**HAWLEY TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

Location: 405 6th St Hawley

Date: August 4, 2020

**Chairman Rick Weaver opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Present:** Chairman Rick Weaver, Supervisor Everett Nelson, Supervisor Daren Tangen, Treasurer Linda Ekre, Clerk Barb Gilson, Brian Gullickson, Claudia Murray, Dave Tangen, Karen Hanson and Chris Guida.

**Approval/ Additions to the Agenda:** Schedule Public Hearing, 50th Ave South( old business) .

**Public Comment:** None

**Clerk’s Report: Nelson moved to approve, Tangen second, motion carried.**

**Treasurer’s Report: Tangen moved to approve, Nelson second, motion carried.**

**Building Permits:** None

**Presentation of Bills:**

1. **Clayton Larson Dust Control Reimbursement $84.48 Check #2513**
2. **Rick Peterson Dust Control Reimbursement $ 253.44 Check #2514**
3. **City of Hawley Fire District & HERT $6476.18 Check #2515**
4. **Cline Jensen P.A. Attorney Fees $145.00 Check # 2516**
5. **Hawley Old Timers Rent/ Storage $100.00 Check #2517**
6. **Linda Ekre Wages $147.82 Check 32518**
7. **Everett Nelson Wages & Expenses $389.32 Check #2519**
8. **Daren Tangen Wages $147.82 Check #2520**
9. **Barb Gilson Wages $147.82 Check #2521**
10. **Rick Weaver Wages & Expenses $169.07 Check # 2522**
11. **PERA Contributions $670.00 Check #2523**
12. **LM Road Services Mowing & Spraying $1273.50 Check #2524**
13. **Victor Lundeen Claim Forms $50.63 Check #2525**

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

**Correspondence:**

1. Letter from Hawley Public Schools regarding CARES Funding.
2. First Invoice from Hawley Area Fire Department for Branden and Brenda Norris.
3. Notice of District 9 Meeting scheduled for August 17, 2020.
4. Noxious Weed notice from the Clay County Soil and Water District.
5. The Hourglass newsletter from the Historical Society.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**General Business:**

1. The board discussed funding from the Federal CARES program and the request from Hawley Public Schools. Weaver did not know if the Township had any expenses related to the virus. Guida asked if broadband assistance for home learning qualified. Gilson thought it was only for expenditures such as technology for video meetings and costs for additional services provided by the township. The board agreed more information was needed for determining what qualifies and if dollars can be tranfered to the Schools.
2. Everyone was comfortable with the Quarterly pay schedule.
3. **Nelson moved to appoint Dennis Olsen and Keith Cederburg to the Planning Commission, Tangen second, motion carried.**

**Road and Bridges:**

1. Weaver opened the discussion regarding improvements on the minimum maintenance portion of 12th Ave South. He explained that Carr’s Tree Service had not given him enough time to contact anyone for the meeting. The bid was for cutting trees with a bucket truck or using a brush mower that would clear brush 10 feet from the driving surface. Gullickson had the clerk read the motion made from the Special Meeting held in June. The motion was only from 190th St South and Murray’s driveway. Murray was against clearing with the brush mower. The board said they were authorized to trim overhanging branches on the other portion so gravel could be spread. The landowners said they were willing to sign an agreement for removing trees so the culvert could be repaired and so gravel could get spread. Nelson said he would have the town attorney write an agreement. **Nelson moved to get on Carr’s list to remove trees at the culvert, Tangen second, motion carried.**
2. Next the board discussed road issues on 200th St by the Vet Clinic and the Gloryland Road. Dave Tangen stated that frost boils were still an issue. A permit from the Watershed would be needed for a larger culvert. A permit would not be necessary for 12th Ave South because the culvert was not being moved or water flow changed.
3. The board reviewed the final GIS Map. Passing a Resolution accepting the map was tabled. An appendix regarding 12th Ave South had not been included.
4. Issues with the ditch on Duane Hansen’s property on 50th Ave was discussed. The road had been bladed. Nelson said he had not heard anything back from the sheriff. Hanson was also working on his approach on 220th Street with rock and concrete. It would need to be leveled off before winter maintenance. Nelson said he would have the attorney send Hanson a letter to improve the crossing before getting an injunction, and he would contact the sheriff again.

**Fire and HERT:** Nelson learned at the July 15th Fire Hall Meeting that the city was waiting for bids on the fire hall addition and that there was a theft investigation for gaming fraud. Guida asked if the City of Hawley and other townships were going to reimburse the township for legal fees. Nelson said there was no written agreement for payment and that the township had agreed to finance expenses associated with the construction of the new fire hall. The clerk would complete a total amount spent and Nelson said he would bring it up at the next Fire District Meeting.

**Landfill:**

1. Work on the landfill project was behind schedule.
2. Clay County had increased the amount of the Landfill Location Stipend to $7500.00. Twenty five percent of that must be used in reduction of solid waste activities. Nelson said a letter needed to be sent to the Solid Waste Administrator regarding steps to reduce solid waste, litter control and promote more recycling. Murray commented that the local Boy Scouts clean ditches every year. The board would check if dollars from the 25% fund could be donated to non-profit organizations.

**Weed and Gopher:**

1. LM Road Services had completed mowing and spraying. Tangen contacted them regarding the east end of 12th Ave South. LM said they would take care of it this fall.
2. Nelson said there was a leafy spurge problem on property north of his residence that is currently leased by Fish and Wildlife.

**Other Old Business**: Dennis Olsen was still having difficulty setting up an updated webpage for the township. Gilson had Olsen contact the Murrays to see if they could help or make a referral.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**General Business:**

1. **Nelson moved to approve the Petition of Shawn and Teresa Nelson to annex certain land to the City of Hawley, Tangen second, motion carried.**
2. A Planning Commission Meeting regarding an Interim Use Mining Permit was scheduled for Tuesday, August 25th at 7:00 pm.
3. The town’s storage unit had been broken in to, again.

**There was no other new business.**

**Adjournment: Nelson moved to adjourn at 8:45 PM, Tangen second, motion carried.**

**Rick Weaver, Chairman \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Everett Nelson, Vice-Chairman \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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