

Minutes
Annual Meeting-Ida Township
March 13, 2018
Ida Township Hall
4700 County Rd 6 NW, Garfield MN

WSN Road Study. Tim Schoonhoven from Widseth, Smith, Nolting (WSN) gave a presentation from the comprehensive road study that he did with the help of Jeff Stabnow, the Ida Township Engineer. He reported that Ida Township has approximately 46 total miles of roads that includes 28 miles of gravel and 18 miles of blacktop. He concentrated on the blacktop roads in the township. The blacktop roads were divided into the following categories: 1.) Four miles of almost new blacktop. 2.) Seven miles of blacktop roads that are in good condition, but need a thin overlay. 3.) Four and half miles of blacktop roads with some areas that need patching then a major overlay. 4.) Three miles of blacktop roads that need the existing blacktop to be ground up and reclaimed and then resurfaced with a standard overlay. Mr. Schoonhoven recommends that the Township repair the condition two and three roads first, so they don't deteriorate into condition four roads and cost a lot more to repair. The cost of repairing the two's and three's is estimated to be \$1,874,493 now. In five to ten years, if left to deteriorate, the cost to repair the same roads is estimated to be \$15,970,680.

Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Kilgore called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m. Supervisors Dan Diedrich and Jim Peterson were present. 69 other people signed in and were present at the meeting.

The pledge of allegiance was conducted.

Kilgore announced that the meeting is being recorded and is only to assist her in taking the minutes of the meeting.

Dan Diedrich made the motion to nominate Jim Conn as moderator of the meeting. Jim Peterson seconded the motion. Motion approved.

2017 Meeting Minutes

Roger Schultz made the motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting and to approve them as written. Ruth Schultz seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Board of Audit Minutes

Kilgore read the minutes of the Board of Audit that was held on February 5, 2018.

Treasurer's Report

Glenn Van Amber made the motion to waive the reading of all checks written and received. Betty Cichy-Anderson seconded the motion. Motion approved. Dick Sudmeier made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Wes Smith seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Roads Discussion

There was a lot of discussion on how much of the blacktop road repairs to do now and whether to include upgrading and blacktopping some of the roads on the west side of Lake Ida, Little Ida Beach Road, Oakridge Lane and Road and Omaha Lane. The total cost of doing all of the blacktop repairs and the blacktopping is estimated to cost \$3,769,850. The cost of doing all of the blacktop repairs is estimated to be \$2,259,000. The cost of repairing the blacktop roads rated as two's and three's is estimated to be \$1,874,493.

The Township's cost share guideline policy was also reviewed. Diedrich reported that the Town Board has changed the policy to include the upgrades of the gravel roads to prepare them for blacktopping in the construction costs that are split 50/50 between the Township and the Property Owners. Before the change the Township paid for all of the upgrades. There were suggestions that the Township go back to an 80 percent Property Owner and 20 percent Township ratio for upgrading and blacktopping roads.

The Township Board will take all of the discussion into consideration when making their decision on what projects to undertake this year.

Lakes Area Recreation. Ida Township's contribution to Lakes Area Recreation for 2019 will be \$3,879.

Gopher Feet Bounty Julie Kirscht made the motion to leave the price for gopher feet at \$2.50 for pocket gophers and leave the price at \$.50 for striped gophers. Wayne Odegaard seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Setting the Levies for 2019

The Board's recommendations for the 2019 levies were: Revenue Fund - \$70,000, Road and Bridge Fund - \$320,000, Fire Fund- \$60,000, Blacktop/Upgrade Fund - \$105,000, 7T Debt Service - \$52,000, ALASD - \$100,000 for a total of \$707,000. Roger Schultz made the motion to approve the levy amounts as proposed by the Board. Dick Sudmeier seconded the motion. Kerry Froemming amended the motion to remove the \$105,000 Blacktop and Upgrade Fund. Tricia Oehlenschlager seconded the amendment. Hand vote was taken. The amendment motion was not approved. Cheryl Arnold amended the motion to move the \$105,000 from the Blacktop and Upgrade Fund to the Road and Bridge Fund. There was no second. A hand vote was taken on the original motion to approve the recommended amount of \$707,000. The Motion was approved by a majority. The Alexandria Lakes Area Sewer District (ALASD) sewer bond and interest amount will be set by ALASD in September. The \$100,000 amount is an estimate.

Election Results

Barbara Kilgore stated that the Election results are unofficial until the Board of Canvass meets and officially declares the results. Kilgore reported the election results were as follows. There were a total of 52 votes.

- The election results for Supervisor Seat B for a 3-year term were:

Jim Peterson	46
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Stewart Klug	1
Chuck L. Betterman	1
Chuck L. Betterman Jr.	1
Blank	3

Setting the Time for the Next Annual Meeting and Election

- **Election Hours/Annual Meeting.** Diedrich made the motion that the hours for the March 12, 2019 township election and annual meeting to remain the same as this year. The polls to be open to from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and the Annual Meeting to start at 8:00 p.m. after the closing of the polls. Betty Cichy-Anderson seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Adjourn

Jean Chaleen made the motion to adjourn at 9:55 p.m. Wes Smith seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Barbara D. Kilgore
Ida Township Clerk

Jim Conn
Moderator