



Special Meeting
Monday, July 12, 2025 – 10:00AM

The Orrock Township Board met in a special session, on Saturday, July 12th, 2025 at Orrock Town Hall, 26401 180th Street NW, Big Lake, MN.

In attendance were Chair Anne Felber, Supervisors: Paul Ellinger, Bryan Adams, Dalton Keiderling and Peter Owen, Clerk Shelley Erickson and the Township Engineer Kevin Krueger. Also, in attendance were 6 members in the audience.

A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order by Chair Anne Felber at 10:00 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Approval Of Special Meeting Agenda

Anne Felber asked if there were any corrections to the agenda. Hearing none, she called for a vote.

Motion to approve the special meeting agenda was made by Paul Ellinger, seconded by Dalton Keiderling. The motion carried unanimously.

Special Meeting Business

West Eagle Lake Road Improvement

Kevin Kruger gave a presentation on the general scope and look of the West Eagle Lake Road improvement project. He explained that the project would cover 232nd Ave from Co. Rd. 75 E to corner of 232nd Ave/188th St., 188th St NW to the dead end, and 232nd Ave west to Co. Rd. 75.

Kruger outlined the general process of road reconstruction:

1. Tree clearing and pavement removal
2. Installation of erosion control measures
3. Stripping of topsoil
4. Storm sewer installation
5. Roadbed construction
6. Curb installation
7. First lift of paving
8. Driveway repairs and topsoil/seeding
9. Final lift of paving

He estimated the project would take about 5 weeks to complete depending on the weather. Kruger showed photos from a similar project to illustrate the various stages of construction.

The board and residents discussed several aspects of the project:

1. Road width: The current road varies from 16-20 feet wide. The plan is to widen it to 22 feet where possible but may need to go down to 20 feet in some narrow areas.
2. Right-of-way and property lines: In some areas, the existing road is outside the right-of-way. Kruger explained they would try to shift the road to stay within the right-of-way where possible.
3. Drainage: Plans include installing curb and gutter in steep areas and a new storm system to address flooding issues. Kruger proposed running a pipe from a low area to nearby wetlands to improve drainage on 188th St NW.
4. Tree removal: The board agreed that trees could be removed if necessary for the project, but wanted to minimize removal where possible.
5. Retaining walls: There was discussion about how to handle existing retaining walls that may be within the right-of-way.
6. Construction timing: The board discussed whether to do the project in spring or fall, considering factors like weather, school buses, and seasonal residents.
7. Cost estimate: Kruger estimated the project would cost between \$600,000 - \$650,000.

The board requested the idea of pursuing an easement for storm water installation on nearby property. They also agreed to look into purchasing a small portion of land at a problematic corner to improve drainage.

Kruger recommended bidding the project in fall for construction next spring/summer. The board seemed amenable to this timeline.

Announcements

Anne Felber reminded everyone that the regular July board meeting would be held on Wednesday, July 23rd at 7 PM at the Orrock Town Hall.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paul Ellinger, seconded by Dalton Keiderling. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelley Erickson
Town of Orrock, Clerk

Accepted this 23rd day of July 2025 by the Orrock Township Board of Supervisors.

Anne Felber, Chair

Attest: _____
Shelley Erickson, Town Clerk