

REGULAR MEETING
October 11, 2017 at 7:30pm
Minutes

Present were: Supervisors, Haubrich, Clayton, Schack, Kortekaas, Kelley, Treasurer Adams, Clerk Alleman, multiple residents

1. **Pledge to the flag**, followed by the reading of the township mission statement
2. **Add to the agenda** the email from maintenance crew on new business; Business from floor: Ives, Beavers, Roads letter to MN Dot, Road Plans. Old business: cemetery policy, census. New business: Fire contract, Law Books
2. **Consider approval of Minutes** –minutes from September 13, Regular meeting and the September 27, P & D meeting. Motion to approve minutes with the corrections made by Supervisor Clayton seconded by Supervisor Haubrich passed by all.
3. **Business from the floor**
 - a. Ives: Update from the County, The county set the Levy of a 1.65% increase lowest levy in a long time. The departments come in with the tight budget and the board tightened it up a little more. The County had good communication with all the departments. One of the main things is the Blandin Court case; the County came to a settlement. It's not the best but not the worst. Blandin and the County came to a happy Medium, and some Townships are going to feel the settlement a little more. Blandin's property value was \$198 Million before the case, they fought the value of the land they went into tax court, \$60 million is the value the State came to for the land value. Blandin wanted \$28 million the County wanted \$100 million. The state agreed to PILT payment for the land, they will get PILT payments for their land over the next 8 years. The Itasca County will receive some of the money out of the PILT payments. Conservation took a piece, they put other contingency's on the land. Some of the upcoming challenges as a county are Enbridge, suing 17 counties for the oil line they feel has been over assessed on their lines. Burlington Line did the same thing. Enbridge and Burlington are going to court to get the state to set the land value not the county. ATV passed class 1 & 2 atv's posted speed on the road is also the same speed for the machines. Chippewa and ERP old MAG and ESSAR are still going strong. Mr. Clark from ESSAR just paid \$30 Million in back liens about ½ of what they owe. Going on a good note, the County and State gave them an extension to be able to get the rest of the money. Trail issues are still there and security systems trying to make the government buildings more secure.

4. Consent Agenda

5. Roads

- Metzenhuber washout- Hawkinson quote, wait to see what the culvert will cost before we move forward.
- Mishawaka washout- corner by Mishawaka road, recycled blacktop or something else in there to keep the road from washing away... Motion to clean out the spill way and put the rock back in, and a couple of layers of recycle in there along with Lakeview trail and the Fieldcrest pot holes. Motion made by Supervisor Haubrich seconded by Supervisor Kortekaas passed by all.
- Lakeview Trail/Lakeview Road washout- covered in the last bullet.
- Update on Woodtick culvert- quotes we received this morning two separate actions Casper Construction was the low quote \$74,657.50 S.E.H. reviewed the quotes and found no discrepancies. Do you know of any large items that are to showing up on the budget? What we see, we have about \$20K in major construction left, and we still have some in crack filling, and we have \$155 in road and bridge and \$72K is still in those two funds Major Construction

and rubberized crack filled, and gravel will have about \$10K left. (could be different please see treasurer) Motion to accept the quote in the amount of \$74,657.50 made by Supervisor Haubrich seconded by Supervisor Schack. S.E.H. it is a unit price quote, units of measure things can vary. S.E.H. is confident that this is the price for this project. The quote does include the recycle for the winter, and does include the pavement for next spring. The estimate to get it done is end of October or early November. The optimum time is when the lake level is dropped down. They draw the lake down for the winter. Passed by all. ROLE CALL: Supervisors Clayton; Yes, Schack; Yes, Haubrich; Yes, Kortekaas; Yes, Kelley; Yes.

- Proposal: construction phase we can do it at the contract with S.E. H. for an hourly rate for the next 2 weeks, notifications for the school districts and all the other notifications to make this project go smoothly. Contract includes two signs, to road closed at wood tick crossing beginning on the specific date. Will give the notifications to the schools after talking to the contractor. Motion continue to work on Hourly basis for the next two weeks with S.E.H. made by Supervisor Kortekaas seconded by Supervisor Clayton passed by all.
- Beaver in the new culvert, are we going to have an issue with the same beaver, a beaver will be a problem. The road authority has the right to hire a trapper to take care of the problem now. Recommend getting the beaver out. No use cleaning it out, they will plug the new one too. Is that something we have to go through the DNR on? No we don't. The trapper will have to take care of the DNR notification. Motion to move forward to get the beavers taken care of made by Supervisor Clayton seconded by Supervisor Haubrich; do we want to put a spending limit on this, the quote is about \$1000 to get them out. \$1000 is better well spent if we have more than one beaver. Passed by all.
- Stony Point Road spelling- new sign was put up.
- Maintenance memo for the beavers- we have a beaver problem, they have it pretty packed, and we have two huts, one on Wood Tick and one by the landing.
- Letter to MN DOT- should get a letter to MN DOT to the rezoning of the 169 corridor, talk to Glen to compose and get the letter together. Is this a generic letter and Glen will compose a letter; we can just inform them the land from point A to point B has been rezoned.
- Road plans old road evaluation list and 5 year road plan, update in the future; driving of the roads this fall to see what we want to do next year. Do we want to do this on our own or do we want to do this with S.E.H.? The board did it last year and it would be worth getting Glen's input. Motion to have Glen's expertise on the road tour made by Supervisor Haubrich seconded by Sueprvisor Kelley, post as a meeting Saturday Morning, October 28th 8 am meeting at the town hall. Passed by all.

6. Recreation

- Cemetery and landing looks good, gravel roads are looking good and some are starting to pit up and we will have them graded in the next couple of weeks and should be ok until the freeze.

7. Correspondence

- Board Action items:
- Noteworthy items:

- Non-action items:

8. Old Business

- Security System- update we attended the local collaborative session, discussion was looking at looking at security systems. Bret Skyles thought it might be worth our while to piggy back on the County system. Mark is in charge of the security, the township is broadband, and would be happy to meet with anyone to go over where they should be. Positive on our end, with the time to look into, and meet with them at sight or come to a meeting. Supervisor Haubrich can

talk to Mark and ask him to come to a meeting after they meet at the sights to go over where the township wants the cameras.

- Ice Rinks- move forward to get rink attendants, we are not looking to spend a lot of money and we owe it to the residents to keep both open, Motion to talk to Express Employment to hire rink attendants made by Supervisor Haubrich seconded by Supervisor Kortekaas, how many are we looking at, 4-5 people for the winter but most of the time we used 3. Passed by all.
- Update on Media Com- we are now upgraded and the order has been put in, it can take up to 5 weeks to get it done. Jason unfortunately said Media Com will not be plowing cable this fall, and it doesn't work and they want to be able to do some testing and plan to start plowing to get them out by June.
- Finding of Facts questions- zoning on 169 board of adjustment was today, they all passed, October 17 at 2:30 pm for the County meeting.
- Cemetery policy, update on October 10th work session, motion to approve the updated cemetery policy made by Supervisor Clayton seconded by Supervisor Haubrich passed by all.
- Census Luka, copy and mail it in and the County will handle everything to do with the census.
- Cemetery talked about we haven't decided anything on that yet. Went over the policy and updated that.

9. New Business

- Budget to Actual- questions from the board, looked at the hand out that the Treasure brought.
- Set up a work session Pay requests on November 2, 7 pm tentative at the Town Hall.
- Tires for 2013 Chevy pick-up all tires are all season tires the board needs more information on tread style, miles of the tires, at vs ct... have the maintenance crew make a recommendation on what tires are the best. Motion to Table until P & D meeting made by Supervisor Haubrich seconded by Supervisor Kortekaas passed by all.
- Update on meeting in Cotton- law meeting, road, ROW, open meeting law, cemeteries, and ordinances.
- Heating ventilation letter- Heat exchanger that was installed it is not meeting code. Supervisor Haubrich will call Aspire to get this taken care of. Will report back at the P & D.
- Fire Contract- proposed 2018 \$79,964.00. We have received a preliminary notice from the city of Grand Rapids.
- Law Books are \$35 a piece, the Township only received one free from the MAT Association. Motion to purchase one for the Office made by Sueprvisor Haubrich seconded by Supervisor Kortekaas passed by all.

10. Treasurer's Report – dated October 11 (September financials), 2017 motion to approve the treasures report made by Supervisor Haubrich seconded by Supervisor Kortekaas Passed by all.

11. Paying of Bills- Pera \$1251.14- commissioner of revenue (St tax) \$623.00 EFTPS \$2839.82 total for the month of October \$29,258.21. Check numbers 17671-17697 Motion to pay the bills made by Supervisor Kortekaas seconded by Supervisor Kelley, passed by all. Motion to sign checks 17671-17697 made by Supervisor Kortekass seconded by Supervisor Haubrich passed by all.

12. Public Input *(please limit comments to 5 minutes)*

- Butterfield didn't get back about the finding of facts. Someone will send a draft to have the town board to look over.

13. UPCOMING Events / Meetings

Mon Oct. 16 Itasca County Township Association.....	7:00 pm Blandin Foundation
Wed Oct. 25 Planning and Development meeting.....	7:30 pm Harris Town Hall
Wed Nov. 8 Regular Meeting.....	7:30pm Harris Town Hall

Wed Nov. 29 Planning and Development meeting..... 7:30 pm Harris Town Hall
Sat oct 28 road tour
Nov 2 pay requests

14. Adjourn motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Kortekaas seconded by Supervisor Haubrich passed by all.

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