

Milaca Township – Monday, July 8, 2019

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Town hall

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

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**, Harold second. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan Hufstedler made a **motion to approve the minutes for May and June's regular board meetings**, seconded by Harold. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Dan Hufstedler made a **motion to approve claims and gross payroll, as presented, for July**, seconded by Rob Droogsma.

Old Business

Shared township road with Granite Ledge – Dan hasn't heard anything from them. But, he is assuming they are purchasing gravel from their vendor. Dan did attend last month's meeting – and the Board did not discuss the maintenance of this shared road. Dan did discuss quotes with the Board, and they confirmed that their cost is rather consistent with our Township's.

Sale of the dump truck: the truck was sold to Steve Haas. He is going to sign a bill of sale and provide to the township. The township has received payment for the truck. Sadie will draft a bill of sale to provide for the sale of the truck. Sadie to sign the title upon receipt of the bill of sale.

New Business

Dan reported that he found some trucks down in Roseville at Bauer. He has not gotten down there to look at them yet, but he and Dave are planning to take a trip down to look at them. Ness Equipment in St. Cloud has four trucks, however, they are more expensive. The dealership in Roseville has a few options that are in our price range (between \$25k-\$30k). Most of these trucks are former state trucks. Dan said there is another dealer in Wisconsin that has several as well, but they are farther away. Sadie to look into a mid-year budget to actual analysis to determine current surplus. The Board discussed the budget for the truck. The current budget is ~\$25k-\$30k – though, they did discuss that if they found a superb truck that costs ~\$5k more, they would consider increasing the investment.

Road Report: Dave has been blading and packing. Hoping for some rain before grading again. Roads are in decent shape. 162nd – bad stretch of road, about 1-2 mile stretch – blistered and need to provide some additional attention as soon as possible. Will not be using the roller/packer until the roads are graded, again.

Dan has been going around and around with George M. last week with working to obtain gravel for the township. He asked that the gravel be provided and ready to go by the July's regular meeting, this drop-dead deadline was not met. Dan also said that the current clay composition of the gravel that was crushed has about 30%, which will not meet requirements. Dan spoke with George about 30 minutes prior to the regular meeting in July and expressed to George that the Board/Township is going to need to move to a new supplier for the gravel. Dan is hoping that the township will be able to go with the second quote that was received. When Steve provided a quote for the gravel hauling, he included a quote for gravel as well. The cost per cubic yard was approximately consistent with George Mastey's original quote per yard (Dan plans to discuss with Steve to confirm pricing). The Board is disappointed with the lack of attention to the needed timeline for gravel. The Board unanimously agreed that they would take action to obtain the gravel from Steve Haas (Haas Construction) - and to better understand the pricing Steve H. would be seeking. Rob asked that all of the delivered gravel have scaled loads so that the township has some comfort with the quantities that are delivered. Dan is going to write a letter of default to provide to George, as he did not deliver. Did not comply with the time requirements nor did the gravel comply with the needed requirements. **Dan made a motion to define George Mastey's gravel quote as in default, Harold seconded.** Passed unanimously.

Rob made a **motion to extend a contract to Steve Haas (Haas Construction) if he will match the overall price for gravel and gravel hauling, for a total price of \$8.25/yard. If he is unable to match, then the Board will pursue scheduling of a special meeting to resolve.** Harold Bauer seconded. Passed unanimously.

Sadie let the Board know of a couple upcoming township legal seminars being hosted by Couri & Ruppe Law Office later this summer. Dan is planning to attend the seminar that is in St. Cloud.

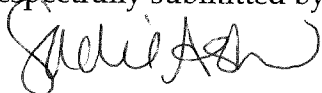
Dan brought up brush cutting: he discussed with Ziegler CAT and a rental company in Princeton & Mora, to rent a brush hog. About \$1,800-\$2,000/week - and could possibly provide a day rate, if that was preferred. The Board agreed that the township could likely take care of this in a week (if not possibly less). Tom Lundeen does about 25 township's brushing, down around Delabo (recommendation made by a resident); does a good job and is reasonably priced. Dan is planning to get in touch with him to obtain more information.

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

A resident recommended that the Board stay away from International engines, as they have proved to not be good engines (as it pertains to the possible purchase of a truck). The board thanked them for the recommendation/warning.

Harold Bauer made a **motion to adjourn**, second by Dan Hufstedler. Motion carried. 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



Sadie Ash, clerk

Approved:



Dan Hufstedler, chairman

