Milaca Township – Monday, March 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 February’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 February, second by Harold Bauer. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan Hufstedler made a motion to approve claims and gross payroll, as presented, for March, seconded by Harold Bauer. Motion carried unanimously – pending one additional check of $583.00, paid to ECE. Check #8700, claim #18490.

Old Business

Board began discussions re: to the timing of the gravel payment for G. Mastey. Dan noted that he is planning to write up a purchase agreement and then will review with George prior to issuing payment. Dan is also going to work to find a soil tester to test and ensure that the crushed gravel is up to code. He also noted that Dean Peterson is not interested in doing this, as he has done in the past. Rob asked how the Board was planning to pay George, to which the Board agreed they would wait to pay until the gravel is crushed; will pay in April.

Dan has not received any additional communication from Bruce Cochran at Mille Lacs County in regards to the County’s use of 170th as a detour this summer. Dan noted that Bruce replied to his email with the following response: “thanks for the response.” Dan did say that the county is planning to use chloride to control the dust, he is not sure about whether or not they are going to be making changes to the speed limit, and reiterated that any complaints should be and will be directed to the county.

Rob explained that he has discussed with a company that will pump the township’s sewer, but they will hold off on doing so until it warms up.

March elections are set for tomorrow evening. Sadie gave a brief update that the following are set to serve as election judges: Nancy Millam (head judge), Jim Pluimer, Ardy Becklin, Brianna Hoskins, and Sadie (herself), as needed.

The annual meeting is scheduled to follow the elections directly thereafter, starting around 8:15pm;
and also confirmed the Board’s recommendation for the 2020 levy as follows: $150,000 = $100,000 for the road fund, $22,500 for the fire fund and $27,500 for the general fund. Sadie plans to present to the present residents tomorrow evening.

**New Business**
Road Report: February was a crazy month! Dave worked like crazy this past month. He worked all through the night with the second significant storm during the month. Dan noted that he did need to bring in Dave’s Excavating to assist with the past two storms to assist Dave – otherwise she would have worked about 24 hours straight. Daven’s Excavating did a good job. The Township’s truck’s motor did go out, though. Dan’s recommendation is to get rid of the truck – the township still does not have a functional box, and the transmission is going out. This is not a surprise, as they were expecting the truck to continue to deteriorate. Dan estimates the purchase of a replacement truck will be ~$20k-$30k (a 2007 or 2008 model, fully equipped truck). Dan has been looking into the township’s options. Has reached out to a couple other townships, but noted they will likely give it some time before replacing. Rob also assisted with some cul-de-sacs with his truck and skid to clean up and push the snow. There will be some mailboxes that need to be replaced and put in different spots this upcoming spring.

As noted, having issues with the current truck’s motor. Will be looking into replacing in the coming year.

The board reviewed and approved the Foreston Fire contract – cost is virtually the same as in previous years.

The road review is scheduled for April 26, to start at 2pm from the townhall and will continue until all township roads have been inspected.

Upcoming events: board of reorganization meeting scheduled for March 19, 2019 at 7pm. Spring short courses hosted by MAT on March 26th, and Anderson Borthers is hosting a Township and City Forum on April 23rd, and the Town Law Review is scheduled for April 18th, 2019.

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

Harold Bauer made a **motion to adjourn**, second by Rob Droogsma. Motion carried. 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

[Signature]
Sadie Ash, deputy clerk

Approved:

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Dan Hufstedler, chairman

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Robert Droogsma, Vice-chairman