

Milaca Township – Monday, August 8, 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 7:04pm 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 regular meeting minutes from July 11, 2022**, 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 July**, as presented, second by Harold Bauer. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

Road Report: Graveled a few times in July. Received a few calls. Dave mowed most of the township roads. Some gravel was laid in late June/early July. Rob is working with Steve to have gravel placed – he is anticipating this will take place in 2-3 weeks, likely the end of August. Getting a bit later in the season. Rob explained that Steve is having a difficult time getting his crusher to the pit to crush the gravel. The board discussed adjusting the contract next year to state a date for which gravel is to be provided and placed. The board also discussed possibly seeing if Steve would provide more gravel – perhaps up to 15,000 yards so that it is ready to be placed right away in the spring of next year. Rob is going to discuss with Steve.

There is a driveway/culvert repair on 140th Ave that needs to be addressed sometime soon. Will continue to keep on the agenda. Perhaps will have time to fix/repair in September.

Mailbox discussion – tabled. Just need to ensure this project gets handled before it freezes.

The board discussed other ground and building improvements. Rob reported he plans to put gutters on the townhall on Friday of this week. And, he is anticipating having time to replace the sidewalk in late September. He also asked the board their thoughts of pulling up the grass/weeks along the townhall and replacing with rocks.

Rob called John Deere to obtain an update on the new mower the township purchased/placed an

order for earlier this spring. They said it should arrive either late August or in September. The township has not paid for this new piece of equipment, yet. The board discussed what to do with the old mower. Board is in favor of trading in the existing mower if a decent trade-in value is able to be obtained. They estimate it is likely worth a few thousand dollars. Discussion then shifted to how the current lawn is being maintained. Rob suggested the board consider obtaining a quote from a local lawn care company. The board will then discuss what makes most sense - to possibly purchase a mower, hire a contractor or continue as is. Rob to obtain quote and go from there.

Rob started the conversation re: to placing chloride on township roads. He has had quite a few calls throughout the summer with residents expressing their frustrations with the dusty conditions on their roads. He would like to send out a letter to all township residents to let them know that one solution to controlling and mitigating some of the dust issues is chloride. He would like the board/township to facilitate conversation with residents re: to how to manage the costs of this solution. The township has some allocated and budgeted funds for dust control, but this budget is much too small to chloride significant stretches within the township. The board agreed that there should be some form of approval before placement of chloride is done by residents. As, it is important that the road is graded and smooth before it is placed - and Dave, the grader operator, needs to know exactly where it has been placed so not to grade over the chlorided stretch of road. Discussion re: to creating an ordinance to enforce such approval and guidelines, once determined what they specifically should be. Sadie to pull a draft ordinance together.

Rob shared with the board that he received a complaint this past month from residents that live north of County Road 9. The complaint related to a racetrack-like set up that had been created in an open field. The resident explained that there was excessive dust being thrown up - and was causing issues with visibility and air quality problems. The residents have reached out to the county and to law enforcement, but there are no current laws to enforce.

Sadie reminded the board that primaries are tomorrow, August 9, 2022. Polls open at 7am and close at 8pm. Elections judges scheduled to work tomorrow are as follows: Head judges: Sadie Ash and Brianna Hoskins and other election judges: Rhonda Brown and Mellanie Rachel Goldsmith.

Sadie let the board know that the District 8 meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2022 at 8pm, in Vernadale, MN. No board members are able to attend.

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

Rob Droogsma made a **motion to adjourn**, second by Shane Marudas. Motion carried. 8:04pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved:

Sadie Ash, clerk

Rob Droogsma, chairman



