

**Milaca Township – Monday, February 8, 2021
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Location: Milaca Town Hall**

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Conference Call

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

Dan Hufstedler called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and the flag was pledged.

Rob Droogsma **made a motion to approve the agenda with one addition: to discuss the transit sale tax**, Dan Hufstedler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Rob Droogsma **made a motion to approve the October 12, 2020 regular meeting minutes, the January 11, 2021 regular meeting minutes, and the January 26, 2021 special meeting minutes**, seconded by Harold Bauer.

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

Dan Hufstedler **made a motion to approve claims and gross payroll, as presented, to be paid in February, for January's wages**, seconded by Rob Droogsma. Motion carried unanimously. Rob also commended that we should check the boiler to be sure working well. Dan to look at this.

Old Business

Started the meeting by reviewing the received gravel quotes for 2021 gravel and gravel hauling. There were 4 quotes that were received, as follows: Hjorts @ \$11.85/yard (includes gravel tax & delivery); Steve Hass @ \$9.00/yard (includes gravel tax & delivery); Dave's Excavating @ \$9.72/yard (includes gravel tax & delivery); Beutz Trucking @ \$11.35/yard ((includes gravel tax & delivery). The board discussed the received quotes. Dan **made a motion to accept Steve Hass' quote @ \$9.00/yard**, seconded by Harold Bauer. Passed unanimously. There was mention and alert provided to the board to be sure they keep tabs on fuel overages and fuel escalation costs to be sure to factor into the agreement/contract.

Reviewed the updated 2022 budget with noted minor changes from special meeting. Rob Droogsma **made a motion to approve the updated 2022 budget as presented**, Harold Bauer seconded.

New Business

Road Report: Did some plowing, sanding and salting during the month. Some drifts have developed with the higher winders the past few weeks. Not too much activity in January. Going to do some plowing and some salting and sanding. Dan has been getting some sand from Steve Hass, has been a good mixture. Dave has been out and cutting the ice – cutting the hard pack off of the roads. Has bladed to remove some of the icy patches as well, to get rid of the ice crown. Sanding mainly at intersections and the bigger hills.

An update was provided on the airport road grant and the Milaca City Council meeting that was

held on January 21, 2021. The meeting went well. The city is on board with the proposal and the plan. Dan has communicated to Kurt that the township is not going to bond the road – not going to have the taxpayers, in general pay for the project. Rob and Harold, generally, agreed. Other measures are more cost effective. Said did let the board know that the township did receive a check for \$1200 from the city for their portion of the grant writing process. Also received a letter of recommendation from the city. Sadie will provide the letter to Kurt for sharing with the engineer. Will also remit the \$1200 to Borgholm for paying the engineer's bill when that comes, as agreed.

Discussion ensued about what vendor to purchase breakaway poles and sign posts from. More to come on that; Dan to research.

Reviewed the city of Milaca fire contract. Decreased from \$15,701 to \$13,713 (\$13,027 in 2019). Have not received the Foreston fire contract yet.

Finalization of the recommended 2022 level for the upcoming annual meeting. Rob Droogsma **made a motion to approve a levy at \$150,000; with fund allocations of \$100,000 for the road & bridge fund, and \$25,000 going to both the general and fire funds**, Dan Hufstedler seconded it. Passed unanimously.

No board member is planning to have the board of equalization training.

Dan explained that MAT provides life insurance and enrollment is currently open. To discuss at the next meeting in more detail. Sadie to obtain more details and look at the rates.

Sadie Ash, clerk, appointed the election judges, as follows: Sadie Ash (head judge, second half of elections), Brianna Hoskins (head election judge first part of elections), Rhonda Brown, Melanie Rachel Goldsmith.

Sadie also finalized the absentee ballot board – appointed Brianna, Sadie and Rhonda Brown to serve on this.

Reminder was provided that the March elections are scheduled for March 9, 2021 from 4pm-7pm at the townhall. Terms for election are supervisor for 3 year term (replacing Robert Droogsma) and a 2-year treasurer term (replacing Tami J.)

Annual meeting to follow on March 9, 2021 around 7pm.

Sales tax by Mille Lacs County (transit tax) – Rob is going to call Steve Fensky to discuss in more details.

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

Rob Droogsma made a **motion to adjourn**, second by Harold Bauer. Motion carried. 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sadie Ash, clerk

Approved:


Dan Hufstedler, chairman

