

Milaca Township – Monday, June 10, 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 7:04 PM and the flag was pledged.

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

May's regular board meeting minutes will be approved at the July, 8, 2019 meeting.

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

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

Old Business

The Board reviewed Pioneer's proposal for brush cutting. The Board noted that they are leaning towards renting equipment or possibly purchasing a chipper to complete the brushing. The proposal was for \$3,500/day. Rob expressed that he doesn't think the township has that much to brush. Both Dan and Harold agreed. Dan is going to look into renting equipment, which he thinks is about \$2,500/week. He will also reach out to Ziegler to obtain some quotes for equipment/ a chipper. Will definitely need to brush around culverts – needs to be addressed immediately.

Dan will call and touch base with a supervisor from Granite Ledge. Whichever township can take care of the shared road by spending the least, they will proceed accordingly. And, the other township will reimburse, as needed and agreed upon.

Deputy was present at the meeting – and provided a quick update to the Board. Calls were up slightly this past month, reasonable considering more people are out and about. He also noted that, overall, the new sheriff really wants his deputies out & about. He has a new directive to make "3 contacts w/the public" each week. Don wants to the public to see the deputies. Encouraged us to contact them with questions/complaints. Also noted that they are in the works of starting a drug task force – getting a couple deputies trained in to attack & destroy the drug problems in our county.

New Business

Road Report: Dave has been hard at it. He has successfully made it over most of the township roads. But, starting to get a little rough and some roads are needing more attention. Need gravel ASAP. George still has not started crushing, yet, which is a concern. Dan is going to give him about one more week, and then will discuss with him. Travis Lubrant has started mowing – maybe one or two times a month (the roads). Mower working well – put new blades on them. Dan will pick up filters for the grader; Dave got some oil recently as well. Had two road/driveway permits last month.

Dan explained that they are still working on finalization of the dump-truck sale. Tentatively have sold the truck to Haas Construction. Though, still need to take a few items out of the truck and finalize the sale.

Dan has started some legwork on finding a new dump truck. So far, he has found some in the ~\$26-28k range. Such trucks are out of state - hoping to find one closer.

Sadie asked the Board whether they would like to continue working with FSS Solutions. This company has historically provided the township with drug testing services. The board noted that they believe they can obtain such services, as needed, locally. Agreed unanimously to cancel service.

Sadie passed out membership cards to each of the township's officials.

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 in either September or October.

Dave asked the board if they would like him to continue mowing the township's lawn. Takes about 4 hours to mow. The Board agreed unanimously that it makes sense for Dave to continue to mow. He uses his own mower. Will pay him his hourly rate to maintain.

Present resident expressed that he doesn't see benefit if cut ditches more than one or two times per year, if it doesn't block an intersection. The Board's response to this comment was that they feel it looks nicer throughout the township if they work to keep the ditches mowed more frequently. They also noted that it tends to help control noxious weeds and, overall, helps with visibility.

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

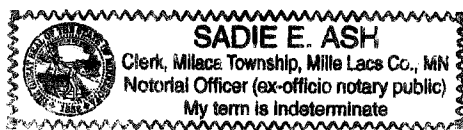
Harold Bauer made a **motion to adjourn**, second by Dan Hufstedler. Motion carried. 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved:

Sadie Ash, clerk

Dan Hufstedler, chairman



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