

Dunn Township

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting

Monday, August 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairman D. Johnson.

Members present: D. Johnson, Kvaré, Dalman, Seifert and Herseth. Treasurer: Peplenjak, Clerk: Johnson and township engineer Stabnow.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

AGENDA: A request was made to add Pelican Lake Property Owners Assoc. (PLOPA) update (Trepp), Lake Hills Road (Lawson/Blasczyk), and spraying (Blackman) to Citizen Concerns/comments/agenda request section. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Seifert and seconded by Kvaré. Motion passed unanimously.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: A motion by Kvaré and seconded by Herseth to approve the minutes as presented, passed unanimously.

TREASURERS REPORT: A motion to accept the report as presented was made by Kvaré and seconded by Dalman. Unanimous approval.

CLAIMS: A list of claims was presented by the treasurer. A motion was made by Kvaré and seconded by Seifert to approve the claims list for payment, passed unanimously.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS/AGENDA REQUESTS:

Sheryl Trepp representing the PLPOA updated the township on issues at the annual 4th of July fireworks display on Pelican Lake. Normally the Sheriff's Posse (a volunteer group) provides traffic control for the 700+ cars that park in an open field just off County Road 20 on the north side of Pelican Lake. This last 4th of July the Sheriff's Posse declined to participate – probably because of a lack of

volunteers. As a result there were several vehicles parked alongside County Road 20 which created unsafe conditions for those watching the fireworks display. Kvarre – anyone from Sheriff's office at the fireworks display? Trepp – no.

Also, the PLPOA is concerned about increased boat traffic on Pelican Lake due to the improvement of the lake access on the west side and also 'boat hopping' (boats going from lake to lake during tournaments) by muskie fishermen and others that could lead to increased spread of invasive species. Chairman Johnson thanked Trepp for the update.

Joe Lawson and Will Blasczyk asked what the procedure was for the township to take over their road (Lake Hills Rd). That 60% of the lots were now occupied. Johnson – a petition would need to be presented to the township. Blasczyk – the development was platted in 2007. Lake Hills Rd is a ¼ mile road. They would like the township to snowplow the road. Herseth – Roads must be paved before the township can take them over. A discussion then ensued regarding when the current road policy was established (2007) and whether Lake Hills Rd falls under that policy since it was platted in 2007. Lawson – is it possible to leave the road as gravel and the township grant a variance to snowplow only? Kvarre – don't agree with current road policy that all roads must be blacktopped before they can be taken over by the township. Herseth – current road policy won't allow for snowplowing of non-township roads. Clerk Johnson suggested that the township be given some time to review Lake Hills Rd and the road policy and that this issue would be revisited at the September meeting. All parties agreed.

Spraying – Curt Blackman was displeased with the spraying done on Otteson Road. Chairman Johnson – township will do a better job of notifying property owners in the future. Herseth – spraying is most cost effective way to control brush/weeds in the right of way. Dalman – give notice at lake association meetings.

471st – Grace Sundrud wondered who maintained 471st? Johnson – not a township road, probably a dedicated public road. Sundrud – no one can tell me just what is the status of this road. Johnson – will get back to her after checking with the county.

PELICAN VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT: Dave Slotten gave an update on the Memory Care project and new construction progress. Probable that the levy will increase for 2016. His monthly report is on file.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER REPORT: Stabnow – 1. Wood Lake Lane. Stabnow solicited two quotes and recommended accepting Howard’s Driveway quote. Johnson – patch Old 59 at the same time. 2. Striping. Stabnow recommends quote from Traffic Marking Service to stripe E. Lake Lizzie Rd and Fish Lake Rd – newly tarred section only. Herseth - \$90,000 is all that is left in the budget for Road and Bridge fund including for snowplowing. Dunn needs to better prioritize and/or raise taxes. 3. Lost Highway – Stabnow – no flow under the road, water levels are not stabilized. Herseth – culvert may be placed on purpose so that water won’t drain the wetland. Stabnow to check on this issue. Kvarre – projected \$50,000 cost. Seifert – just replace culvert at this time. Stabnow – will put in culvert and monitor water levels. Board is ok with Wood Lake Lane, striping and Lost Highway plans.

CORRESPONDENCE: 1. Two variance notices. Neither involves the township. 2. Several e-mails & phone calls on spraying complaints. 3. District 9 meeting notice. 4. PGOLID meeting notice.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Levy Certification – Request from Ottertail County to certify 2016 levy. Clerk will respond.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Legal Representation – Clerk found nothing regarding formal process for hiring Town legal representation. Kvarre made a motion to enter in to agreement with Kennedy & Graven, Chartered to begin immediately. Motion seconded by Dalman. Discussion – What is their rate? \$195 per hour. Kvarre – not currently getting adequate service. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Rental Policy Review – Herseth – reviewed and found several areas that need to be changed. Discussion about different rates for non-profit group usage vs private party usage. Herseth to submit first draft of a revised policy for board review.

3. Security System. Team Electronics representative came out to the hall to look at our system. They only deal with Honeywell products. Dunn would have to switch our system to Honeywell in order to get service from Team Electronics. Total cost would run from \$600 - \$1,000 depending on what we want in a replacement system. Kvarre – we should upgrade. Seifert – Use Arvig? Clerk to check with Arvig and also look in to a sound system so that the board can better hear comments and discussions at the monthly meetings.

4. GIS project update. Herseth – visited with Meadowland Surveying. They would be willing to come to a township meeting to discuss. Could be a several-year project. Start by quadrant to review and upgrade? Meadowland would consider it a ‘fill-in’ project (as time allows) to keep costs down. Clerk to contact Meadowland to address the board at the September meeting.

TOWN BOARD MATTERS:

1. Air Conditioning and well head protection. Johnson still plans to get something in place before year end.

2. Thistles - update. 4 letters sent out in July. Most landowners have responded positively. Chairman Johnson will contact the county since one landowner has not responded. Clerk to send letter to an additional landowner re controlling thistles.

3. Board suggested to Trepp that PGOLID might look in to purchasing a Slo sign for use by residents around Pelican Lake.

3. Other. Herseth – reviewed Sheriff’s report on dog incident on Henry’s Hill. Report found that the incident was not an enforceable action.

MEETINGS:

The next monthly town board meeting will be September 14, 2015.

ADJOURNED: Motion by Kvarre and seconded by Dalman to adjourn, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

_____ Michael Johnson, Clerk

_____ David Johnson, Chairman