**HAWLEY TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

Location: 405 6th Street, Hawley

Date: March 1, 2022

**Chairman Everett Nelson opened the meeting at 7:02 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Present:** Chairman Everett Nelson, Supervisor Rick Weaver, Supervisor Daren Tangen, Treasurer Linda Ekre, Clerk Barb Gilson, Chris Guida and Chad Murray.

**Approval/Additions to the Agenda:** Gravel and road maintenance proposal, Liquor license request, Spring MAT training courses and Annual Meeting Agenda were all added. **Tangen moved to approve the agenda with additions, Weaver second, motion carried.**

**Public Comment:** None

**Clerk’s Report:** Nelson said there were twenty-eight Fire Calls, not twenty. **Weaver moved to approve the minutes with the correction, Tangen second, motion carried.** Chris Guida presented a letter regarding her comments at the January 11, 2022, meeting . She asked the board if it could be added to the meeting minutes. **Weaver moved to amend the letter to the minutes, Tangen second, motion carried.** It will be posted with the January Minutes on the town’s website.

**Treasure’s Report: Weaver moved to approve, Tangen second, motion carried.**

**Building Permits:** None

**Presentation of Bills:**

1. **Hawley Herald, Inc Ballots $31.00 Check #2676**
2. **Hawley Old Timers Rent/ 2 Meetings $145.00 Check #2677**
3. **Barb Gilson Stamps $11.60 Check #2678**

**Weaver moved to approve payment, Tangen second, motion carried.**

**Correspondence:**

1. Gravel Proposal from Fitzgerald Construction, Inc.
2. Minnesota LTAP brochure regarding Road Maintenance and Design.
3. Letter and brochure from Central Applicators from Foley, Minnesota.
4. LM Road Services Right-of Way Mowing Agreement.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**General Business:**

1. The attorney has not finished the Township Land Use Ordinance update.
2. The final public comment period was over for the Clay County Comprehensive Plan 2045. Nelson stated that township comments were included in the plan especially well and aquifer concerns. Clay County hopes to have the final plan approved by April.
3. The people interested in purchasing land from Gary Johnson have changed their mind so the Johnson single lot subdivision will not be addressed at this time.

**Road and Bridges:**

1. Nelson met with Harley Dauner about the county snowplow driver “winging” snow in the ditch. Nelson stated that it would “ stay as is”.
2. Nelson attended the court hearing held February 3, 2022, regarding setting a Motion Hearing Date for the Hawley Township vs Larson Goes Global. Nelson learned that in 2012, Larson refused the county to use the turn-around. Clay County never notified the Hawley Township.
3. The third-party defendant, Tamara K Bosak-Frolek had responded to the Larson Enterprises Goes Global LLC’S lawsuit.
4. Weaver had attended the Clay County 2022-2023 Maintenance Contract Meeting. The new road maintenance contract is $852 per mile which is an increase of $39 from last year’s rate. Weaver explained the rate is based on a five-year average. **Tangen moved to approve hiring Clay County Maintenance, Weaver second, motion passed unanimously.**

**Fire and HERT:** None

**Landfill:** Nelson attended a Solid Waste Meeting in February. He mentioned that Clay County had notified the state of its intention for the revenue from the General Fund be transferred to recycling.

**Weed and Gopher:** The board reviewed the Mowing Agreement from LM Road Services and information from Central Applicators, Inc. from Foley, Minnesota. **Weaver moved to accept LM Road Services Agreement at $35 per mile in the Spring, $35 per mile in the Fall, $28 per mile for Fall Deep Cut and $3 per gallon Spring spot spraying, Tangen second, motion passed unanimously.** Tangen said he would contact LM Road Services regarding Fall spraying and it would be discussed at April’s Meeting.

**Other Old Business:** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**General Business:**

1. Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) has virtual training courses scheduled inMid-March. **Weaver moved to reimburse whoever attends $75 per meeting, Tangen second, motion carried.**
2. Nelson had been contacted about approving a Liquor License for Kasin’s Event Center.

One of Kasin’s requirements with the county is approval from the Hawley Township. There is nothing in the Hawley Township Ordinance for or against this. After discussion, Nelson thought the board needed input from their neighbors. **Weaver moved sending a letter to all residents within a mile radius of the Event Center, inviting them to the April 5th Meeting, Tangen second, motion passed unanimously.** Nelson said he would contact Kasin’s.

1. The board reviewed the 2021 Summary of Funds provided by the treasurer. The supervisors will set the 2023 Levy at the March 8, Annual Meeting. **Weaver moved to recommend the General Fund remain at $20,000, Tangen second, motion carried. Weaver moved to recommend the Road and Bridges Fund remain at $50,000, Tangen second, motion carried. Weaver moved to recommend the Weed and Gopher Fund remain at $5,000, Tangen second, motion carried. Weaver moved to recommend the Fire and HERT Fund remain at $25,000, Tangen second, motion carried.**
2. Gilson asked if there were any additions for the Annual Meeting Agenda. The board suggested adding the Spring Training Courses .

**Road and Bridges:**

1. The board thought the Dust Control Reimbursement Program was successful. **Weaver moved the rate of reimbursement remain at 50%, Tangen second, motion passed unanimously.**
2. The next item on the agenda was Spring Overweight Permits. **Tangen moved to approve Overweight Permits to Alderon, Peterman Farm and Buffalo River Excavating, Weaver second, motion carried.**

**Fire and HERT:** None

**Landfill:** The Landfill will provide a letter regarding recycling and the new landfill drop off. The board decided the Landfill letter should be mailed with the dust control letter.

**There was no other New Business.**

**Adjournment: Weaver moved to adjourn at 8:22 PM, Tangen second, motion carried.**

**Everett Nelson, Chairman \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Daren Tangen, Vice-Chairman \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Barb Gilson, Clerk \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**