

**Minutes**  
**Ida Township 2022 Garfield Lane, Betsy Ross Road Improvement Hearing**  
**May 2, 2022**  
**Ida Township Hall**  
**4700 County Rd 6 NW, Garfield, MN**

The Hearing was called to order at 6:55 p.m. by Chairman Dan Diedrich. Supervisors Jeff Way and Mike Steidl and Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Kilgore were also present at the meeting.

Nineteen residents signed in and were present at the hearing. There were a few people present who did not sign in.

Diedrich announced that the hearing is being recorded.

Diedrich read the rules of the hearing.

**Purpose.** Diedrich stated the purpose of this hearing is to review the 2022 Garfield Lane, Betsy Ross Road Paving Project and the costs involved and to provide a reasonable estimate of the special assessment that the property owners will be charged for the project.

**Project Description.** Engineer Jeff Stabnow gave a brief description of the project. He stated that the project includes paving Garfield Lane and the gravel portion of Betsy Ross Road. Seal coating the road is included in the project and we may be able to get that completed this year as well. The project will include swing away mailbox posts that include a spot for a paper or shopper box. An overlay of the paved portion of Garfield Lane from Little Ida Beach Road to Garfield Lane and Abby Lane is included in the project, but will not be included in the amount to be assessed to the property owners.

**Costs.** Diedrich went over the estimated costs of the project. The estimated cost of the overlay on the existing paved roads is \$233,499.00. The estimated cost of the improvement and paving of Garfield Lane and the gravel portion of Betsy Ross Road is \$396,169.00. The Ida Township share is \$198,084.50. The amount to be assessed is \$198,084.50.

**Estimated Special Assessments.** Kilgore noted that the estimated assessment for the project is \$2,290 per parcel. The Township will hold another hearing once all of the costs of the project are in and an actual amount can be provided. The property owners will receive mailed notice of the assessment hearing when it is scheduled. Ida Township Assessment Policy allows that the property owners will have the opportunity to pay the entire assessment after the assessment hearing or have it placed on their property taxes as a special assessment over a period of seven years. The interest rate has not been determined at this time.

**Proper Notice.** Kilgore reported that proper notice of the hearing was given. She has affidavits of mailing, publishing and posting on file in the clerk's office.

**Public Comment.**

The Board answered a few questions about the project.

Jim Malecha asked how far the blacktopping would extend past the turnaround and if property owners could add more blacktopping for their driveways. Diedrich said the project would extend about a third of

the way; at least to the DNR land. Steidl informed him that it is up to the individual property owner to speak with the contractor or get their own quotes for blacktopping their driveways.

Joe Glidden asked about the height and width of the road. Stabnow said the height will change because of the added gravel and blacktop. The width is 20 feet wide where possible. A couple places may be a little narrower. The road will stay where it is currently located and each driveway will be evaluated individually.

A couple of people were concerned about their sprinkler systems. Diedrich told them it is up to the property owner to take care of any sprinkler systems that are in the road right-of-way. The best solution is to remove them from the right-of-way before the project starts.

Steidl made the motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Way seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Way-aye, Steidl-aye.

Barbara D. Kilgore  
Ida Township Clerk/Treasurer

Daniel Diedrich  
Ida Township Chairman