

Minutes
Ida Township Board Meeting
May 4, 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 Mike Steidl and Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Kilgore were also present at the meeting.

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.

Rescind Resolution 20-05 Establishing the ability to conduct open meetings by telephone. Peterson made the motion to rescind 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. Steidl seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye. The Town Board Meetings will be held in person at the Township Hall, using social distancing going forward.

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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April 20, 2020 Town Board Meeting. Diedrich made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2020 Town Board Meeting as written. Steidl seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.

Roads

Gravel Quotes. The Town Board received two quotes for gravel for 2020. Okerlund Graveling - \$8.50 per cubic yard and RBS Excavating - \$10.75 per cubic yard. Steidl made the motion to go with the Okerlund Graveling quote. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.

Summer Road Maintenance Quotes. The Town Board received one quote for Summer Road Maintenance including ditch mowing from RBS Excavating. Blading - \$ 87.00 per hour and ditch mowing - \$82.00 per hour. RBS provided an additional price list for the equipment they have and the price per hour for each one. Steidl made the motion to accept the RBS Excavating quote for Summer Road Maintenance for one year. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.

Winter Road Maintenance Quotes. The Town Board received one quote for Winter Road Maintenance from RBS Excavating. They will have three plow trucks and three moto graders available at a rate of \$91.00 per hour and Salt/Sanding without the plow at a rate of \$82.00 per hour. RBS provided an additional price list for the equipment they have and the price per hour for each one. Diedrich made the motion to accept the RBS Excavating quote for Winter Road Maintenance for one year. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.

Road Report.

West Side Improvement. Diedrich informed the Board that Riley Brothers is finishing up the punch list along with adding black dirt and seeding. Diedrich will meet with the engineers (Widseth, Smith, Nolting and Stabnow) to review the project. This should wrap up the work on the project.

Limb Road. Diedrich has been working with the Brandon Town Board regarding damage done to Limb Road by a property owner. Limb Road is a shared road with Brandon, Millerville, Leaf Valley and Ida Townships.

81st Avenue West of County Rd 6. Diedrich reported that the gravel portion of 81st Avenue is in bad shape. Steidl made the motion to have Stabnow do a feasibility study on the costs of repairing 81st Avenue west of County Rd 6 and bringing the road up to standard. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.

Big Horn Bay Road Project. Stabnow told the board that he has everything in line to ask for bids for the project. The Board will then know the costs of the project. We will have six months to accept any of the bids. The Township attorney has been asked to draw up an agreement with Leaf Valley Township for the project.

Seal Coating. Diedrich made the motion to instruct Stabnow to obtain quotes for seal coating for eight plus miles including the newly paved roads of the West Side Improvement Project and have them ready for the May 18, 2020 town board meeting. Steidl seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.

Set Road Review. Diedrich made the motion to set the Road Review date for May 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Steidl seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.

Old Business

Tornado Siren. Peterson contacted the Douglas County Emergency Management office and they provided him with a recent quote they received. The estimated cost is about \$16,000. He also contacted Gardonville Telephone. They have a power pole at the north lake access off Big Horn Bay Road. They would allow us to put a siren there and would not charge for electricity. Steidl made the motion to table this issue until the May 18, 2020 Town Board meeting. Diedrich seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.

New Business

Resolution 20-06 Authorizing Mail Balloting. Because of the uncertainty of the COVID -19 virus the board discussed the option of Mail Balloting for the upcoming primary and general election. We have the option of going back to in-person voting in future elections. Peterson made the motion to adopt Resolution 20-06 Authorizing Mail Balloting for Federal, State and County elections starting immediately. Steidl seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.

Certificate of Right to Burial #23. Diedrich made the motion to approve the Certificate of Right to Burial #23 Block 2 Lots 22 in the Lake Charley Cemetery to Grantee Greg Cabana/Cabana Family. Steidl seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.

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