**HAWLEY TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

Location: 405 6th St Hawley

Date: December 22, 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, Bill and Beverly Henning, Chad and Claudia Murray and Greg Strommen.

**Additions to the Agenda:** Designating town polling place.

**Public Comment:** None

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

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

**Building Permits:** Nelson had approved two.

**Presentation of Bills:**

1. **Cline Jenson Attorney Fees $ 611.50 Check # 2551**
2. **MATIT Insurance Premium $ 1615.00 Check # 2552**
3. **Hawley Old Timers Rent/Storage $ 100.00 Check # 2553**
4. **LM Road Services Ditch Mowing $ 1672.00 Check # 2554**
5. **Barb Gilson GoDaddy & Stamps $ 309.64 Check # 2555**
6. **Rick Weaver Wages/ Expenses $ 239.24 Check # 2556**
7. **Daren Tangen Wages $ 295.65 Check # 2557**
8. **Barb Gilson Wages $ 221.74 Check # 2558**
9. **Everett Nelson Wages/ Expenses $ 792.48 Check # 2559**
10. **Linda Ekre Wages $ 221.74 Check # 2560**

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

**\*Linda Ekre paid $2.00 for Affidavit of Candidacy for Treasure.**

**Correspondence:**

1. Minnesota LTAP Newsletter.
2. Sellin Brothers Christmas Card.
3. Carr’s Tree Service Christmas Card and Gift.
4. MATIT Workers’ Compensation Insurance Policy and Mat Audit.
5. Historical Society Hourglass and Letter Regarding Year-End Gift.
6. Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2020 Clay County Association of Township Officers.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**General Business:** The township website is up and running.

**Road and Bridges:**

1. Greg Strommen from the Clay County Trailblazers Snowmobile Club stated he was hoping the township would allow the trail on 12th Ave South to remain open for the 2020-2021 snowmobile season. He had met with the three landowners on the west end of 12th Ave and outlined a plan to put up 10 MPH signs and signage stating, “ Road Closed Except for Snowmobiles”. He also discussed the township passing an ordinance to allow the DNR and Sheriff’s Office to issue tickets for speeding. Strommen explained that May 15, 2020 had been their deadline to post trail changes with the County and the DNR and they had not received the notice from the township until November. Strommen also mentioned that there were ongoing discussions about moving in the future because of right-of- way issues and the new subdivisions.

Weaver felt it was too late in the season to pass an ordinance, but Nelson said he would look into it. Gilson read an Email from Gullickson stating he had no problem with the Club using 12th Ave South. Chad Murray said it was okay to continue for this season.

**Nelson moved to allow the Clay County Trailblazers Snowmobile Club to use 12th Ave South for the 2020-2021 snowmobile season, Tangen second, motion passed unanimously.**

1. Next the board reviewed the Certificate of Survey and the updated Easement regarding road and culvert improvements on 12th Ave South. The Murrays’ and Gullickson approved and Chad and Claudia Murray signed the Easement.
2. Nelson presented the letter Cline Jensen, PLLC had prepared for Duane Hanson regarding the illegal use of right-of-way on 50th Ave South. The board decided that January 4, 2021 would be the deadline for removing debris sticking up that could interfere with road plowing; and all the remaining material would have to be removed by May 15, 2021. They also decided to include the unauthorized approach mentioned in the email from Bev Bernhardson. **Nelson moved to send the letter with conditions, Tangen second, motion carried.**

**Fire and HERT:** The new fire truck is now in service. Bid issues have caused delays with the firehall addition construction.

**Landfill:** The only work remaining is on the new drop off site and seeding in the Spring.

**Weed and Gopher:** Ninety-five gophers had been submitted to Tangen.

**Other Old Business:** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**General Business:**

1. Nelson presented the Application for Platted Subdivision on Lake Maria from Nuggett Investments, LLC. Nelson had received payment for the hearing from Ray Reading . **The Planning Commission will meet Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.**
2. The board passed Hawley Resolution 12-20 designating the Town Hall , located at 405 6th St Hawley, as the Designated Annual Polling Place for 2021.

**Road and Bridges:** None

**Fire and HERT:** Bill Henning thanked Supervisor Nelson for all his hard work for a new firehall.

**Landfill:** Clay County Commissioner,Jenny Mongeau would be presenting the Hawley Township with a check at the January meeting and someone from the Solid Waste Department will discuss how the town will make use of a portion of the funds to help in the reduction of solid waste and to increase recycling.

**Weed and Gopher:** None

**Other New Business:** None

**Adjournment: Nelson moved to adjourn at 8:11 PM, Tangen second, motion carried.**

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

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

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