explained that his signs had to be 33' from the center line of a public road.

Building Permits: Two had been approved. One for Designer Homes and another for Tyler and Krystal Francis.

Presentation of Bills:

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| 1. Barb Gilson | Supplies | \$35.19 | Check# 2328 |
| 2. City of Hawley | HERT | \$818.70 | Check # 2329 |
| 3. Hawley Old Timers | Storage & 2 Meetings | \$145.00 | Check# 2330 |

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

Correspondence:

1. Minnesota Fall Maintenance Expo brochure.
2. Past due notice from the Hawley Area Fire Dept. for Jody Jackson.

OLD BUSINESS

General Business: The board discussed whether to have their own Board of Equalization. They decided to leave it up to the Accesor. No one had attended the recent District Meeting.

Roads and Bridges:

1. The 12th Ave intersection was discussed. Henry said he thought the way the road was staked was the best everyone could come up with. He asked Reading to have his contractor let him know when work was beginning so a temporary access road could be coordinated. Weaver said he would also like to be notified. Reading agreed and said he would have Moore Engineering get a schematic to Weaver, Henry and the County. Henry said he would work with the contractor regarding his own driveway.
2. Reading requested a Planning Commission meeting regarding phase two and three of the Bison Ridge Subdivision. The meeting was scheduled for September 18, at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.
3. The board decided to wait until the October 2nd meeting to set a date for the road inspection.
4. The Francis' said they were willing to pay for a four foot culvert extension to widen mutual crossing access on their property. The board agreed that that would not be a problem.

Fire and HERT:

1. The board discussed past due bills from the Hawley Area Fire Dept. Gilson was sending a notice to Jody Jackson. Nelson said he would check with the Fire Chief if Ronald Hehn's had been paid by the township in August of 2017, and the clerk had not been able to verify if Rocky Moe owned property.
2. The board reviewed the letter from Justin Martin, the Fire Chief regarding the purchase of a new pumper truck. Because of the steel and aluminum tariff situation, they were hoping to move up the purchase to avoid price increases from 7% to up to the 10-12 % range. The initial cost would be \$90,000 for the chassis with the balance due next spring or summer. The board was in agreement that it would be prudent to act now. At this time there is \$245,000 of the \$285,000 needed.
3. The financing of the new fire hall was discussed next. Guida asked why the Hawley Township should take the bond. Nelson explained that the City of Hawley had agreed to

pay 50% as their share instead of 60% if one of the townships took the bond. The maximum debt limit for townships is set at 3% of the total market value of property. Hawley's market value is \$54,166,714 as of 2018 Assessments. The only other townships with the necessary taxable value are Parke and Eglon. If the bond is below \$450,000, the board can vote on it, over that amount it would have to be approved by the electorate.

4. The board then discussed raising the bond for the clerk and treasurer positions. Currently the township has \$100,000 of free coverage. **Weaver made the motion to up the bonding to \$300,000, Olsen second, motion carried.** Gilson said she would contact MATT for more information.

Landfill: The landfill would be starting construction of a new cell spring of 2019.

Weed and Gopher: Olsen had contacted Carr's tree Service. He presented a map showing 6 locations where trees needed to be trimmed. He did not have 12th Ave south included in the bid. The quote was \$3,145 leaving trimming in the ditch; \$4,165 to include removing the trimmings. **Weaver moved to approve hiring Carr's and having them remove the trimmings. Olsen second, motion carried.**

Thomson said there was a wash out from runoff from 180th St South and 12th Ave South. The board said that it was a minimum maintenance road and at this time they couldn't get gravel in there.

Other Old Business: None

New Business

General Business: None

Road and Bridges: None

Fire and HERT: None

Weed and Gopher: None

Other New Business: None

Adjournment: Olsen moved to adjourn at 8:20 PM, Weaver second, motion carried.

Everett Nelson, Chairman _____

Rick Weaver, Vice Chairman _____

Barb Gilson, Clerk _____

