Milaca Township – Monday, February 11, 2019

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Time: 7:00 PM

Board Members Present: Chairman Dan Hufstedler, Supervisor Harold Bauer, Supervisor Rob Droogsma, Treasurer Tami James, and Deputy Clerk Sadie Ash, and equipment operator Dave Fransen.

Dan Hufstedler called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and the flag was pledged.

Dan Hufstedler made a motion to approve the agenda, Harold second. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan Hufstedler made a motion to approve the minutes for January’s regular board meeting, seconded by Rob Droogsma. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan Hufstedler made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report and cash control statement for January, second by Harold Bauer. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan Hufstedler made a motion to approve claims and gross payroll, as presented, for February, seconded by Harold Bauer. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Dan noted that he had been informed of any interest re: to the open snowplower position. Sadie noted that she would follow up with Diana to see if Justin still had any interest.

The Board briefly discussed the 2020 levy recommendation (as has been reviewed and discussed in detail in previous meetings). Rob made a motion to approve the 2020 levy recommendation of $150,000 – allocated between the Township’s three funds as follows: general fund = $27,500, fire fund = $22,500 and the road fund $100,000, seconded by Harold Bauer. Motion carried unanimously.

Tony, police officer, present at the meeting presented a quick update on the calls for service for this past month (January). There were 43 calls for service, which is relatively comparable to past months. He mentioned that he did speak with a motorcyclist in the area and asked that they slow down – issues have decreased significantly!

Dan H. provided the board with an update re: to his conversations/communication with Bruce C. at Mille Lacs County re: to the County’s request to use 170th Street & Avenue as detours. Dan noted that he sent Bruce an email, but has yet to connect with him and hear back yet. He reiterated that the Township’s number one concern is that dust is mitigated – secondary concern (but notable) is ensuring and regulating speed limits. Dan is going to follow up with Bruce.

No board member obtained board of equalization training by February 1, 2019.

Sadie reminded the board that the 2019 March elections are quickly approaching and are scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2019 from 5pm-8pm, with the annual meeting following right after, to begin
New Business
Road Report: Plowed snow two times in January - two full rounds. Dan joined Dave the second time out. Dan took care of the township roads west of 18 and Dave took care of township roads east of 18. Dave and Dan did discuss that they have been having difficulties with cleaning out the cul-de-sacs well. Noting that their oblong football shapes are tough to clean well and mailboxes are getting in the way too. Dan noted that he received a few phone calls from residents that were frustrated (a couple from Big Eddy Acres). Dave and Dan did address those complaints – as able. May need to consider hiring Dave’s Excavating to assist with getting these tighter spots. Also discussed possibly bunching mailboxes to get them out of the way, so to have enough room to pile snow. Rob also noted that he has a truck and a skid steer and would be happy to help, as needed. Dave noted that he plans to get some salt from the city (5 yards) – and will mix it with sand.

Sadie noted that she received a request from a township resident who lives across the road from the townhall, to use the townhall in case of an emergency. She explained that she is starting a licensed daycare and needs to have an emergency plan in case they need to evacuate her home. The board members expressed no issues with allowing her such potential access. They simply asked that she let a board member or Sadie know if she needs to use the hall, so that we can keep a pulse on its use (if it is ever needed). Sadie to follow up with her and let her know this.

Sadie, deputy clerk, made a recommendation to appoint Nancy Millam as head judge for the upcoming elections, and Jim Pluimer, Ardy Becklin, Brianna Hoskins and herself (Sadie A.) as election judges for the March 12th election. Dan Hufstedler made a motion to approve the recommended nominees, and Harold Bauer seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

Rob brought up the topic of possibly pumping the townhall’s sewer system. None of the board members are sure how big the tank is and when the last time that it has been pumped. Rob is going to look into this and get something scheduled.

Dan is planning to draft the contract for gravel, to provide to George Mastey. Dan also noted that the Township will need to contract out brush hogging for 2019. He explained that he has been in touch with a guy that will likely be able to complete this work for the Township this spring/summer.

Sadie reminded the board and present residents that the March elections are next month, Tuesday, March 12, 2019 from 5pm-8pm, with the Annual Meeting following and the Board of Reorganization the following Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

Checks and other documentation were signed by the supervisors, deputy clerk, and treasurer, as appropriate.

Dan Hufstedler made a motion to adjourn, second by Harold Bauer. Motion carried. 7:41pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sadie Ash, deputy clerk

Approved:

Dan Hufstedler, chairman