

Minutes
Ida Township Board Meeting
November 20, 2023
Ida Township Hall
4700 County Rd 6 NW, Garfield, MN

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Dan Diedrich. Supervisors Jeff Way and Chelle Elmer and Clerk/Treasurer Heather Miller 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

October 16, 2023, Town Board Meeting. Way made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2023, Town Board Meeting as written. Elmer seconded. Motion Carried. Diedrich-aye, Way-aye, Elmer-aye.

Treasurer's Report

October 2023 Treasurer's Report.

Edited disbursement for RBS and Hilltop Lumber transfer from the Road and Bridge Fund to the ARPA Fund per the August 21, 2023, board meeting approval. Diedrich made the motion to approve the September 2023 Treasurer's Report as presented. Way seconded. Motion Carried. Diedrich-aye, Way-aye, Elmer-aye.

Review and Pay Bills

Elmer made the motion to review and pay the bills, to approve the following operating transfer and void check #11570, Way seconded. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Way-aye, Elmer-aye.

- Transfer and additional 110.42 from Bremer Money Market to Bremer Checking to cover additional PERA payment with check #844
- Transfer \$59,850.76 from Bremer Money Market to Bremer Checking to cover checks written
- Transfer \$5,180.00 from Bremer Money Market to Bremer Checking to cover additional check written

Miller made the transfer from the Bremer Money Market Account with Check 845 and paid the bills with checks 11550-11571 from the Bremer Checking Account. Miller made the transfer from the Bremer Money Market Account with Check 846 and paid the bills with check 11572 from the Bremer Checking Account. PERA was paid electronically with SOMPER000726058.

Roads

Road Report

Big Chip Trail - Customer complaint that the road was washboard. The customer was unhappy that the blacktop project was not completed, due to the limited number of residents approval, this project did not move forward.

Talon Road - Alex Rubbish garbage truck on Talon Road broke a hydraulic line and fluid spilled on the black top. Miller will send Alex Rubbish a letter stating that we will monitor the end of Talon Road and if the road deteriorates, they will be responsible for the repairs.

Sahara Lane Resolution – Resolution will need to be completed for the December 2023 meeting. The hearing will be scheduled .5 hours prior to the board meeting in February 2024. Miller will send out notification to all resident with proper timing required by law

Road Ordinance – Diedrich tabled till the next meeting.

Buckskin Lane & Pleasant Grove – Signs are ordered. Wagner will cover the cost associated with the replacement of signs, post and placement.

Memory Lane - ditch cleanout - wait until the ground is frozen to prevent tearing the ground up.

Sunny Brook – Astech billing amount quoted was higher than billing. Additional funds pulled from Road and Bridge fund.

Oakwood Terrace – All invoicing taken out ARPA fund.

Oakridge and Betsy Ross - Mark Lee is unable to get to the lift station completed until next spring. ALASD will pay the township for the blacktop.

Betsy Ross Road – culvert extension, Dan contacted RBS to get an extension to complete the project.

Burr Oak – Culvert is starting to settle, and RBS will need to add some gravel prior to winter.

Louise Drive – Dan attempted to reach resident for his signature on easement. Resident was absent for personal reasons. Will resume contact attempt this spring.

Old Business

Earned Sick and Safe Time – The State of MN has passed the law effective January 1, 2024 that all employees will need to accrue sick leave at the minimum of 1 hour per 30 hours worked for any employee that works more than 80 hours in 1 year. Heather Miller and Julie Kirscht will need to begin accruing this time. CTAS will have an update and a resolution will be signed at the December 2023 board meeting.

Sahara Lane - received the survey from Stoeckel Jahner with the turnaround of a 30x40 easement. Burkey and Walsh proposed that the end of the road is vacated and move the turn around easement. This is tabled until 11/24/2023 at 10 am.

Benjamin Pearson – Miller will have the attorney send out a final letter to Mr. Pearson stating that Ida Township did not authorize the driveway and did not have anything to do with the installation. The letter will give a deadline of June 1, 2024. If not fixed, the township will take care of it at that time

Other -

New Business

Carlson CPA – Signed audit engagement letter for the 2023 audit. We received the 2022 audit report from Carlson CPA. Will look into new CPA firm for 2025.

2024 Newsletter – Miller will begin working on the 2024 newsletter. Members will get write ups completed by early January to ensure time for Miller to compose letter.

Cemetery – Wolda stone has been placed by Anderson Funeral Home. Fall cleanup has been completed and flower beds have been emptied. Greg has asked for a proposal for next spring from Deb, the hired flower bed gardener

Election Judge Training – Miller attended training on 11/14/2024. Kirscht will attend training on 11/28/2023 in Millers absence and Miller will attend training on 1/18/2024

Big Chip tree cleanup – If the weather permits, RBS will begin.

Mail and Permits

The mail and permits were reviewed by the Supervisors.

Public Comment

Recess

Elmer made the motion to recess the meeting until Friday November 24, 2023, at 10 am at Sahara Lane at 8:50 pm. Way seconded. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Way-aye, Elmer-aye.

Chairman Diedrich reconvened meeting on November 24, 2023, 10:00 a.m. at Sahara Lane. Present were Supervisors Diedrich, Way and Elmer, and Deputy Clerk Julie Kirscht, Township Engineer Jeff Stabnow.

Township residents present were Rollie and C. J. Walsh, Ritchie Burkey, Tom Lovik, Frank Bartlett.

Sahara Lane - Viewing and discussion of turnaround/road vacation proposal presented by Rollie and C. J. Walsh and Ritchie Burkey November 20, 2023. Way made a motion to do the turnaround according to the survey that the township received. Diedrich seconded. Motion carried. Diedrich aye, Way aye, Elmer aye.

Additional business item – Jahner Stoeckel Sahara Lane survey billing was missed in the November 20, 2023 batch of claims processed and needs to be paid. Way made a motion that we pay the Jahner Stoeckel claim as presented. Elmer seconded. Motion carried. Diedrich aye, Way aye, Elmer aye.

Adjourn

Elmer made a motion to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. Way seconded. Motion carried. Diedrich aye, Way aye, Elmer aye.

Heather Miller
Ida Township Clerk/Treasurer

Daniel Diedrich
Ida Township Chairman