

Minutes
Ida Township Board Meeting
August 3, 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.

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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July 20, 2020 Caroline Bay/Engstrom Way Hearing, July 20, 2020 Town Board Meeting. Steidl made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2020 Caroline Bay/Engstrom Way Hearing, and the July 20, 2020 Town Board Meeting as written. Diedrich seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.

Roads

Road Report.

Diedrich reported that he would speak with RBS regarding mowing and some areas where shoulders are washing out.

Oakwood Terrace Turnaround. Diedrich presented a drawing of the proposed turnaround that will be constructed at the end of Oakwood Terrace along with a new home construction. Once it is constructed, we will have Stoeckel Jahner Surveying, survey the turnaround and have it recorded with the County.

Weeds. Wild Parsnip was reported to the Board on Sunset Strip and Lake Ida Way in the township right-of-way. Steidl sprayed those areas. There was also Wild Parsnip reported in a field on private property north of Oakridge Lane. A notice will be sent to the property owner.

Big Horn Bay Road Project.

- **Leaf Valley Agreement and Waiver.** The agreement needed a couple of changes before the Leaf Valley Town Board will sign it. The Township attorney will make the update. Ida Township will sign the waiver of conflict of interest and mail it to Leaf Valley Township for their signatures.
- **Update.** Stabnow, reported that the mailbox posts have been put up and RBS is doing the soil work on Gerhkes Point. The assessment hearing date will be set at the August 17, 2020 meeting.
- **Digital Speed Limit sign.** Including a digital speed sign in the project was discussed. Diedrich will contact the county to get an exact price on a stationary and portable sign. Kilgore read two comments received from property owners who are not in favor of the signs, Both comments

stated they didn't feel they would be effective in reducing speed on the road. Issue tabled until the August 17, 2020 town board meeting.

Old Business

Caroline Beach Road name changed to Engstrom Way in the Order and the Resolution 20-09. Diedrich made the motion to change the name in the order to establish a township road from Caroline Beach Road to Engstrom Way. Steidl seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye. Diedrich made the motion to change the name in Resolution 20-09 establishing a township road from Caroline Beach Road to Engstrom Way. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.

- **911 signs.** Diedrich made the motion to include 911 property number signs in the cost of the project and have the county install them. Steidl seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.

New Business

Lake Charley Cemetery. Cemetery Manager, Cabana, presented invoices for reimbursement for updating the signposts (\$234.13) and for putting a new planter and rubber bedding by the visitor benches (\$131.57). Diedrich made the motion to approve the reimbursements. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.

Cabana had some proposed projects for the cemetery.

- **Driveway Improvement.** Extend in drive 20 to 30 feet and include turnaround area and remove debris. Cabana obtained two quotes. In the \$1200-\$1500 range.
- **Walkway paths by grave sites.** Putting walking paths between the rows of grave sites. The paths would be three feet wide and constructed using crushed blacktop. Quotes \$2,000-\$3,000.

Diedrich asked Cabana to come back with the exact costs for improving the in-drive and turnarounds for approval and the board would look at the walkways next year.

Other Improvements. Cabana would like to power wash the existing split rail fence along Sunset Strip. Would need to get the Garfield Fire Department to furnish the water. Eventually he would like to replace that fence with either plastic or iron cemetery fencing. He would also like to mark the unknown graves with subdued metal crosses. Some graves have been located outside of the cemetery property. Cabana will check on the legal requirements of how to treat those graves.

Mail & Permits. Mail and permits were reviewed by the Supervisors.

Adjourn. Steidl made the motion to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye.

Barbara D. Kilgore
Ida Township Clerk/Treasurer

Daniel Diedrich
Ida Township Chairman