

Minutes
Ida Township Board Meeting
December 18, 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 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

November 20, 2023, Town Board Meeting. Way made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2023, Town Board Meeting as written. Diedrich seconded. Motion Carried. Diedrich–aye, Way-aye.

Treasurer’s Report

November 2023 Treasurer’s Report. Diedrich made the motion to move funds from the Blacktop fund to the Sunnybrook fund and close this account. Way seconded, motioned carried, Diedrich-aye, Way- aye
Diedrich made the motion to approve the September 2023 Treasurer’s Report as presented. Way seconded. Motion Carried. Diedrich-aye, Way- aye.

Review and Pay Bills

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

- Transfer 846.83 from Bremer Money Market to First Western Checking for Douglas County November 2023 Settlement with check #847
- Transfer \$12,764.62 from Bremer Money Market to Bremer Checking to cover checks written

Miller made the transfer from the Bremer Money Market Account with Check 848 and paid the bills with checks 115573-11596 from the Bremer Checking Account. PERA was paid electronically with SOMPER000726058.

Roads

Road Report

Snow Removal – Customer calls about snow removal, Ida Township doesn’t plow until there are 3 accumulative inches of snow or drifting occurs.

Sahara Lane Resolutions – Way made the motion to accept Resolution 23-08 as presented. Ordering Preparation of Report for the paving of Sahara Lane 23-08, supersedes resolution 23-02, Diedrich second, motion carried, Diedrich-aye, Way-aye

Diedrich made the motion to accept resolution 23-09, Resolution Receiving Feasibility Report and Calling Hearing on Improvement as presented and set the hearing date for March 18, 2023 at 7pm - Way second, motion carried, Diedrich-aye, Way-aye

Old Business

Benjamin Pearson – Attorney has sent a final letter to Mr. Pearson advising him of the MN State statutes he is not in compliance with and that he has until June 1, 2024 to remove the unauthorized driveway or the township will do so at his expense.

Alex Rubish – Letter was sent out to Alex Rubbish in regards to the spill on Talon Road. Alex Rubish will be required to pay for the repairs if any are needed.

Earned Sick and Safe Time Resolution 23-12 - Diedrich made the motion to accept Resolution 23-12 as presented, Earned Sick & Safe Time Resolution and to include Appendix B. The township elects to permit employees to carryover accrued but unused sick and safe time into the following year, except that such accrued but unused time shall not exceed 80 hours at any time. Way Second, motion carried, Diedrich-aye, Way-aye

Covid Funds – All covid funds have been depleted.

New Business

Resolution establishing Precincts and Polling Places in Ida Township 23-10 - Way made the motion to accept Resolution 23-10 as presented. Diedrich second, motion carried, Diedrich-aye, Way-aye

Absentee Ballot Board Resolution 23-11 - Diedrich made the motion to accept Resolution 23-11 as presented. Way second, motion carried, Diedrich-aye, Way-aye

Board of Appeal and Equalization Training – Dan will take this online training prior to the 2024 township election.

Notice of Ida Township Election – Ida township will be holding its annual election of Town Board officers on March 12, 2024 from 5:00 PM – 8:00PM, notices have been posted at the township hall, the post office and on the township web page.

Notice - Ida Township Filing for Township Election – Notice was published on December 13, 2023, with the Echo Press that notice was given to Ida Township qualified voters for candidacy. Offices will be held for a two-week period beginning January 2, 2024, and closing January 16, 2024 at 5 pm. The clerk's office will be open on January 16, 2024 from 1:00 M-5:00 Filing Fee is \$2.00. The notice was also posted at the township hall, the post office and on the township web page.

Leaf Vally Township Fire Protection Agreement – Agreement for January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 has been signed and mail out.

Resolution Governing Write-In Vote Counting – This has been tabled until next year.

Appoint Election Judges for March 12, 2024 Township Election – Diedrich made the motion to accept Heather Miller, Julie Kirscht, Barbara Kilgore, Jane Wicklander, Frank Bartlett, and Dane Compton as the March 12, 2024 township election judges. Way Second, motion carried, Diedrich-aye, Way-aye

2023 Annual Township and City Report – Noxious Weeds report has been signed and sent out to Douglas County Department of Public Works.

Head Judge Training - Heather meets with Vicki Doehling on Thursday December 21, 2023 for head judge training.

Audit & Levy Meeting – Diedrich made the motion to set the audit and levy meeting on January 8, 2024 at 4 p.m., way second, motion carried, Diedrich-aye, Way-aye

Mail and Permits

The mail and permits were reviewed by the Supervisors.

Public Comment

Adjourn

Diedrich made a motion to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Way seconded. Motion carried. Diedrich aye, Way aye.

Heather Miller
Ida Township Clerk/Treasurer

Daniel Diedrich
Ida Township Chairman

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