

Dunn Township

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting

Monday, January 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairman D. Johnson at 7:00 PM

Members Present: D. Johnson, Kvarre, Dalman, Seifert, Herseith, and Treasurer: Peplenjak, Deputy Clerk Winter.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

AGENDA: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Seifert, Seconded by Herseith and approved.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Kvarre stated that on page two, the comment under the Township Engineer in regard to a contractor on a Midland Beach Project should read, "Should we post it as a 5 ton road?" After this change a motion by Kvarre and seconded by Dalman, to approve the minutes as corrected, carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: A motion to approve the report as submitted was made by Kvarre and seconded by Seifert, carried.

CLAIMS: A list of claims was presented by the treasurer. A motion to accept the report as given was made by Dalman and seconded by Seifert, carried.

PVHD REPORT: The report sent in by Dave Sloten was reviewed by Dave and is on file. Kvarre asked if the PVHD was on a calendar year or fiscal year and was told that their fiscal year ends on September 30th. Kvarre asked if the loss of \$61,500.00 covers the time since the beginning of the fiscal year and was told that it is for the month of November only.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER REPORT: no activity and no report available. On another matter, the clerk sent a letter to a resident on Henry Hill concerning a fish house hitch next to the roadway. Dave talked to the person involved on Henry Hill and was told that it has been removed.

CORRESPONDENCE – CLERK: 1. An e-mail was received from a Ms. Reynolds concerning access to the township web site. The supervisors will leave it for the clerk to review when he returns. 2. A letter stating that on March 1st caucuses would be held and reviewed information on use of schools and other public buildings. 3. A letter from the Vergas/Frazee school district regarding an opening on the school board. 4. A letter from Otter Tail County regarding a variance on Pelican Lake for a resident who wanted to build a deck closer than the ordinance allows to the ordinary high water mark. It is a county issue.

New Business: Sheriff Schlueter handed out a list of calls in Dunn Township for the past year and a report with the past five years. The Chairman explained that we wanted to discuss parking and speeding issues on the township roads and asked if we could get any extra patrols during the summer months. The sheriff stated that unlike the State Patrol, the sheriff's department was not mainly concerned with traffic enforcement. They don't have the staff to patrol all areas of the county at all times due to manpower issues and the size of the county. An example is tonight the sheriff's department has four cars on patrol with one patrol sergeant. Each car covers 500 square miles. He was asked if neon speed signs were effective in slowing traffic. The sheriff stated that they were a deterrent for a period of time and then the drivers became used to seeing them and would just disregard the speed display. He was asked if the township could pay the overtime to get additional traffic enforcement. He stated that the deputies were at a maximum for overtime already due to prisoner transportation and other duties like paper service. He was asked about parking on township roads and he stated that there was no law against parking on a township road as long as a 20 foot passage lane was left open. When asked about parking on corners he stated that if there was not a danger present there was no law against it. He was asked if the Pelican Rapids police were licensed to patrol outside of the city. The sheriff stated that some townships contract coverage with area police departments. He was asked to send an e-mail recapping his points and he stated that he would have a patrol sergeant get in touch with the township.

March meeting date: Discussed moving the meeting to the 7th of March because the Annual meeting date is March 8th. That would not work for Sue because of

her vacation plans. It was discussed to do the budget at the February meeting so the figures would be available for the Annual meeting.

Old Business: Sunset beach road. Charles called the contractor who had the equipment on the roadway and was told that it would be taken care of immediately

GIS PROJECT UPDATE: Ross Herseth gave a review of the Meadowland Surveying quotation and scope of service and identified the many aspects of the proposal. After extensive discussion about the quotation from Meadowland Surveying in regard to the Poss Beach road a motion was made to authorize a pilot project of the Poss Beach road from the township line to the end of the road to survey the road right of way and to obtain a recordable document of the road right of way. Motion by Kvale and seconded by Dalman. Carried.

Herseth handed out a draft of Dunn Town Road Policies and Standards dated January 2016. He asked all supervisors to read the document and come back with any questions, or changes for discussion at the next meeting. Also need to determine the difference between Primary and Secondary roads as they pertain to Dunn Township.

Town Board Matters: Discussed a Line Road Agreement between Dunn and Scambler and Pelican Townships. They may share costs 50/50.

MEETINGS: Regular monthly meeting Monday, February 8, 2016

Audit Meeting, Monday, February 22, 2016 at 6:00 PM

Township Annual Meeting, Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 7:00PM

Adjourn Motion by Siefert.

Respectfully Submitted,

_____ Douglas Winter, Deputy Clerk

_____ David Johnson, Chairman

