

Minutes
Ida Township Board Meeting
June 21, 2021
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 Mike Steidl and Jeff Way and Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Kilgore 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

June 7, 2021, Town Board Meeting. Steidl made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2021, Town Board Meeting as written. Way seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Way-aye. Steidl-aye.

Treasurer's Report

May 2021 Treasurer's Report. Diedrich made the motion to approve the May 2021 Treasurer's Report as written and presented. Steidl seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Steidl-aye, Way-aye.

2020 Audit. Dean Birkeland from Carlson SV went over the 2020 audit of the Township financial records with the Supervisors. Birkeland reported that the auditors gave a clean opinion, and the financial statements were fairly stated. Steidl made the motion to accept the 2020 audit report and opinion as presented by Dean Birkeland. Way seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Steidl-aye, Way-aye.

Review & Pay Bills.

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

- Transfer \$22,972.95 from Bremer Money Market to Bremer Checking to cover checks written.

Kilgore made the transfer from the Bremer Money Market Account with check 803 and paid the bills with checks 10911-10930 from the Bremer Checking Account. PERA was paid electronically with SOMPER000608877.

Roads

Diedrich reported that the chloride was put down on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, and we used 20% less chloride than last year.

Soft Spots. There are four soft spots that need to be dug out two feet down, matting put in place and covered with 18 inches of granular fill and 6 inches of class 5 gravel. They are located on the intersection of Blue Jay Way and Utopia, Pleasant Grove by 4141, Betsy Ross Road and Sunset Strip south. Diedrich measured a total of 900 linear feet by 22 feet wide. Quotes were received from Paz Excavating - \$60,000. Mark Lee - \$63,307 and RBS Excavating - \$40,000. Steidl made the motion to accept the RBS Excavating quote. Way seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Steidl-aye, Way-aye.

Oakwood Terrace Turnaround Easement. The Township recently obtained an easement for a turnaround from the Koewler's on Oakwood Terrace. It was brought to the Township's attention that the Koewlers

have put up a sign stating that it is a private drive and not a turnaround. There seems to have been a misunderstanding with them of what a public easement is used for. Diedrich had the township attorney write a letter explaining the public use of the turnaround and that their sign should be moved to their private driveway. Steidl made the motion to utilize the attorney's letter to the Koewlers explaining the easement usage. Way seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Steidl-aye, Way-aye.

Extra Chloride-Wagner. Diedrich informed the Board that Mr. Wagner who lives on Utopia Drive had ordered an extra 185 feet of chloride, which was put on the road when they did the chloride. Mr. Wagner was not satisfied with the width and amount of chloride put down and paid the company \$300 to come and apply more chloride to the road by his property. Mr. Wagner did not feel he should have to pay the township for the extra chloride we put down since he was not satisfied. Way made the motion that the township should send Mr. Wagner an invoice for the extra chloride he received. Steidl seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Steidl-aye, Way-aye.

81st Avenue upgrade. Township Engineer, Jeff Stabnow, informed the Board that he had met with the Kloehn Brothers, who own property along the roadway that is to be upgraded, and discussed the location of tiles and culverts. Stabnow will have an estimate of the total cost of the upgrade for the next meeting.

Driveway-Water Lily Trail. The township received a complaint that when the West Side Improvement project was done, the driveway at 9616 Water Lily Trail was made a lot steeper and narrower. Dennis and Mary Pearson showed the board a drawing of the situation and requested the township help with the cost of adding more fill so that the driveway is not so steep and does not wash out. Diedrich made a motion to pay for half of what it costs for the dirt that is needed to fill in the area. Steidl seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Steidl-aye, Way-aye.

Wahtomin Trail Crosswalk. Steidl said he spoke with Steve Johansson from Douglas County Public works. Johansson agreed to paint a crosswalk on Wahtomin Trail in exchange for the speed limit signs from Pilgrim Point Road.

Oakridge Road/Lane. Steidl also talked to Johansson about blind approach signs for the Brugger driveway on Oakridge Road. Johansson informed him that the county does not find blind approach signs effective in slowing traffic. Stabnow agreed and said he reviewed the area, and the driveway is not that blind and does not warrant a blind approach sign.

Richard (RBS) informed the board that it appears that someone has filled in the land around the township T turnaround on the north end of Oakridge Lane. The Supervisors will investigate the situation.

Old Business

Developers' Agreement. Diedrich met with Tom Klemmenhagen from Land Team regarding the Township's current Developer's Agreement. Diedrich is going to rewrite sections 9 and 10 of our current Developer's Agreement and bring it to the Board for approval.

New Business

Town Hall. Diedrich made the motion to approve the purchase of a 4' X 2' table for Election Equipment. Way seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Steidl-aye, Way-aye.

Lake Charley Cemetery. Steidl made the motion to approve the purchase of a Please Be Respectful sign for the cemetery. Way seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Steidl-aye, Way-aye. Cemetery Manager Cabana will contact the property owner next to the cemetery where additional graves have been located, to see if they would be willing to donate the property to the cemetery.

Mail and Permits.

The mail and permits were reviewed by the Supervisors.

Public Comment none

Adjourn. Steidl made the motion to adjourn at 9:24 p.m. Way seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Steidl-aye, Way-aye.

Barbara D. Kilgore
Ida Township Clerk/Treasurer

Daniel Diedrich
Ida Township Chairman