

**Minutes**  
**Ida Township Board Meeting**  
**April 8, 2019**  
**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. The pledge of allegiance was conducted.

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**

**March 18, 2019 Town Board Meeting.** Diedrich made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2019 Town Board Meeting as written. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-abstained.

### **Roads**

**Road Report.** Diedrich reported that RBS has started the crack sealing on the blacktopped roads.

- **West Side Improvement Phase 2.**
  - **Let Bids for Phase 2.** Blaine Green, WSN, reported that the bids for Phase 2 were opened on March 13, 2019, but the Board waited to act until all of the Supervisors could be present. We received four bids. Riley Brothers - \$1,326,788, Mark Lee Excavating - \$1,515,106, Ferguson Asphalt - \$1,542,597.55 and Central Specialties - \$1,848,994.55. Peterson made the motion to award the bid to the lowest bidder, Riley Brothers - \$1,326,788.00. Steidl seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye. Riley Brothers will begin the upgrade work within the next two weeks.
  - **Financial Status.** The fund balances and the project costs were discussed. Kilgore will meet with Blaine Green, WSN, to go over the projected costs for Phase 2 and will have the information available at the April 15, 2019 meeting, The Board will then be able to decide how much we will need to bond for, for this phase of the project.
  - **Comments.** Frank Caruso asked about the rolling and cracking of the newly blacktopped and repaved roads. Diedrich explained that the frost went deep this year and some heaving is to be expected. The heaving and rolling on our roads is comparable to the County Roads in the area. Don Erstad said that some of the manhole covers still need to be fixed on Phase 1. Diedrich informed him that CSI will be back to fix the covers.
- **Utopia Drive.** Peterson reported that there was water running over the road because of the spring melt. Diedrich said the existing culvert couldn't handle all of the water. Utopia Drive is a borderline road with Brandon Township. In our agreement with them, it states that the townships will split the costs of any repairs. Diedrich and Jeff Stabnow think an overflow culvert and 24 inch stand pipe should be installed to alleviate the problem. Jeff Stabnow works with Brandon Township, too, and will discuss the solution with their Town Board.

- **Quotes for Gravel, Road Maintenance.** Diedrich approved the public notices for quotes for gravel and for summer and winter road maintenance. The Board will be awarding the quotes at the May 6, 2019 Board Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

### Old Business

- **Private Lake Association.** Ryan Heidelberger presented the Board with a petition requesting that the speed limit on Big Chip Trail from County Road 12 to Primrose Lane be reduced to 35 mph. He reported that there is increased traffic on that road, there are quite a few children in the area and there are seven bus stops in that stretch of road. Heidelberger also asked that same area be designated a high traffic road and be treated with chloride at full width. Diedrich explained that our Chloride Policy states that the township will put chloride on high traffic areas at width of 12 feet. If the property owners want a wider width, they have to let the township know and pay for the extra chloride. Steidl made the motion to reduce the speed limit from County Road 12 east to Primrose Lane to 35 mph. Speed limit signs and bus stop ahead signs will be put up. That section of road will also be designated as high traffic and will receive the 12 foot width of chloride with the property owners paying for extra chloride, if desired. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye. Kilgore will order the needed signs.

### New Business

#### **Reorganization Items**

- **Chair.** Steidl made the motion to appoint Diedrich as chairman. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye, Diedrich-abstained
- **Vice Chair.** Diedrich made the motion to appoint Peterson as Vice Chairman. Steidl seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Steidl-aye, Peterson-aye.
- **Official Newspaper.** Steidl made the motion to keep the Echo Press as the Official Township Newspaper. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.
- **Set Compensation - Officers & Election Judges.** Steidl made the motion to retain the current compensation rates for the township officers and election judges. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.
- **Supervisor Duties.** Diedrich will remain in charge of the roads. Peterson will remain in charge of overseeing the financial records and Steidl will remain in charge of any legal issues.
- **Posting Places.** Diedrich made the motion to set the Town Hall, the Garfield Post Office and the Ida Township website as the official posting places. Steidl seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.
- **Official Banks.** Diedrich made the motion to retain Bremer Bank and BlackRidge Bank as the official township banks. Steidl seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.
- **Administrative Policy.** The Board decided to keep the current Administrative Policy, Resolution 16-06 as it is.
- **Meeting Schedule April 2019 - May 2020.** Diedrich made the motion to approve the meeting schedule for April 2019 - May 2020 as printed. Steidl seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye. Kilgore will post the schedule at the town hall and have it on file in the clerk's office.

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

**Public Comment**

**Dian Lopez** asked when they would receive the 18 inches of pavement between their driveway and blacktopped road. It should have been done with the Sunset Strip, Burkeys Lane Paving Project. Diedrich will get hold of Mark Lee and check with Jeff Stabnow.

**Adjourn.** Steidl made the motion to adjourn at 8:50 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