

# HAWLEY TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Location: 405 6<sup>th</sup> St. Hawley

Date: January 8, 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, Jon Pauna, Mason Pender, Shawn Mork, Chris Guida, Chad Murray, Larry Henry, Randy Ellefson and Lynn Reading.

**Clerk's Report:** A correction in the Fire and HERT section of the December minutes. The last line should read "They said the \$150,000.00 would not need to be approved by a Township vote".

**Olsen moved to approve, second Weaver, motion carried.**

**Public Comment:** None

**Building Permits:** None

**Presentation of Bills:**

1. Carr's Tree Service	Tree Trimming	\$428.75	Check # 2358
2. United States Treasury	Taxes	\$ 420.22	Check # 2359
3. Hawley Accounting	Tax Preparation	\$ 198.00	Check # 2360
4. Clay County Treasurer	Road Maintenance-	\$ 12,127.50	Check # 2361
Period Ending June 30, 2018			
5. MATIT	Insurance	\$ 1350.00	Check # 2362
6. Hawley Old Timers	Rent/Storage	\$145.00	Check # 2363

**Olsen moved to approve, Weaver second, motion carried.**

**\*Smith paid the \$2.00 for Affidavit of Candidacy.**

**Correspondence:**

1. Two Christmas Cards
2. ST3 Tax Exempt Form from Turner Sand & Gravel.
3. Minnesota LTAP newsletter.
4. Notice of Buffalo- Red River Watershed open house.
5. Clay County Snow Removal and Ice Control Policy.
6. Zoning Certificate for Lessard.
7. MATIT Insurance Policy.

**OLD BUSINESS**

### **General Business:**

1. The March Township Election was discussed. Nelson and Smith will both be on the ballot.
2. **Weaver moved to approve Resolution 12-18 designating the Town Hall as the Annual Polling Place, Olsen second, motion carried.**
3. The treasurer had not purchased a new computer.
4. **Weaver made the motion to approve paying the registration fees for the upcoming Joint Powers Meeting if any supervisor attended, Olsen second, motion carried.**

### **Road and Bridges:**

1. Jon Panau from Moore Engineering reviewed the two road options they had surveyed earlier and opened the meeting to questions and comments. Panau stated both options were doable. He voiced concerns about the culvert and water issues on the west end of 12<sup>th</sup> Ave-referring to photos from Wibe's earlier. Weaver and Guida both mentioned previous severe summer flooding near 190<sup>th</sup> St by the Thomsen's. Panau said it might be possible to do 12<sup>th</sup> Ave South in chunks but felt that there would be right-of-way issues. He felt the 7<sup>th</sup> Ave road would have less impact on landowners. Citizens supporting the 7<sup>th</sup> Ave route said it would cost less, would not be going through people's yards, and that it was 1/5 the length. It also seemed advantageous for routing school busses, road equipment, emergency vehicles, etc. Murray, who owns property along 12<sup>th</sup> Ave South and where the 7<sup>th</sup> Ave access road would be, stated that he was willing to give a land easement along the 7<sup>th</sup> Ave route but not south on 12th Ave to 190<sup>th</sup> St. Citizens against the 7<sup>th</sup> Ave road were concerned about traffic, a curve in the road and dust control. It also wasn't clear if there was a wetland issue.
2. The board said they wanted to enlist Panau's help developing a 5 Year Road Improvement Plan. They said this was not just about the 12<sup>th</sup> Ave South issue, but a plan prioritizing road projects throughout the township. Each supervisor was to come up with a list for review at the next meeting.
3. Panau and the board then discussed the Local Road Improvement Program offered by the State of Minnesota for grants for road projects. Because of an upcoming deadline to apply, the board decided to vote on the proposed road routes at the February 5th monthly meeting.
4. The supervisors then discussed upcoming training regarding culverts and road weight.
5. Nelson had contacted Fish and Wildlife regarding 50<sup>th</sup> ave.

### **Fire and HERT:**

1. Mason Pender from Bremer Bank made a presentation regarding financing the Hawley Fire District Fire Hall. He said Bremer Bank is a regional tri-state bank and is a 92% owned charitable foundation that has issued over 50 million dollars for grants in 2018. He reviewed 4 financing options. Options A, B and C were for one entity only while

option 4, the Lease/Purchase Agreement, was better for joint powers. He said the deadline for this year was April 9 and a decision would be made in August. Pender and Shawn Mork took questions. Mork said the Lease Agreement option might change the 50-50 obligation with the city and townships.

2. Next was an update on the Peterman lots. Nelson stated that the developer (Peterman) has offered the land and the option of doing the concrete work, parking lot and building shell by contract for deed. Earnest money for the lot only would be \$5,000.00; with lot and building \$20,000.00. Guida asked about building bids and was concerned that the Hawley Township would be the one entity responsible. Nelson said that with this agreement, that would not be the case and that whatever route was taken, a legal payment contract would be required from all parties. Depending on the time frame of the contract for deed, Pender said refinancing would be an option.
3. Valley Premier Bank and Bell Bank also said they would be interested in financing.

**Landfill:** None

**Weed and Gopher:** Raising the gopher bounty would be voted on at the Annual Meeting in March.

**Other Old Business:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**Adjournment:** Olsen moved to adjourn at 8:55 PM, Weaver second, motion carried.

**Everett Nelson, Chairman**

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**Dennis Olsen, Vice Chairman**

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**Barb Gilson, Clerk**

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