Milaca Township – Monday, April 8, 2019

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Time: 7:00 PM                                       Location: Town hall

Board Members Present: Supervisor/Vice President Rob Droogsma (ran meeting in Dan’s absence), Supervisor Harold Bauer, Treasurer Tami James, and Clerk Sadie Ash, and equipment operator Dave Fransen. Chairman Dan Hufstedler, not present.

Rob Droogsma called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and the flag was pledged.

Rob Droogsma made a motion to approve the agenda, Harold second. Motion carried unanimously.

Rob Droogsma made a motion to approve the minutes for March’s regular board meeting, seconded by Rob Harold. Motion carried unanimously. The minutes from the March board of reorganization (had on 3/19/19) will be reviewed at a future regular meeting.

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

Rob Droogsma made a motion to approve claims and gross payroll, as presented, for April, seconded by Harold Bauer.

Old Business
Board reviewed the list of donations that were recommended to be made by the town residents during the March annual meeting, conducted on March 12, 2019. Rob Droogsma made a motion to approve the following donations as recommended by the town residents and Harold Bauer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Approved donation amounts:

- Milaca Area Pantry - $400
- Pease Fireworks - $505
- Milaca Area Historical Society - $200
- County Fair - $400
- Chasbrook Cemetery - $400
- Brookside Cemetery - $400
- Pearl Crisis Center - $250

Total approved donations = $2,555       Approved donations will be paid w/May disbursements.

There were no updates as they pertain to 170th Street being used as a detour due to Dan H. not being present at the meeting. Will obtain next month, as appropriate.

Foreston Fire contract was signed by Rob Droogsma.

New Business
Road Report: Dave provided an update on the status of the roads. He explained that he has been
blading every other day. Dan has been operating the packer behind Dave. There are some rather bad frost boils that they have been working over every other day. Dave also noted that Dave’s Excavating put a new culvert in by the chicken bars (near Peterson farms). He also explained that he is in the process of pulling together a list of the roads that need some attention. There was rain last week that did cause some problems. George M. has not yet started crushing the township’s gravel.

Board discussed the need to determine who will be hauling gravel for the township. Will operate similarly to last year, as it went very smoothly. Sadie is going to draft a notice for the need of a gravel hauler. Will be sure to again indicate the requirement of belly dumps and will note the need to be able to spread about 8,500 cu. yards of Class 5, and that the township is requesting a price/yard. The board is hoping to spread the gravel shortly after the road restrictions are released. Sadie to publish for two weeks prior to needing quotes (by May 13, 2019 meeting).

No board members attended the spring short course hosted by MAT.

The road review is scheduled for April 25th, starting at 2pm – planning to leave from the townhall. All roads are planned to be reviewed.

Sadie is going to follow up with Justine to secure a time that she can schedule the townhall to be cleaned. Planning to also ask if Justine can assist with obtaining/restocking the toiletries and cleaning supplies. Sadie will assist if Justine is not able to.

Sadie reminded the board members of two upcoming events hosted by Anderson Brother and the Town Law Review – no board members are able to attend.

The township’s assigned deputy was present at the meeting and reported the following: there were 36 calls for service last month (in March 2019) – a few more than in other months. There is a safe & sober push starting this month on Hwy 23. Rob did inquire of the deputy if there was any way that the township could be of assistance to the local police department. He noted that they might be in need of a place to conduct specialized training. The board voiced agreement that they would be open to allowing the use of the hall for such training.

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

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Sadie Ash, clerk

Approved:

Rob Droogsma, chairman