

**Milaca Township – Monday, May 9, 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 7:03pm 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 April 11, 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 April**, as presented, second by Shane Marudas. Motion carried unanimously.

Rob Droogsma made a **motion to approve claims and gross payroll, for April's wages**, seconded by Shane Marudas. Motion carried unanimously.

### Old Business

Rob gave a quick update on the status of the airport maintenance agreement. There was a final meeting on April 21 that Rob & Sadie attended (City Council meeting). Borgholm had a few additional minor changes to the contract that was signed and agreed upon (by all parties) on April 11<sup>th</sup>. All three parties were able to come to an agreement at this April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Sadie received the final signed copy of the 3-year agreement. The City is set to manage the grading this year. Milaca township has graded two times but will now reach out to the City, as needed/if needed.

Sadie distributed the FNB credit cards. She has one, Dave has one and Rob has one.

Rob provided a quick follow up on the 162<sup>nd</sup> haul road. Dave's Excavating is planning to remove the bypass lane once the road restrictions are lifted. The Board has no issues with this.

### New Business

Road Report: Rob commented that they graded about 2 full passes this past month – some areas a little more than that, too. Almost all of the roads have been packed as well. Some have not as it got too dry, but most were packed. The roads seemed to of been in decent shape within the first few days of grading and packing. Rob made note that he has reached out to Steve Hass a couple of times, but has not heard back from him yet – in an attempt to get the ball rolling for the summer/laying gravel and getting a tentative timeline in place. The board then discussed their position on the use of plastic culverts. This question has been brought up with more frequency lately. Overall, the supervisors agree that they are okay with using such culverts as long as they are a good dual wall culvert and overall, good quality. Rob underscored that the Board generally appreciates it when residents call/reach out with concerning road conditions, etc. But, please know that he or another supervisor

will inspect and confirm the condition of the road before sending out the grader, etc.

Dave Fransen, operator, commented that he will need a tire for the packer. Dave to purchase.

Sadie provided the board with a request from T-Mobile for a fiber install. Rob reviewed the request; no approvals needed at the township level. Sadie to communicate.

Rob let the board know that a township resident has expressed interest in driving the tractor for the township. The board will reach out to this individual if this is needed.

Sadie reported that the 1<sup>st</sup> ARPA report was successfully submitted to the Treasury on May 9, 2022. The report was unable to be submitted by its due date of April 30<sup>th</sup> due to issues with the portal/website set up - Sadie was waiting to hear back from the Treasury that the issue had been resolved. Was resolved the morning of May 9<sup>th</sup> at which time the report was successfully submitted. No expenditures have been made to date.

Discussion on the use of ARPA funds was tabled.

Sadie reminded the board that there are various trainings coming up in May, hosted by MAT. Sadie to email Shane with more information as to pertinent training for supervisors.

Rob and Shane attended the Mille Lacs County Association of Township's Spring Meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup>. They noted that there was some good information shared from a county-wide perspective. Rob recommended that perhaps board members rotate from year-to-year to attend this meeting. Some good nuggets of information were shared.

Other reminders: road review is scheduled for this Wednesday, May 11 @ 5pm. Will be leaving from the townhall. Couri & Ruppe are hosting legal seminars in June/September and October. Sadie to provide the supervisors with this information.

Steve Hass arrived at the meeting. Discussion then ensued on the potential timing of the gravel placement. Steve mentioned that he still needs to crush the gravel (as it has been a late spring) - and road restrictions are still in place. He is anticipating late June, beginning of July. The Board expressed no issues with this timing. Rob also commented that he would like to see the township place as much gravel as possible this year. As, the cost of gravel is only going to significantly increase in the future. The board agreed with this approach.

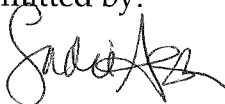
Steve inquired of the board if Milaca township has any interest in purchasing a reversible plow from his company. The Board said they will consider it and discuss this summer.

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. 7:31pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sadie Ash, clerk



Approved:

Rob Droogsma, chairman

