

November 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

11/12/2020 –7:22 pm – Galles called meeting to order. Pledge of allegiance was said by all

In Attendance: Supervisors –Bruce Galles (via Zoom), Dennis Morris, Bruce Westerberg, Clerk - Jody Wallin(Via Zoom), Treasurer - Alisha Wallin, Antonio Loberg, Officer Jay Lorch BPPD, Rob Lasard

Police Report – 17 incidents, 1 arrest – accident turned drug arrest, 5 alarms, hazard in the road – 2 motorists assisted

Public Forum – No one was present, no written

Minutes of the Regular October 13, 2020 approved – Galles made motion, Morris seconded; none opposed, motion passed unanimously,

Treasures Report for October 2020– Opening \$291,504.65 Receipts \$59.93; Disbursements \$9,546.13; Balance \$282,018.45; Frandsen Bank \$282,018.45; FNB North \$209,178.36; BlackRidge 24m CD \$125,371.52; Total Inv \$334,371.52; Total Op & Inv \$616,389.97 –Westerberg made motion to accept, Galles seconded, none opposed, motion passed unanimously

Bills were presented for payment, motion was made to pay all bills –Westerberg made motion, Morris seconded, None opposed, motion passed

Correspondence –

*Crow Wing County Highway Department – email of roads they are seal coating

*Info on home repair grants – 504 housing email

Road Report –

Tony: signs just in so not up yet – needed poles too. Will get them up soon with the exception of the no parking signs to wait for spring as they aren't needed in winter and then no snow damage to poles this winter. Winter surprise early storm on October 20th – got it plowed off, salt sanded, had to put on a new edge. Discussion about possible covered storage for salt/sand – using a tarp is awful and does not work.

Road right of way – Westerberg presented idea of sending a letter reminding people 3 feet off the bit is part of road right of way and must remain clear so we can place snow there. There are lots of new permanent residents in the township. Galles presented the challenge of whether the road is meets & bounds – has a long legal description using feet & inches & right to use existing road; platted or easements. Discussion regarding best way at this point to communicate was held, decision made to post on website so we can use for reference

Westerberg – next spring road work – when we look at roads in spring road inspection, need to choose a couple more to polymastic, make decision on what if any roads we should seal coat in 2022

Galles – Channel Lane follow up- it would be extremely costly & time consuming to fix. Rob from Anderson Bros was going to take a look at it for ideas but have not heard back from him. We

have had 1 complaint in 23 years, previously told by home owners to leave it alone. One option – dig shallow, redo road – it will take half the time but bad issues will be back. Other option – dig deep enough, time consuming & costly – how will home owners get in and out? Suggestion to pole home owners again – Loberg mentioned that in the summers when he is doing road work he often talks to walkers on that road & they want to leave it be.

Pam Misencik complaint – claims damage to lawn caused recently by snow plow. Galles drove by with snow still on ground and after melt, no real damage to speak of. Galles received a follow-up message after next snow fall complimenting the plowing. Galles will follow-up with her – congrats on the no damage this time, but we cannot guarantee the plow doesn't leave the tar, the road right of way is for snow storage – Westerberg and Morris agree with response

Committee Reports –

Nothing to report

Zoning Issues –

Conlin/Olson variance – 1.62 acres with a bluff, potential buyer wants to place a tree house on the bluff, lots of variances required – tree house too big, septic, too much in the envelope – no site visit yet

New, Old, Other Business –

Pequot Fire – nothing capital, new administration has been elected and hoping they see the need. Last quarter we had no fires. Township insider article regarding fire departments and contracts – no calls you can get a reduction? Westerberg will look further into it.

Meetings

Next Regular Meeting –Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 7:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned by Galles at 8:22 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jody Wallin, Clerk