

Minutes
Ida Township Board Meeting
April 1, 2024
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 Jeff Way and Chelle Elmer and Clerk/Treasurer Heather Miller were also present.

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

Board of Canvass March 12, 2024 & March 18, 2024, Town Board Meeting. Way made the motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Canvass March 12, 2024, and the March 18, 2024, Town Board Meeting as written. Elmer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Way-aye, Elmer-aye.

Roads

Road Report.

Diedrich reported the township has received a commendation on how well RBS has done on snow removal with this most recent snowstorm.

Road Maintenance and Gravel Quotes – discussion on opening up quotes.

81st and Talon – Verbal quotes were given to Miller for a new stop sign (\$2,000) or a flashing light attachment (\$100-\$150) to the current stop sign. This has been tabled for a later date. There was talk about installing rumble strips as well to slow traffic. RBS has cleaned out the ditch.

Road Review reschedule – Elmer made the motion to reschedule the road review to April 24, 2024, at 8 am, Way second, motion carried, Diedrich-aye, Way-aye, Elmer-aye.

Old Business

Sahara Lane – The Sahara Lane Hearing will be reconvened on April 10, 2024, at 9am at the location of the turnaround site.

New Business

Reorganization items.

- **Chair/Vice Chair.** Way made the motion to leave the positions the same. Diedrich-Chair, Way-Vice Chair. Elmer seconded. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Way-aye, Elmer-aye.
- **Official Newspaper.** Diedrich made the motion to keep the Echo Press as the Township's official newspaper, Way seconded. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Way-aye, Elmer-aye.
- **Compensation of Officers & Election Judges.** Diedrich made the recommendation to increase the officer's compensation to \$20.00 per hour and increase all meeting compensation to \$80.00 effective April 1, 2024. Elmer made the motion to increase the officer's compensation to \$20.00 per hour and increase all meeting compensation to \$80.00 effective April 1, 2024. Way seconded. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Way-aye, Elmer-aye.

- Diedrich made the recommendation to increase the Clerk/Treasurer compensation \$2.00 per hour effective April 1, 2024, Elmer made the motion to increase the Clerk/Treasurer compensation \$2.00 per hour. Way second, morion carried. Diedrich-aye, Way-aye, Elmer-aye.
- **Deputy Clerk/Treasurer & Election Judges.** Diedrich made the motion to increase the compensation of the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer and the Election Judges by \$2.00 per hour effective April 1, 2024. Way seconded. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Way-aye, Elmer-aye.
- **Supervisor Duties.** Diedrich said the supervisor duties will be left as they are: Diedrich-roads, Way-Financial oversight, and Elmer-technology. Weed inspection Diedrich and Elmer will inspect the east side of County Road 6 and Way will do the west side of County Road 6.
- **Posting Places.** Diedrich made the motion to leave the posting places where they are: The Town Hall, The Garfield Post Office, and the Township website. Way seconded. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Way-aye, Elmer-aye.
- **Official Banks.** Diedrich made the motion to keep Bremer Bank and First Western Bank and Trust as the Official banks for the township. Way seconded. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Way-aye, Elmer-aye.
- **Administrative.** Miller recommended that Assessment Search (SAC) fee be increased to \$25.00 per search. Way made the motion to increase the assessment (SAC) fee to \$25.00per search, Elmer second, motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Way-aye, Elmer-aye.
- **Meeting Schedule May 2024-May 2025** – Diedrich made the motion to change the monthly board meetings to the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm, with 1 meeting per month, Elmer second, motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Way-aye, Elmer-aye.
- **Town Hall Rental.** Diedrich made the motion to leave the rates for renting the town hall the same. Way seconded Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Way-aye, Elmer-aye.
Diedrich made the motion to change the policy for the Town Hall Rental that paying patrons will have precedence over non-profit organization that gets the building a no cost. Elmer seconded. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Way-aye, Elmer-aye.

Upcoming Events.

- Board of Appeal & Equalization April 9, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

The mail and permits were reviewed by the Supervisors.

Public Comment

Adjourn. Way made the motion to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. Elmer seconded. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Way-aye, Elmer-aye

Heather Miller
Ida Township Clerk/Treasurer

Daniel Diedrich
Ida Township Chairman