

**Minutes**  
**Ida Township Board Meeting**  
**February 18, 2020**  
**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 Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Kilgore were also present. Supervisor Mike Steidl was absent.

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.

**Minutes**

**January 21, 2020 Town Board Meeting.** Peterson made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2020 Town Board Meeting as written. Diedrich seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye.

**Treasurer's Report**

**January 2020 Treasurer's Report.** Diedrich made the motion to approve the January 2020 Treasurer's Report as written and presented. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye.

- **Certificate of Deposit.** Diedrich made the motion to renew the Certificate of Deposit in the amount of \$22,043.26 for a period of 12 months. The CD is maturing on February 26, 2020. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye.

**Review & Pay Bills.**

Diedrich made the motion to approve and pay the bills and to approve the following operating transfers. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye.

- \$ 48,278.94 from the Bremer Money Market to the Bremer Checking Account to cover the checks written.
- \$ 9,556.88 from the Bremer Money Market to the BlackRidge PFA Debt Service Fund 301 for the December 2019 Settlement.

Kilgore made the operating transfers from the Bremer Money Market Account with check 2127-2128 and paid the bills with checks 10560-10583 from the Bremer Checking Account. PERA was paid electronically with EFT 545437.

**Roads**

**Road Report.**

**Oakwood Terrace.** Diedrich reported that someone has purchased property at the North end of Oakwood Terrace and may want Oakwood Terrace extended to accommodate his property. The new owner may be willing to grant an easement to the township for a turnaround. No action was taken at this time.

**Big Horn Bay Road Project.**

- **Resolution 20-03 Ordering a feasibility Study of Big Horn Bay Road and Gerhkes Point.** Diedrich made the motion a adopt Resolution 20-03 ordering Jeff Stabnow to prepare a feasibility study of

Paving Big Horn Bay Road from County road 34 east to the Township border and all of Gehrkes Point. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye.

- **Resolution 20-04 Ordering a feasibility Study of the section of Big Horn Bay Road that extends into Leaf Valley Township.** Diedrich made the motion a adopt Resolution 20-04 ordering Jeff Stabnow to prepare a feasibility study of paving the section of Big Horn Bay Road that extends north into Leaf Valley Township to County Road 5. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye.
- **Feasibility Studies.** Jeff Stabnow reported that the Big Horn Bay Rd and Gerhkes Point section would cost approximately \$452,352.50 and ten percent of this section is in Leaf Valley Township. The north section of Big Horn Bay Road which is entirely in Leaf Valley Township is estimated to cost \$134,587.50.
- **Township Agreements.** Township Attorney, Laura Busian Schmidt, pointed out that an agreement spelling out all the details will be needed with Leaf Valley Township if we decide to proceed with the project. Diedrich will contact the Leaf Valley Town Board and let them know the costs of the project.

### **New Business**

**Lake Charley Cemetery Committee.** Because of a lack of interest and the current committee members resigning, we will need to revisit the overseeing of the Lake Charley Cemetery. The Township attorney said we will need to rescind the Resolution creating the committee and we could create oversight of the cemetery by the Town Board. The current committee reported that they think there are a few graves that are outside of the current property line. The attorney said we should contact the property owner where they are located to see if they would set that property aside and the Board should consider having the cemetery surveyed.

**Closed Meeting with Attorney.** The meeting was closed as permitted by the attorney-client privilege, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05, Subdivision 3(b), to discuss the lawsuit regarding the assessment appeal involving Ida Township and the member-homeowners of the Stony Point Homeowners Association. The matter has been filed in Douglas County District Court as Court File No. 21-CV-19-2185; Kim Jaker, Kathleen M. Jaker, Michael F. Mason, Audrey Mason, James B. Mason, James B. Conn, Anita B. Conn, Greg Stehn, and Ann Stehn v. Ida Township. Supervisor Mike Steidl participated in the closed meeting remotely, from outside the State of Minnesota, by electronic interactive video call. Ida Township's attorney, Laura J. Busian Schmidt, of Leuthner & Huether, Ltd, participated in the closed meeting in person.

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

**Public Comment** none

**Adjourn.** Diedrich made the motion to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye.

Barbara D. Kilgore  
Ida Township Clerk/Treasurer

Daniel Diedrich  
Ida Township Chairman