

Milaca Township – Monday, January 10, 2022
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Location: Milaca Town Hall

Time: 7:00 PM

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Board Members Present: Supervisor Rob Droogsma, Supervisor Harold Bauer, Supervisor Shane Marudas, Tami James, Treasurer, Dave Fransen, operator and Clerk Sadie Ash.

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 Bauer** seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Rob Droogsma made a **motion to approve the December 13, 2021 regular meeting minutes**, as presented, second by Harold Bauer. Motion carried unanimously.

Rob Droogsma made a **motion to approve the treasurer's report and cash control statement for December**, as presented, second by Harold Bauer. Motion carried unanimously.

Rob Droogsma made a **motion to approve claims and gross payroll, as presented, to be paid in January, for December's wages**, seconded by Harold Bauer. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Rob began the meeting by reviewing the received gravel and gravel hauling quotes for the 2022 season. The board received two quotes, both of which were hand delivered to the board. Rob opened the quotes, and they were as follows: Dave's Excavating @ \$9.25/yard, excluding gravel tax (which is 21.5 cents/yard) and Hass Construction @ \$9.25/yard, and this includes the gravel tax. Both quotes' rates included hauling of the gravel and were for gravel according to spec. After discussion amongst the board members, Rob **made a motion to accept Hass Construction's quote for the 2022 season**, Harold seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Second item addressed were there were two groups of residents present at the meeting that were interested in using/renting the townhall. The first two residents were Jessica and Susan. They explained that they would like to use the hall for tutoring students – to conduct a tutoring/homeschooling program. They are thinking they might have approximately 10 students that might be interested. They explained that they would clean well, obtain liability waivers from the parents of the students and would respect and take care of the hall. The board discussed a few of their potential concerns: potential limitations with the sewer system, liability exposure issues and how much they might charge for such a use. Sadie to follow up with the MAT attorney to inquire about the legalities, risks, etc. Will work to get an answer to them as soon as possible.

There was a second resident present, Sheila Geist. The board had asked that she attend a meeting so that they could understand her use of the hall. She explained that she would like to continue using the hall a few Saturday nights a month (if possible) to conduct an auction/garage sale style, sale. The board asked, again, that Sadie follow up with the MAT attorney to be sure the township's exposure is limited. And underscored that the Milaca Township "is not responsible" for any accidents that may

occur while people are attending said auction/sale. Shelia made it clear that she is more than willing to be flexible with other needs of the hall and other residents that may want to rent the hall. Sadie to follow up.

Old Business

Rob provided an update to the board noting that he attended a city council meeting and reported that they are open to working with the townships to come to an agreement on the maintenance of the airport road, which is good news! They are hoping the agreement that will be reached will be more of a maintenance agreement and not exchanging of checks. Rob also mentioned that is still sounds like Borgholm is open to working with us, too. Will continue to work on these negotiations.

Sadie provided a quick update on the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and the potential uses of such funds. It was recently released that the Feds have provided a safe-harbor threshold that will allow the township to designate all of the funds to lost revenue replacement. Which is great news. Sadie is going to attend a webinar to learn more about this new development.

New Business

Road Report: Rob provided the board with an update on the roads. Noted they plowed three times in December. Dave did mention that he was confronted by a resident. The resident was frustrated with the plowed snow at the end of their driveway. Was not a pleasant exchange, but there is nothing different that Dave can do to avoid the issue for which the resident is frustrated with. Dave is going to obtain the address of the resident and pass along to Rob as such exchanges are not appropriate (on the resident's part). Rob did receive one complaint about an address sign being run over. Dave will need to replace it in the spring (fire # tipped over). One other item Rob mentioned is that w/in one year it would be prudent to get the mailboxes moved in Big Eddy Acres - especially in the cul-de-sacs as plowing the snow is very, very difficult.

The board reviewed the 2022 commercial policy w/MAT. Cost is consistent with the previous year; good to pay.

Sadie inquired of the board whether or not a special meeting could be held in late January to discuss the 2021 budget to actual analysis, the preliminary 2023 budget and to conduct the board of audit. Not considered necessary, will do at the regularly scheduled February regular meeting.

Sadie, clerk, appointed the absentee ballot board for the March 2022 elections. Such absentee ballot judges are to be Sadie Ash, Brianna Hoskins, and Tami James.

March 2022 elections are scheduled for March 8th from 4pm-7pm; and the annual meeting is scheduled to follow directly after. On the ballot: supervisor for 3-year term; supervisor for 1-year term. Townhall will be open tomorrow, Tuesday, Jan. 11th from 1pm-5pm for filing.

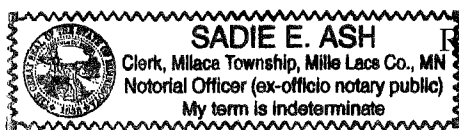
Checks and other documentation were signed by the treasurer, chairman and clerk, as appropriate.

Harold Bauer made a **motion to adjourn**, second by Rob Droogsma. Motion carried. 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved:

Sadie Ash, clerk

Rob Droogsma, chairman

