

Minutes
Ida Township Big Horn Bay Project Hearing
July 13, 2020
Ida Township Hall
4700 County Rd 6 NW, Garfield, MN

The Hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Dan Diedrich. Supervisors Jim Peterson and Mike Steidl and Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Kilgore were also present at the meeting.

Eight 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 Big Horn Bay Paving Project and the costs involved and to provide a reasonable estimate of the special assessment that the property owners will charged for the project.

Project Description. Engineer Jeff Stabnow gave a brief description of the project. He stated that the project includes paving Big Horn Bay Road 20 feet wide from County Road 34 east to the Lake Ida Access and 22 feet wide from the Lake Access out to County Road 5 and paving Gerhkes Point 20 feet wide. 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.

Costs. Diedrich went over the estimated costs of the project. The estimated costs of the section of Big Horn Bay that extends north into Leaf Valley Township is \$111,326.83. Leaf Valley will pay 20% of the costs \$22,265.37 and Ida Township's share is \$33,398.05. The amount to be assessed is \$55,663.42. The Big Horn Bay Road section in Ida Township and Gerhkes Point costs are estimated to be \$369,509.13. The Ida Township share is \$184,754.67. The amount to be assessed is \$184,754.67.

Leaf Valley Township. Ida Township is currently working on an agreement with Leaf Valley Township for the project and the shared costs. The shared costs have been agreed to. Leaf Valley requires that a Service District be set up for any repairs on the section of Big Horn Bay in their township. Once that is included in the agreement, it will be complete.

Estimated Special Assessments. Kilgore reviewed the Cost spread sheet and found that the amount listed for the north section of Big Horn Bay Road was incorrect. She corrected the amounts. The three parcels on the north section of Big Horn Bay Road will be assessed according to Leaf Valley Township's assessment policy which is 50% for agricultural properties and is estimated to be \$316.27 for each parcel. The parcels in Ida Township's estimated assessment for both sections of the project is \$2,756.16 per parcel. The Township will hold another hearing once all of the costs of the project are in and actual amount can be provided. The property owners will received 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.

Starting the Project Early. Diedrich informed everyone that the Town Board opted to start the project early for the following reasons:

1. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was difficult to hold the hearings in the timely manner.
2. The Township received a petition in 2018 from the residents on Big Horn Bay Road and Gerhkes Point requesting that the roads be paved, and the board didn't want them to have to wait any longer for the project to be completed.
3. The bid amount we received from Central Specialties was only good for a limited time, while they had their paving equipment in the area. This saved the Ida Township tax payers \$35,000-\$45,000.

Public Comment.

The Board answered a few questions about the project.

The roads are expected to last 20-30 years.

Greg Anderson pointed out that the section from the Lake Ida Access out to County Road 34 was paved at 22 feet wide not 20 feet wide. Stabnow said there wouldn't be any extra charges for the width.

Ways to control the speed on the roads were discussed. Speed bumps were suggested. Adding a movable solar operated digital speed monitor to the price of the project was also suggested. The monitor can be moved to different locations on the roads to remind people of their speed. Diedrich said a monitor will cost \$3,000-\$4,000.

Greg Anderson and Tom Searcy both spoke in favor of adding the digital speed monitor to the cost of the project. The Board will check into adding a speed monitor to the project.

Steidl made the motion to adjourn at 8:00 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