**HAWLEY TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

Date: January 11,2022

Location: 405 6th Street, Hawley

**Chairman Everett Nelson opened the meeting at 7:05 with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Present:** Chairman Everett Nelson, Supervisors Rick Weaver and Daren Tangen, Treasurer Linda Ekre, Clerk Barb Gilson, Chris Guida and Denise Graunke.

**Approval/Additions to the Agenda: Weaver moved to approve the agenda, Tangen second, motion carried.**

**Public Comment:** None

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

**Treasurer’s Report: Tangen moved to accept, Weaver second, motion carried.**

**Building Reports:** None

**Presentation of Bills:**

1. **Hawley Old Timers Rent/Storage $100.00 Check #2664**
2. **MATIT Insurance $1350.00 Check #2665**
3. **City of Hawley Hawley Area Fire District $3340.00 Check #2666**
4. **CJB Law Attorney Fees $4050.00 Check #2667**
5. **PERA \*4th Qtr. 2021 Distribution $97.50 Auto**

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

**Correspondence:**

1. Christmas Cards from Sellin Brothers and Clay County Fair.
2. Building Permit for Derek and Brittany Klosterman.
3. Minnesota LTAP Newsletter.
4. Notice from Excel Energy regarding Natural Gas Rate Increase.
5. Letter from Historical Society.
6. Insurance Policy for 2022.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**General Business:** Still waiting for information from the town attorney regarding land use ordinance amendments.

**Road and Bridges:**

1. The tree in the right-of-way on 7th Ave South had been cut.
2. The road closure signs were in place on the minimum maintenance portion of 12th Ave South. Guida told the board that they did not have the authority to close the road. She said the minimum maintenance road was illegal and did not meet Minnesota Statutes requirements. She felt the road should be full maintenance and wanted the board to check with the town attorney. She said a minimum maintenance road did not mean no maintenance. Nelson stated the Town Board was the Road Authority for the Township. The road was closed because there is no winter maintenance and they hoped to prevent people getting stuck. Weaver said there was periodic maintenance performed and cited the recent culvert repair, tree trimming and gravel work. Weaver also clarified that a Resolution had been passed recently where this portion of 12th Ave South was officially Recorded as a Minimum Maintenance Road. Gilson said the two landowners on the minimum maintenance portion had been clear they were against having the road brought up to full maintenance standards. She said closing the road could be the best solution. ( Nelson clarified that the instead of “closing” the road, it would technically be abandoning the road ) Nelson said he would pursue the issue and it would be discussed at the February Meeting.
3. A Notice of Case Filing and Assignment had been served and the Board was waiting to hear from the Court regarding a hearing date with Larson Enterprises Goes Global.
4. Weaver had replaced the stop sign at the intersection of 12th Ave South and 200th Street South.

**Fire and HERT:** Meeting this evening.

**Landfill:** The supervisors discussed the December Solid Waste Meeting.

**Weed and Gopher:** None

**Other Old Business:** Graunke asked if there was any resolution regarding land access for Peter Henry. The board had not heard anything.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**General Business:**

1. Weaver said information from the Census Bureau was being sent to the clerk.
2. January 11 was the last day for completing Affidavits of Candidacy. Nelson filed for the Supervisor position and Graunke for the Clerk position.

**Road and Bridges:** No one had heard back from Greg Strommen regarding an additional Snowmobile Trail Permit.

**There was no other New Business.**

**Adjournment: Weaver moved to adjourn at 6:40 pm, Tangen second, motion carried.**

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

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

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