

Vermillion Township Regular Meeting Minutes July 7, 2022

Attendance:

Supervisor Chairman Larry Ring
Supervisor Audrey Felty
Clerk Cindy Ladzun
Treasurer Nick Rueger
Attorney Leah Koch

Chairman Ring opened the meeting at 7:10 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The supervisors reviewed the June 2, 2022 meeting minutes and Felty motioned to accept them as written. Ring seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Rueger presented the claims to the board. Felty motioned to accept the claims as presented. Ring seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Rueger presented a verbal summary of the Treasurer's report. Felty motioned to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Ring seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Old Business:

- Road & Bridge Contract - Koch explained that if a road and bridge contractor's work is under \$175k the township is able to do direct negotiation to solicit bids for the contract, however, state statute does request that the township solicit two bids whenever possible. The supervisors agreed that the township will solicit bids to the same contractors that were sent in previous years which include: Kimmes Enterprises, MN Sodding Company, Luhmann's Construction of Red Wing and Otte Excavating. Ladzun will add a fuel surcharge line to the bid request per the direction of the supervisors. Ring would like the solicitation to be sent out as with a receipt request via the USPS.

New Business:

- Ag Shed Ordinance – Koch explained how the building ordinance could be improved to include ag shed, accessory building, home, etc. The supervisors would like Koch to work on a draft ordinance revision and bring it back to the table at a future meeting.
- Exempt Agriculture Building Application – An application was presented to the board for review along with two versions of a certification form that could be added to the application itself. The supervisors agreed that they would like the certification form to be included with the application itself as it clearly spells out what an ag shed can be used for. Felty motioned to accept the application, Ring seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried. Felty motioned to accept version two of the certification form that is to be included with the application, Ring seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.
- Demolition Application – An application and checklist was presented to the board for review. Felty motioned to accept the application and checklist, Ring seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

- Vermillion Wellhead Water Plan – A copy of the plan was presented to the board for review. The supervisors agreed that they have no comments regarding the plan.
- Election Judges - A list of the judges the township has available for the August Primary and General Election was presented to the board for review. Felty motioned to accept the election judge list with the striking of Denise L. Werner. Ring seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.
- Hastings Rural Fire Association - A First Amendment to the Hastings Rural Fire Association Joint Powers Agreement was presented to the board to review. This amendment would allow the HRFAJPA to appoint a secretary or treasurer outside of their board. Felty motioned to accept the amendment to the HRFAJPA, Ring seconded the motion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Other Business

Doug A'bere from Dakota County Transportation informally attended the meeting to remind the supervisors of the Public Open House for the 66/62 Highway 52 Interchange Study that will be held on July 27th from 4:30 – 6:30pm at the USW #662 Union Hall. Dakota County will be giving detailed information regarding this project at the open house.

Felty provided an update on the sign installation. Since the original quote did not include the removal of the old signs, Felty will request the contractor to perform this work as an additional charge. A tentative date for the sign installation will take place sometime during the week of July 18th.

Resident Craig Ohern attended the meeting to discuss the progress happening at his property. Felty mentioned that the metal roof was to come down by this meeting, however, Craig explained that it had been delayed because stuff underneath it needs to be removed first. He did call an auctioneer, so that is a possibility on the cleanup process. He would like Mark Ceminsky the Building Inspector to come out again to see the progress. Ring to arrange an onsite meeting and Felty will try to attend so she can see the roof removal progress first hand. Ring told Ohern that he will need to apply for a demolition permit.

Ring mentioned that the sweeping of the Empire area streets is scheduled.

Loren Kahl was concerned about kids that are driving dirt bike that appear under the age of 16. Felty told him to call 911 and he stated they never come. Ring will make a call to the sheriff's department.

Dream Team – Ken Kasel notified the supervisors that the Dream Team left the home that they had been renting. Koch suggested Ring or Felty drive by and check that they are gone.

Adjourn

At 8:18 p.m. Felty motioned to adjourn; Ring seconded. All were in favor and motion carried.

Cynthia Ladzun
Vermillion Township Clerk

CLAIMS (BILLS TO PAY)

YEAR	CONTRACTOR	AMOUNT	ACCT. NUMBER	ITEM		
2022	KIMMIES ENTERPRISES	\$87,203.76		SIGNS		(\$6,032.78)
2022	BEAVER CREEK CO	\$29,572.42	VT-22-106	PERMITS		(\$14,025.49)
2022	CAMPBELL KNUTSON	\$15,379.44	35256	GENERAL LAW SERVICES		(\$2,709.26)
2022	HRFA	\$52,471.14	17322	VT DUST CONTROL		(\$31,227.22)
2022	ENVIRO TECH	\$31,227.22		MAY WORK		(\$18,949.44)
2022	PINE BEND PAVING	\$27,498.20		BUILDING PERMIT SURCHARGE REPORT		(\$1,187.47)
2022	SOLBERG	\$22,345.78		BUS FOR VT ROAD TOUR		(\$250.00)
				EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT		(\$789.76)
				ADS		(\$134.54)
				1" CLASS 5		(\$8,934.32)
				VT CELL		(\$50.01)
				VT UTILITY		(\$15.88)
				PAYROLL		(\$6,558.90)
				MILEAGE & REIMBURSEMENTS		(\$755.22)
				PAYROLL		(\$582.35)
				MILEAGE & REIMBURSEMENTS		(\$122.85)
				TOTAL		(\$92,325.49)

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