

Milaca Township – Monday, May 13, 2019
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Town hall

Board Members Present: Chairman Dan Hufstedler, Supervisor Rob Droogsma, Supervisor Harold Bauer, Treasurer Tami James, and 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.

Rob Droogsma made a **motion to approve the minutes for April's regular board meeting, the Board of Reorganization meeting and road review meeting minutes** seconded by Harold. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Harold Bauer made a **motion to approve claims and gross payroll, as presented, for May**, seconded by Dan Hufstedler.

New Business

Wendy Hoeck presented the Board with the annual liquor license renewal for Milaca Golf Club. The Board approved the license – Dan H. and Sadie A. signed and provided back to Wendy.

Arnie Evenson, supervisor for neighboring township in Benton county, was present at the meeting. Discussion ensued re: to maintenance of the road that is shared by the two townships. Arnie's township (Granite Ledge) is responsible for maintaining the road during odd years (2019 is one of those years) and Milaca Township is responsible for maintaining the roads during even years. Arnie and the Milaca Board agreed that whichever township is able to obtain gravel/hauling most cost effectively will purchase the said gravel and the other township will reimburse. Dan mentioned he will try and attend Granite Ledge's township meeting next month (in June – 2nd Wednesday of each month).

John from Pioneer Tree Cutting was present at the meeting. Dan allowed him to voice any additional information re: to his provided quote to assist with the brush cutting throughout the township right of ways. He explained that some areas do not need work, but some need a lot of work. Areas that need the most attention are along fence lines. He noted that he does a lot of work for other townships. He also noted that they would plan to put green flags on bigger trees before they would proceed to cut them down to ensure property owners are aware of what is going on. John said he would email Sadie a quote – and verbally mentioned that he typically charges \$3,500/day. He uses a Lofflin brush mower and usually brushes the ditches in September/later in the years. Though, some areas do need immediate attention. The Board thanked him for coming and said they would review the quote once received.

Old Business

Dan provided the board with an update on the status of using 170th as a detour. He said that the county agreed to maintain grading of the road and would also handle the dust control.

Sadie let the Board know that she has scheduled Justine Mycue with Specialty Cleaning & Painting to clean the townhall this upcoming Thursday, May 16th. Dan mentioned he would try and get the floors buffed on Friday. Rob also updated the board - noting that the sewer tanks are going to be pumped on Thursday, May 16th.

New Business

Road Report: Dan explained that George M. has mentioned to him that he has a source for obtaining recycled materials. Dan will discuss with him and get more information for next month's meeting. Dave explained that he finally has gotten ahead of the frost boils. On 162nd it's getting better - though, definitely needs gravel as it is only clay. Might haul some gravel in the meantime. 170th got packed well after the rain, which was good.

The Board then proceeded to review the received gravel hauling quotes. There were 3 quotes received: George Mastey @ \$3.25/yard; Dave's Excavating @ \$4.50/yard; and Steve Haas @ \$3.25/yard. The Board discussed the received quotes - noting the following: Steve performed the work last year and did a great job. Dave F. also noted that he enjoyed working with Steve. Harold **made a motion to go with Steve Haas' provided quote for gravel hauling @ \$3.25/yard. Dan Hufstedler seconded this motion. Passed unanimously.**

Dan H. gave an update on the status of the gravel crushing. He explained that it is currently scheduled to take place the first week of June. Dan underscored to George M. that they need to check the quality of the crushed Class 5 to ensure in line with needed specs. Need to test w/an engineer. Also, going to calculate the overall quantity as well, to ensure receiving the 8,500 cubic yards.

Dan also updated the Board and noted that he recently received an offer of \$2,000 for the old dump truck, from Steve Haas. He explained that Steve would like to purchase the truck for parts (as, the engine is completely blown). For the township, Dan explained, the truck is worthless. If it was in proper working condition, they could perhaps get ~\$3,000-\$5,000, but it is not in such condition. Rob D. **made a motion to accept the offer from Steve H., to purchase the truck for \$2,000. Harold seconded this motion. Passed unanimously.**

The Board discussed the possible purchase of a new truck sometime this summer.

Sadie inquired of the status of a driveway permit for Eric & Nicole B. Dan has completed.

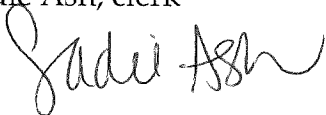
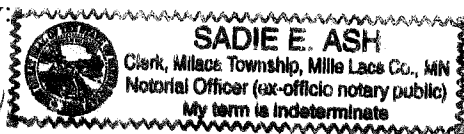
Sadie let the Board know of a couple upcoming township legal seminars being hosted by Couri & Ruppe Law Office later this summer. Dan is hoping to go to one.

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

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Sadie Ash, clerk

Approved:

Dan Hufstedler, chairman

