

**Milaca Township – Wednesday, March 16,
2022 Special Board Meeting Minutes
Location: Milaca Town Hall**

Time: 6:30 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 6:30pm and the flag was pledged.

Rob Droogsma **made a motion to approve the agenda, Harold Bauer** seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Purpose of the special meeting was to combine the March regularly scheduled meeting with the Board of Organization for efficiency purposes.

Rob Droogsma made a **motion to approve the February 14, 2022 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 February**, as presented, second by Harold Bauer. Motion carried unanimously.

Rob Droogsma made a **motion to approve claims and gross payroll, for February's wages**, seconded by Harold Bauer. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Sadie gave a quick update on the status of renting the hall for the tutoring program. She is working to adjust the rental agreement for the program. Will get to the resident/interested parties in the next day or two.

Rob gave an update on the status of the airport road shared maintenance agreement status. Rob mentioned he called Borgholm a couple of times and that they communicated they did not want to participate. The board discussed moving forward with only the City of Milaca and to not include Borgholm. Rob asked that Sadie communicate with Tammy at the City to rework the contract to be between Milaca Township and the City of Milaca. As, the City has agreed to grade the portion of the road. Rob suggested the township would then provide the gravel and they could handle the grading. Rob also brought up the topic of putting chloride down. Rob obtained a quote for chloride; estimated cost is about \$2000. Rob made a recommendation to not chloride the road and have the City grade and we will continue to maintain the north portion of the road.

Sadie received some additional information as it pertains to the Milaca Fire Contract. Received an updated invoice that made a correction to the service area. Final cost of contract to be \$15,455. Considerably less than the previous invoice (which was \$19,700).

Sadie is in the process of receiving the credit card application from First National Bank of Milaca.

New Business

Road Report: Rob note that they plowed a lot this past month. Plowed together (Dave & Rob) one time and Rob plowed 3-4 times. Rob used the truck with the plow. Had some issues with north/south roads drifting quite a bit. We had a lot of wind which caused some issues with drifting. Had some residents complain about mailboxes getting buried and not getting cleaned out --- not the job of the plow operator to clean out. Rob did receive a call from one resident that handed some significant drifts on the right of way.

The discussion then shifted to the importance of installing moving mailboxes in Big Eddy Acres - and other areas throughout the township that have cul-de-sacs. The township needs to get these areas fixed this summary. Need to move mailboxes so that proper plowing can take place. No where to put the snow. Sadie to discuss with the postmaster. Will need to call for locates. Also, noted that quite a few mailboxes in the township are not swing aways. The board agreed that swing aways are mandatory for new driveways.

Along with the discussion of mailbox placement with snow removal, the board also discussed that we need to have some method of communication to be had with residents for plowing across roads or plowing snow into the right of ways. Sadie to put a letter together to mail to residents.

The board agreed that the township should purchase 20 new chairs for the townhall. Tami to purchase. Sadie to provide ST3.

Rob also noted that the township has some needs as far as having access to some basic tools, jacks, tools, etc. The board also discussed the need for a new mower - one that is a 9' mower (we currently have a 7' mower). This will allow a farther reach. Estimated cost of the mower is \$15,000 - have received some estimates from Midwest in Princeton. The one we currently have works, but will need to be replaced soon. If purchased now, the estimated time of arrival for the new mower is July/August timeframe - and we need something soon. Rob made a recommendation to purchase a new mower up to \$16,500, Harold seconded. Passed unanimously.

The road review was scheduled for May 11, 2022 at 5pm, to leave from the townhall.

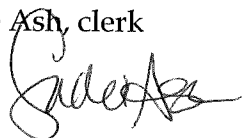
The Foreston fire contract has not yet been received. Will review at the April regular board meeting.

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. 7:26pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sadie Ash, clerk



Approved:

Rob Droogsma, chairman