

Minutes
Ida Township Board Meeting
April 20, 2020
GotoMeetings Call in Meeting
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 also joined the meeting either by video conferencing or calling in.

Resolution 20-05 Establishing the ability to conduct open meetings by telephone. Steidl made the motion to adopt Resolution 20-05 establishing the ability to conduct open meetings by telephone due to the Governor's Executive Order 20-01 declaring a peacetime emergency. Diedrich seconded the motion. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye

Closed Meeting. A closed meeting was held before this regular meeting, 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. The closed meeting was held by electronic interactive video call. Ida Township's attorney, Laura J. Busian Schmidt, of Leuthner & Huether, Ltd., participated in the closed meeting.

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March 16, 2020 Town Board Meeting. Diedrich made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2020 Town Board Meeting as written. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-abstained.

Treasurer's Report

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

- **Authorize one signature on checks.** Steidl made the motion to authorize checks being valid with one signature of the clerk/treasurer while the town board is meeting by telephone. Peterson seconded the motion. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.

Review & Pay Bills.

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

- \$ 6,000.00 from the Bremer Money Market to the Bremer Checking Account to cover the checks written.

Kilgore made the transfer from the Bremer Money Market Account with check 2130 and paid the bills with checks 10605-10621 from the Bremer Checking Account. PERA was paid electronically with EFT 553456.

Roads

Road Report.

Richard Vogt (RBS) has begun crack sealing the paved roads in the township. They are doing the roads that are scheduled for seal coating first.

Burr Oak Drive T sign. Diedrich asked Kilgore to check if the T sign for Burr Oak Drive had been ordered.

Highland Circle. The township received a complaint that the township is cutting into the corner of her property on Highland Circle when blading and snow plowing. The Board will review the situation when they do the Road Review.

Pleasant Grove. There is a soft spot on 9350 Pleasant Grove. RBS will repair the spot.

Big Horn Bay Road Project. Diedrich stated he was informed by Township Engineer, Jeff Stabnow, that we can let the bids for the project before ordering it. The Town Board will then have the option to not accept any of the bids if they decide not to do the project at this time. The benefit is, we will then know the exact amount of the cost of the project. An agreement with Leaf Valley Township will have to be put in place before the board can move forward with approving the project.

May 4, 2020 Town Board Meeting. Which roads that will be crack sealed and the date and time of the Road Review will be set at the May 4, 2020 Town Board Meeting.

New Business

Ida Township Hall Closed to Rentals & Community Meetings. Steidl made the motion to close the Ida Township Hall to outside rentals and community meetings until phase three of the State's plan to reopen the state. Diedrich seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.

Tornado Sirens. Peterson will check into the cost of putting up tornado sirens in the township.

Reorganization Items

- **Chair.** Steidl made the motion to appoint Diedrich as chairman. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye, Diedrich-abstained
- **Vice Chair.** Diedrich made the motion to appoint Peterson as Vice Chairman. Steidl seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Steidl-aye, Peterson-abstained.
- **Official Newspaper.** Diedrich made the motion to keep the Echo Press as the Official Township Newspaper. Steidl seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.
- **Set Compensation - Officers & Election Judges.** Diedrich made the motion to retain the current compensation rates for the township officers and election judges. Steidl seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.
- **Supervisor Duties.** Diedrich will remain in charge of the roads. Peterson will remain in charge of overseeing the financial records and Steidl will remain in charge of any legal issues.
- **Posting Places.** Steidl made the motion to set the Town Hall, the Garfield Post Office and the Ida Township website as the official posting places. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.
- **Official Banks.** Steidl made the motion to retain Bremer Bank and BlackRidge Bank as the official township banks. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.

- **Administrative Policy.** Steidl made the motion to keep the current Administrative Policy, Resolution 16-06 as it is. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.
- **Meeting Schedule April 2020 - May 2021.** Diedrich made the motion to approve the meeting schedule for April 2020 - May 2021 as printed. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye. Kilgore will post the schedule at the town hall and have it on file in the clerk's office.

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

Public Comment

Greg Anderson asked th dust control be provided for Big Horn Bay Road & Gehrkes Point Road the roads may not be paved until later in the season. Diedrich said that depending when chloride is available, that a light coating could be put down.

Adjourn. Steidl made the motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.

Barbara D. Kilgore
Ida Township Clerk/Treasurer

Daniel Diedrich
Ida Township Chairman