

Milaca Township – Monday, August 9, 2021
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Location: Milaca Town Hall

Time: 7:00 PM

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Board Members Present: Chairman Dan Hufstedler, Supervisor Harold Bauer, Supervisor Rob Droogsma, Tami James, Treasurer, Dave Fransen, operator and Clerk Sadie Ash.

Dan Hufstedler called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and the flag was pledged.

Dan Hufstedler **made a motion to approve the agenda, Rob Droogsma** seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan Hufstedler made a **motion to approve the July 12, 2021 regular meeting minutes**, as presented, second by Harold Bauer. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan Hufstedler made a **motion to approve the treasurer's report and cash control statement for July**, as presented, second by Harold Bauer. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan Hufstedler made a **motion to approve claims and gross payroll, as presented, to be paid in August, for July's wages**, seconded by Rob Droogsma. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Dan is still looking into purchasing road signs for weight limitations. Dan explained that a formal appeal will need to be made to the state. Can only do the main roads. If go < 10,000 ton then has to go through a board at the state level. Will need to go through and provide GPS coordinates of each sign. State is trying to ensure signs are consistent.

Sadie provided quick update re: to resident's request to vacate a platted road in the Valley View plat. Sadie spoke with the resident/landowner and let him know the status. He is going to have his attorney look into this and will be back in touch.

Re: to potential parking lot improvements. Rob noted that he would be able to help assist with this project. The supervisors agree that the parking lot needs to be resurfaced. And, that the parking lot should be professionally striped at the same time.

Dan updated the board and let them know he called Kurt and left him a message, but has not heard back yet from him (re: having the discussion re: to cost sharing the airport road). Dan suggested and recommended that the board consider making a formal request to Borgholm.

Sadie provided a quick update to the board and let them know the hall should be cleaned in the near future. Working with Melissa Elbert to get this scheduled.

New Business

Road Report: Dan provided an update on the road conditions. He explained that chloride is going to be placed tomorrow on the airport road. Then if there is remaining chloride, they will add some

chloride to 170th. Steve Hass estimates that he has enough to cover about 2 miles. Cost for Steve to place the chloride is about \$0.67/foot (paying about ½ the cost as Knife River charges). Also, it was underscored that the township is receiving a good concentrate of chloride. There was also a brief discussion re: to determination of the process for special assessments and considerations to make when the decision of whether or not to repave a road are needed (retar/repave vs go back to gravel). How would the township go about assessing the residents affected by the improvement/repair? Sadie to do some legwork on this.

Sadie provided an update to the supervisors re: to the Federal American Rescue Plan (ARPA). This is the Federal government's most recent response to the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds are able to be used in a variety of ways over a much longer time period as compared to the funds that were dispersed in 2020. Towns have until December 2024 to allocate funding and until December 2026 to complete projects with this funding. Sadie inquired of the board as to whether or not the township is interested in applying for these funds, as MAT is encouraging townships to apply for them sooner rather than later. Sadie to begin the application process as approved at the July 2021 meeting.

Sadie let the board know of the District 8 Meeting & Election notice, scheduled for August 18th at 7pm, via Zoom. Sadie plans to tune in.

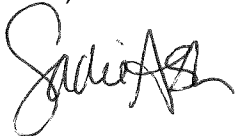
Couri & Ruppe PLLP is conducting their 12th Annual Township Legal Seminars this fall. Sadie is tentatively planning to attend either the September or October seminar.

Checks and other documentation were signed by the treasurer, chairman and clerk, as appropriate.

Harold Bauer made a **motion to adjourn**, second by Rob Droogsma. Motion carried. 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sadie Ash, clerk



Approved:



Dan Hufstedler, chairman

