

Minutes
Ida Township Board Meeting
August 17, 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.

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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August 3, 2020 Town Board Meeting, Steidl made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2020 Town Board Meeting as written. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.

Treasurer's Report

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

- Transfer \$34,262.18 from Bremer Money Market to Bremer Checking to cover checks written.
- Transfer \$1080.18 from Bremer Money Market to BlackRidge Debt Service Fund 301 Special Assessment payoff.
- Transfer \$475,165.98 from BlackRidge Fund 301 to Bremer Big Horn Bay Capital Project Fund.

Kilgore made the transfers from the Bremer Money Market Account with checks 2138-2139, paid the bills with checks 10688-10716 from the Bremer Checking Account and the transfer from the BlackRidge PFA/Sewer Fund with check 2141. PERA was paid electronically with SOMPER000568874.

Roads

Road Report. Diedrich reported that there were quite a few washouts from the last heavy rain.

Weeds. RBS reported that there is a lot of Wild Parsnip on Mallard Lane. Diedrich said that Bio Builders has been out spraying Wild Parsnip and it takes about ten days for it to work.

Road Mileage. Peterson said that Engstrom Way is 900 feet long. All of Gerhkes Point and Big Horn Bay Roads are now blacktopped so their mileage can be moved to the blacktopped roads and removed from the gravel roads.

Big Horn Bay Road Project.

- **Project Update.** Engineer, Jeff Stabnow, informed that RBS is still working on adding the dirt and seeding areas on Gehrkes Point. Sealcoating will be done later this summer.
- **Leaf Valley Agreement.** Diedrich needs to consult with the Leaf Valley Town Board to see if the amended agreement meets their approval.
- **Digital Speed Limit Monitor.** Kilgore read the recent emails regarding whether to include the digital monitor in the project or not. Steidl made the motion to include a permanent digital speed limit monitor in the cost of the project. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye. The estimated cost of the monitor is about \$3,000.
- **Special Assessment.** Steidl made the motion to set the interest rate for those who do not pay their assessments in the allowed thirty days after the assessment hearing at five percent (5%) for a period of five years. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.
- **Resolution 20-10 Setting Assessment Hearing.** Diedrich made the motion to adopt Resolution 20-10 setting the assessment hearing for the Big Horn Bay Project for September 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ida Township Hall. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.

Engstrom Way. The work to bring the road up to township specification has not been completed yet. The property owners will be responsible for the costs of the upgrade. Once all the work is done and the final costs are available, the property owners will be notified of their share of the costs. If they choose to add the amount to their property taxes, they will be charged an interest rate of five percent (5%) for a period of one year.

Old Business none

New Business

CarlsonSV LLP Engagement Letter. Diedrich made the motion to sign the engagement letter with CarlsonSV LLP for the 2020 audit a cost of \$6,900 plus expenses. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.

Gopher Bounty. Kilgore reported to the Board that we have had an uptick in the number of gophers being turned in for a bounty and that other townships have developed a policy for turning them into the township for payment. Diedrich asked Kilgore to prepare a resolution for the next meeting setting a township policy for the Gopher Bounty.

Lake Charley Cemetery. Cemetery Manager, Greg Cabana had two quotes for extending the driveway including two back around areas and removing debris from the cemetery. RBS - \$1,221.00 and Ferguson Bros. - \$1,440.00. Steidl made the motion to approve the RBS quote for \$1,220.00 Peterson seconded the

motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye. The work on the pathways is tabled until the spring of 2021.

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

Public Comment

Rick Thiery informed the Board that some of the shouldering on Wahtomin Trail and Christopherson Road is washing away. RBS will be doing shouldering work this fall. He also asked about the pending lawsuit on the assessments on Stoney Point. Diedrich informed him that it is still in progress and could not elaborate anymore because of attorney/client privileges.

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