

Dunn Township

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting

Monday, March 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairman D. Johnson at 7:00 PM

Members Present: D. Johnson, Kvare, Dalman, Seifert, Herseth, and Treasurer: Peplenjak, Clerk Johnson, Engineer Stabnow.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

AGENDA: After review of the agenda, a motion to approve the agenda was made by Dalman, seconded by Seifert and approved.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: A motion by Kvare and seconded by Herseth, to approve the minutes as presented, carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: A motion to approve the report as submitted was made by Seifert and seconded by Kvare, carried.

CLAIMS: A list of claims was presented by the treasurer. A motion to accept the report as given was made by Kvare and seconded by Seifert. Discussion – Kvare; Does the Fire Department costs detail out Dunn's share of debt reduction? Herseth, no, fire hall is property of the City and Dunn's share included in our semi-annual payments. Debt is approx. ½ paid for. After discussion, motion carried.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Walt, a representative of Lot Pros, LLC was present and explained that Lot Pros provide crack sealing and asphalt maintenance. Chair; bids for crack seal will be published yet this month and s/b opened at the April meeting. Roads to be sealed are selected during the spring road tour. Walt –Lot Pros can either blow out cracks or rout them out. Chairman Johnson thanked him for his presentation.

PVHD REPORT: The report sent in by Dave Slotten was reviewed by Dave and is on file. Slotten stated that Bud Nornes toured the facility. Also, that occupancy was trending up. They are shooting for an August completion date of their building project.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER REPORT: Engineer Stabnow presented Feasibility Cost Estimates for Fish Lake Road – West end and for 460th St. West. He then stated that he had been out to look at the Lost Highway and that there is still a soft spot by Sumpters', but it looks better than in years past. Possibly a candidate for chisel plowing a portion of that road. Stabnow reports that county bids are coming in quite a bit lower than expected. \$45 per ton for asphalt is in the ballpark. Due to lower prices it may be to our advantage to accelerate work on Fish Lake Rd, & 460th St. W. Also, the county still plans on working on County Rd 9 this year. Seifert; we should take advantage of lower petroleum prices, possibly even borrowing money if necessary. Bids will be let for road work in April/May. Seifert; seal coat prices? Stabnow; haven't seen yet this year.

CORRESPONDENCE – CLERK: 1. WOTTA meeting on March 17 at Dunn town hall. 2. 2016 Spring Short course to be held in Mahnomen on March 28th 3. A Notice of Public Hearing for C.U.P. for access roadway at the new hotel. 4. An e-mail regarding signage at the Ascend Hotel.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Fair Hills Liquor license renewal – Kvarre moved to accept, Seifert seconded. Carried. 2. Bids for crack seal, lawn mowing and class five gravel were discussed. Clerk to post in paper with bids to be opened at the April meeting. Bids for dust guard will be solicited. 3. The placement of town hall rental ad was received from the Lake Lizzie directory. Dunn places ads in the Lake Lizzie, Franklin and Pelican directories. Kvarre; we should continue to place those ads. It was decided that we should place the clerks name/number only and try to get the ad enlarged. Clerk to handle. Kvarre made a motion to place ads, seconded by Seifert. Carried. 4. The Ringdahl Ambulance service contract, which was approved at the annual meeting, was signed by the clerk and chair and payment approved in claims.

OLD BUSINESS: 1. Town Road Policies and Standards. Herseth presented an updated draft of the policies. After much discussion around primary/secondary roads, culverts, approaches and spraying, Herseth to update and the new draft should be sent to legal council for review. 2. GIS project update: Herseth stated that Meadowland will present drawings on Poss Beach in May at which time the board will need to make decisions on how to proceed. 3. Sign posts have been ordered. Clerk to pick up and store in town hall storeroom.

TOWN BOARD MATTERS: 1. 460 St. West – Herseth presented Mn Statute 164.12, which establishes how disputes on roads on town lines are resolved. Kvale; Pelican and Scambler townships should be notified of the statute. Clerk to send letter. 2. Hosterman's Dam issue update; Chairman Johnson spoke to Lida and Pelican town board members at the fire department meeting. He advised them that the head of the DNR Bridge Department stated that money is available to pay for bog removal if their department is contacted before the work begins. The board reiterated that Dunn will not pay unless the DNR is contacted before work begins and documentation is provided to that extend. 3. Annual meeting inclement weather date; clerk explained that a second inclement weather date needs to be set. Motion made by Dalman, seconded by Kvale that the alternative weather date for the annual meeting in 2017 be set for March 28th, carried. 4. Computer update; Clerk Johnson presented an estimate for a new computer from Pro Systems. Our current computer is over 5 years old and is not performing adequately. Treasurer Peplanjak agreed. Kvale made a motion to authorize the clerk/treasurer to purchase a new computer for up to \$1,000. Seifert seconded, carried unanimously. 5. Other business; Dalman, what is the width of Old 59? That road was turned back to the township in approx. 1969. Is the old highway right of way width still applicable? Herseth to do some research and report to the board.

MEETINGS:

WOTTA Annual Meeting Date: March 17, 2016 at 6:00 PM

Spring Short Course Date: March 28, 2016 at Shooting Star Casino

Regular monthly meeting: Monday, April 11, 2016

Adjourn Motion by Siefert, seconded by Kvare and carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

_____ Mike Johnson, Clerk

_____ David Johnson, Chairman

