



REGULAR MONTHLY  
MEETING  
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25, 2017 7:00 PM

The Orrock Township Board met in regular session, on Wednesday January 25, 2017 at 7:00PM, at the Orrock Town Hall, 26401 – 180th St. NW, Big Lake, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order by Chair Gotzian and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Supervisors Bryan Adams, Charles Gotzian, Bob Hassett, Eric Peterson, Corrie Silverberg, Treasurer Laura Jones, Clerk Brenda Kimberly-Maas were in attendance. Sheriff Joel Brott, Town Engineer, Mike Nielson and Plowing Contractor, Darryl Waletzko, were also present. Nine residents and observers were in the audience, including Bob Hammar, resident on 233<sup>rd</sup> Ave, section 35.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MEETING AGENDA

Motion/Second to accept December Agenda by: Gotzian/Adams. Approved: Adams, Gotzian, Hassett, Peterson and Silverberg. Motion Passed.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Motion/Second to approve December Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented by: Silverberg/Hassett. Approved: Adams, Gotzian, Hassett and Silverberg. Opposed by: None. Abstaining: Peterson. Motion Passed.

SHERIFF'S ANNUAL REPORT

Sheriff Joel Brott addressed the Board and audience, giving his 2016 Annual Report. Orrock had 1780 total calls in 2016, which was up from 2015 and about the same as 2014. Serious criminal activity in the township consisted of two assaults, 10 burglaries, five narcotic related, six DUIs, three criminal sexual conduct, 18 theft, 10 criminal damage to property and zero homicides. Sheriff Brott also informed the Board the department hired five new patrol Deputies in 2016 and the newest member to the department is K-9 officer Riggs. Riggs' handler is Deputy Ryan Sturm. The Board had no questions for Sheriff Brott and thanked him, for his report.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNUAL JOINT CLEAN-UP DAY

Clerk Kimberly-Maas inquired on the Board's intent of participating in the Annual Clean-Up Day. Supervisor Silverberg noted it appears there is enough participation of Orrock residents to warrant participation. Clerk Kimberly-Maas stated the Township will need to provide a minimum of six, able bodied volunteers, who can work on their feet for the full day. Supervisor Silverberg will be Orrock's representative to the planning committee. The approximate cost to the Township in 2016 was \$7000. Clean-Up day is scheduled for Saturday May 6, 2017.

REPORT FROM JOINT COMMUNITY MEETING

Clerk Kimberly-Maas attended the Joint Community meeting, representing the Township. She informed the Board her findings on New Construction in Orrock Township. Nineteen new homes and one commercial building were built in 2016. The total cost of these projects was \$5,227,000.

ROADS

2017 ROAD PROJECTS

Engineer Mike Nielson, presented the Board with his recommendations for 2017 Road Projects. The fixed costs budget consists of Plowing, trimming, signs, mowing and general maintenance is \$152,000 for 2017. There will be roughly \$500,000 left in the Road and Bridge fund for projects. Mike learned bids coming in on other projects has the cost of bituminous lower than the projected. He anticipates bids on Orrock projects to come in lower than expected, as well. For that

reason, he added two alternates to the original project listing. The project list consists of mill and overlays on five segments of roads. Alternate #1 is an additional segment of road and alternate #2 had one segment will receiving "Texas Underlayment" as a test to see if the product lengthens road lifespan. Total cost of all projects, including alternates, is estimated to cost \$431,300. The Board asked Mike to look into the cost of connecting two roads in the Township, where the Town already has the easement, for project evaluation, either this year or in the near future.

Motion/Second to proceed with the bids for 2017 projects, including alternates by: Adams/Peterson. Approved: Adams, Gotzian, Hassett, Peterson and Silverberg. Motion Passed.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### BIG EAGLE LAKE SEDIMENT TRAP STUDY

Supervisor Adams reported the Big Eagle Lake sediment trap design was approved for grant money by the SWCD. The cost estimate is \$40,000, 75% (\$30,000) will be reimbursed by Sherburne County Soil and Water Conservation District with the Township covering the remaining \$10,000. Supervisor Adams recommended the Board proceed with the project.

Motion/Second to proceed with the Big Eagle Lake Sediment Trap project by: Adams/Hassett. Approved: Adams, Gotzian, Hassett, Peterson and Silverberg. Motion Passed.

##### 233<sup>RD</sup> AVE. NW THROUGH SECTIONS 35 & 36

Supervisor Adams addressed the Board with research he had done with to the segment of 233<sup>rd</sup> Ave. NW through sections 35 & 36. Supervisor Adams located Road Orders and other information on it, at Sherburne County Historical Society, Minnesota State Historical Society, Sherburne County Recorder's Office and Sherburne County Public Works. He found the records to show 233<sup>rd</sup> Ave was a County Road, beginning in 1889. Records indicate 233<sup>rd</sup> WEST of CSAH 15 was turned over to the Township in 1970, but no records to indicate 233<sup>rd</sup> EAST of CSAH 15 was turned over to the Town or the State. All of the Town's roads were surveyed in 1988 and an Affidavit was signed by the seated Clerk and Town Counsel, naming 233<sup>rd</sup> Ave. on both sided of CSAH 15 as Town Roads. He also found Town Road Orders for 168<sup>th</sup> St. NW and 257<sup>th</sup> Ave. in sections 15 & 16, indicating they are Town owned. He was unable to locate any new information on 233<sup>rd</sup> adjacent to State Land, in the north part of section 36. Supervisor Adams felt the DNR needs to prove they have ownership, at this point and the Board agreed.

FOLLOW UP TO BE DONE AS INFORMATION ARISES.

#### TREASURER'S BUSINESS

Treasurer Jones reported the Town received \$300,000 property tax money in December, as reflected in her report. The final payment of \$14,000 was received at the beginning of the week. This settlement will be reflected in the January 31, 2017 report.

##### APPROVAL OF CLAIMS/CONSENT AGENDA

Motion/Second to approve the Claims/Consent Agenda by: Silverberg/Hassett

Approved: Adams, Gotzian, Hassett, Peterson and Silverberg. Opposed by: None. Motion Passed.

##### TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jones reported the fund Balances as of December 31, 2016:

General Fund: \$ 89,902.06

Fire: \$ 82,986.76

Escrows:

Heritage Hills: \$0

Woodlands of Livonia: \$4,653.75

Shores of Eagle Lake: \$95,567.19

Pine Point: \$4,500.00

Thunderbuck: \$4,182.50

Timberquest: \$20,160.00

Donahue Estates: \$3,161.25

Harmony Village: \$0.00

Road & Bridge: \$ 441,254.59

Capital Reserve: \$139,373.35

Pine Cone: \$1,066.25

Savannah Meadows: \$6,612.61

Woods of Eagle Lake: \$506.82

Lonesome Oak: \$500.00

Horseshoe Estates: \$20,700.00

Deer Crossing: \$1,000.00

Jacob's Ridge: <\$11.25>

Mystic Ridge: <\$1414.50>

Motion/Second to accept the Treasurer's Report date ending 12/31/2016 by: Gotzian/Adams. Approved: Adams, Gotzian, Hassett, Peterson and Silverberg. Opposed by: None. Motion Passed.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Silverberg informed the Board of a ten-acre parcel purchase by the Zimmerman Fire Department. The parcel is west of downtown and is the future location of a Zimmerman fire hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second to adjourn the January Monthly Meeting at 7:51PM, on Wednesday January 25, 2017 by: Gotzian/Adams. Approved: Adams, Gotzian, Hassett, Peterson and Silverberg. Opposed by: None. Motion Passed, adjourning the Monthly Meeting, on Wednesday January 25, 2017 at 7:51PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brenda Kimberly-Maas  
Orrock Township Clerk

Accepted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2017, by the Orrock Township Board of Supervisors.

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Chairperson

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk