

Minutes
Ida Township Board Meeting
September 17, 2018
Ida Township Hall
4700 County Rd 6 NW, Garfield, MN

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Dan Diedrich. Supervisors Jim Peterson and Mike Steidl and Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Kilgore were also present. The pledge of allegiance was conducted.

Diedrich announced that the recorder being used to record the meeting belongs to the clerk and is only used to assist her in taking the minutes of the meeting.

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September 4, 2018 Christopherson Road Hearing and Town Board Meeting. Steidl made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2018, Christopherson Road Hearing and Town Board Meeting as written. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.

Treasurer's Report

August 2018 Treasurer's Report. Diedrich made the motion to approve the August 2018 Treasurer's Report as written and presented. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.

Review & Pay Bills. Peterson made the motion to review and pay the bills and approve the following operating transfers:

- \$68,637.05 from the Bremer Money Market to the Bremer Checking Account to cover the checks written.
- Transfer \$145,094.55 from Fund 414 the West Side Improvement Capital Project fund to reimburse the Road & Bridge Fund 201 for disbursements made for the project before we received the bond proceeds. No check needed
- Transfer \$161.07 from Fund 414 the West Side Improvement Capital Project fund to reimburse the General Fund 100 for disbursements made for the project before we received the bond proceeds. No check needed

Steidl seconded the motion. Motion approved. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl. Kilgore made the operating transfers from the Bremer Money Market Account with check 2100 and paid the bills with checks 10074-10194 from the Bremer Checking Account. Kilgore will make the Fund adjustment transfers.

Roads

Road Report.

Wahtomin Trail/Chippewa Trails Crosswalk. WSN Engineer, Tim Schoonhoven, doesn't recommend installing a crosswalk as they have been proven to be ineffective and become invisible to drivers and give pedestrians a false sense of security. Other possibilities like lighted pedestrian signs, rumble strips or removable speed bumps were also suggested. Since it is mainly a summer issue, Diedrich said the Board will look into the issue over the winter and figure out what the best solution will be by next spring.

West Side Improvement Project.

- **Project Update.** Engineer, Jeff Stabnow, informed the board that CSI will be finishing the shouldering and the mailboxes by the end of September.
- **Little Ida Beach Road.** Tim Schoonhoven, WSN, stated that they had surveyed the issue of the steep driveways and had come up with a plan to resolve the problem. Schoonhoven will go over the plans with one of the property owners, Mike Doeling, after the meeting and get approval from the affected property owners. CSI has been notified to leave the shouldering by those properties until after RBS has fixed up the areas.
- **Oakridge Road & Lane.** RBS Excavating and Jeff Stabnow will be doing the shouldering on the T section of Oakridge Road & Lane.
- **Water Lily Trial Area.** RBS is working on the culvert and draining issues by the Wheeler property on Water Lily Trail. WSN is working on the centerline and culvert elevations. They are taking the issue one step at a time. Schoonhoven is not sure if any of the work can be done this fall.
- **Resolution 18-10 Christopherson Road.** Diedrich made the motion to adopt Resolution 18-10 including the northbound section of Christopherson Road in the West Side Improvement Project. Steidl seconded the motion. Motion approved Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.

Old Business

Township Road Map. Diedrich will review the map, provided by Public Works, for accuracy on Friday, September 21, 2018 and Kilgore will submit any changes to Public Works.

Veterans Memorial Park Donation. Diedrich made the motion to approve donating \$2,000 to the Veterans Memorial Park being planned in the City of Alexandria. Peterson seconded the motion. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.

Sewer Connection Charges. Diedrich made the motion that the Township notify the property owners, that we know of, by certified mail that there will be an \$8,400 connection charge to Ida Township when their properties are connected to the sewer and that Ida Township Ordinance 07-01 be enforced for any future connections. Steidl seconded the motion. Motion approved. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye. Steidl said that Assessment Searches done by the township should note that it is up to the property seller to notify the buyer if there are any connection charges.

New Business

2018 Carlson Audit Engagement Letter. Steidl made the motion to approve engaging Carlson to do the 2018 audit of the Township financial records for a fee not to exceed \$6,000. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.

Certificate of Right to Burial # 21. Diedrich made the motion to approve the Certificate of Right to Burial # 21 in the Lake Charley Cemetery of Block Two, Lot 28 to Grantee Eunice Woida. Steidl seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.

Alexandria Lakes Area Sewer District (ALASD). Glenn Van Amber reported to the Board that there will be a 4% increase in the monthly fee collected by ALASD from affected property owners beginning in January of 2019.

Mail and Permits. The mail and permits were reviewed by the Supervisors.

Public Comment

Cheryl Arnold asked about the extra costs added to Phase I of the West Side Improvement project and how it affected the project total. Diedrich informed her that even with the increases, the project is still approximately \$200,000 below the original engineering estimates.

Dian Lopez expressed concerns about the water runoff going into Lake Ida in the Water Lily Trail area. Diedrich said the West Side Improvement Project Engineers are working with Douglas County Soil & Water and the MN DNR regarding the work currently being done and for the project to ensure it meets their approval.

Adjourn. Steidl made the motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Diedrich seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.

Barbara D. Kilgore
Ida Township Clerk/Treasurer

Daniel Diedrich
Ida Township Chairman