

Milaca Township - Tuesday, August 6, 2019

**Special Board Meeting Minutes
(in lieu of regular August board meeting)**

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Town hall

Board Members Present: Chairman Dan Hufstedler, Supervisor Rob Droogsma, Supervisor Harold Bauer, Clerk Sadie Ash and equipment operator, Dave Fransen. Not present: Treasurer, Tami James.

Dan Hufstedler called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and the flag was pledged.

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

Dan Hufstedler **made a motion to approve the minutes for July's regular board meeting and the July 23, 2019 special meeting minutes,** seconded by Harold. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Old Business

Dan has been in communication with a supervisor from Granite Ledge Township. They are going to provide copies of all the tickets for the gravel they place on the road (from 170th down to 106 - not quite 2 miles). Dan explained that they typically lay 300 yards/mile, which is approximately the cubic yards we place on our township roads. Their price is a little better than ours, at \$8.35/yard. Milaca Township will pay half the cost of the gravel based upon the tickets they provide to us. January 1st, 2020 through December 31, 2020 - Milaca Township will be responsible for the maintenance of this shared road (we maintain even years).

Steve is expecting to have the gravel crushed by the end of this week, so that seems to be going well. So, Dan and Dave are expecting they will be able to start placing the gravel next week - expect it to take about a week, maybe a little bit longer.

Dan noted that they successfully picked up the truck on July 24th. They noted they needed to pick up three batteries, which will be reimbursed by Nuss Truck. Dave is going to fix up a little hydraulic leak and will lower the box. Happy with the purchase.

New Business

Road Report: Dan updated the board that there was a washout on Bauerly's road. Dave appropriately and promptly pulled the edges in and fixed the washout. Dan also asked Brian to the board know when they planned (if they were going to) chloride their road so that Dave would not grade subsequently. Dan also noted that Dean Peterson spoke with him and mentioned that they had chlorided their road (180th) and Dave graded shortly thereafter. Dan reminded Dean to let the town board know when the chloride gets placed to avoid such situations in the future. Dan received a


request to consider putting up a "Drive slow, children at play" sign on 150th Ave off of 170th. There are about eight kids that live on this road. The Board briefly discussed; Dan to follow up with the resident. Dan reported that he received a call from the resident that lives on 178th street off of 112 - there are three culverts under this road and swamps on both sides. The resident noted that the culverts are/were plugged. Dan inspected. He explained to the resident that they are responsible for the culvert that is closest to their residence and the culvert at the end of the right of way is Mille Lacs County's responsibility - however, the township will complete the necessary steps to ensure the middle culvert is properly serving its purpose. Rob inquired of the steps to take to classify a right of way as a minimum maintenance road. Dan explained that it would be difficult to change the classification, as the township has effectively "established" it as a road. Dan is going to look into resolving the issue. The board also brought back the conversation re: to the maintenance of the airport road - and discussed possibly pursuing the use of using recycled materials on this stretch of road - or a portion of this road. Dan explained that he inquired of Dave's Excavating for some pricing re: to the use of recycled materials. Dave said it would cost the township ~\$35/yard. He (Dave's Excavating) would roll out the material, and the township would grade it. The board estimated that to do about 1/2 of a mile, it would take about 150 yards of material, or, ~\$5,250. Will continue this conversation. This led to a more expanded conversation around the airport road. Three issues were discussed: 1) there needs to be a more defined method and rotation of maintenance and cost sharing of this road (shared with Borgholm and the Village (the city)); 2) the Village annexed about 300 feet of this road - need to understand the process of this annexation and how the Village is now required to assist in its maintenance; and 3) understand whether or not the Village is responsible to assist with maintaining the road up to where the airport is located? More discussion to ensue. Rob recommended that someone from the board attend a Borgholm regular meeting to learn more. Overall maintenance of the township roads has been going well - Dave is looking forward to placing the gravel.

Dan is hoping to attend the September Township legal seminar, to be hosted by Couri & Ruppe Law Office. District meeting is scheduled for August 14th, to take place in Brainerd.

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

Rob Droogsma made a **motion to adjourn**, second by Harold Bauer. Motion carried. 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:


Sadie Ash, clerk

Approved:


Dan Hufstedler, chairman

