

Dunn Township Regular Monthly Meeting
JUNE 14, 2021 7:00pm
Dunn Town Hall
MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Supervisors Herseth, Dalman, Nyquist and Seifert were present as was Treasurer Pepelnjak and Clerk Winter. In the audience: Monty Sherer, Jacob Wagner, Jordan Arntson (Dunn Contractor), Paul and Carol Breyer.

The Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda – Approval: After review item 4 was added to the Old Business: Snowplowing Contract discussion. A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Dalman and seconded by Seifert, motion carried.

Regular Meeting Minutes May 10, 2021, Approval: The Minutes were reviewed. After the review a motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Herseth and seconded by Dalman, motion carried.

Treasurers Report & Approval: The Treasurer reported that the beginning balance was \$252,130.57, Receipts \$329,706.27, Disbursements \$7,844.81, Ending balance \$573,992.03 and balance to the Bell Bank Statement \$573,992.03 with no outstanding checks. The Investment account balance is \$310,000 for total cash available \$883,992.03. A motion to approve the report was made by Seifert and seconded by Nyquist, motion carried.

The Treasurer stated that two \$100,000 CD's will mature in June and asked about the board's recommendation for the money. Current rates are .01% to .02%. For a 3-year CD a higher rate at 1.9% but no withdrawals for one year and it must stay open for 3 years. Supervisor Herseth stated that he thought we could invest \$200,000 for 3 years and still be able to pay our bills. A motion to invest \$200,000 was made by Herseth and seconded by Seifert. Motion carried.

Claims List – Approval: July Review: Mary: The Claims lists was review and signed by all Supervisors. A motion to approve the report and authorize the

payments as presented was made by Nyquist and seconded by Seifert, motion carried.

Citizens' Concerns: None

PVHD Representative Report - Dave Slotten: Mr. Slotten had a conflict so could not be present. His recap of the Monthly Board meeting was reviewed and accepted. Supervisor Herseth asked if we should attempt to stop the \$1,000,000 annual lose that they are showing and levying back to the community and township members. It was suggested that we contact the Minnesota Association of Townships attorney's as well as our State Legislators to see what could be done to stop this run-away costs/spending.

Township Engineer Report – Jeff Stabnow:

Clerk: 1. Correspondence List review: Reviewed the letter from Central Specialties regarding the notice to the Minnesota Department of Transportation that Central Specialties has sublet a portion of our summer paving project work to another vendor and that both vendors will be required to file an IC134. I contacted our engineer and he stated that this is a common practice.

Old Business:

1. Pelican Point (Horn Trust): Letter & deadline
2. Myrvold, Commercial use of property question: The township received both email and letter information from Mr. Myrvold stating that the property has been used for overnight equipment storage when they are working on local projects. There are no employees working on this site it is for temporary storage only.
3. Sherer Cartway Petition \$15,000 Security: Security has been received. The board set the Hearing date of July 16, 2021 on site at 6:00pm and reconvene at the townhall immediately after the on-site inspection. A motion to adopt Resolution 2021-02 setting the Hearing date and time was made by Supervisor Herseth and seconded by Supervisor Dalman, motion passed unanimously.
4. The Snow Plowing contract was discussed. An item was removed from the previous contract allowing the contractor to bill the township for any months between November and April that have no snow or ice removal to allow the contractor to bill the township \$1,500. A motion to add that section to the contract was made by Herseth and seconded by Seifert, motion carried.

New Business: Paul Breyer, Vet bill (Beaver Trap): Mr. Breyer discussed a bill totaling over \$800.00, which he attributes to his dogs being caught in a Beaver Trap that was placed at the township's direction about 5 feet from the roadway. Chairman Johnson stated that if there were homeowners in the immediate proximity to the trap placement the homeowners would have been notified. Herseth and Jordan Arntson both stated that the trap placement was in the water at least 15 feet from the roadway. The bill covers exams as well as Dental cleaning, extraction, anesthesia, etc. He had called the county and they told him that there was no Leash Law in Otter Tail County. There is however a Leash Law in Dunn Township. His request for payment was denied by the Board.

Town Board Matters to be addressed:

1. Speed signs and Blind Approach sign-ordered May 12,2021: Signs ordered and received last fall have not been installed yet. They will be done soon by our contractor.
2. Sign service contracts and have witnessed. To be completed after the adjournment.
3. Road Spills-Who should pay for the clean-up. The Otter Tail County Sheriff called Supervisor Dalman to ask that the Pelican Point roadway be cleaned off. Dalman called other supervisors and was advised to have our contractor come to clean the roadway. It was discussed as to who spilled the product on the roadway and it was stated that Dunn Transfer trucks were working in the area and drove several additional loads by while the cleanup was being done. The Clerk is to bill Dunn Transfer for the costs.
4. Approach Permit-Franklin Lake Rd-Review: The proposed location has been determined to be too close to a hilltop thus creating a blind approach. Mr. Slicerson/Wagner talked about his application and the reasons for his requested location. Moving the approach would require many large trees be removed. Dalman stated that other approaches in the area that were installed years ago and created a blind approach issue has created several close calls from fast moving on coming traffic. Supervisors Dalman and Herseth will meet with Mr. Slicerson Tuesday morning to talk about alternative locations for the approach.
5. Edlynn Beach Trail – gravel- who maintains this road: According to the Supervisors it is a private road and must be maintained by the landowners.

6. Crack /Seal complaint/Labrador Beach Trail and East Lake Lizzie Road and Lane. Dalman asked about how big a crack needed to be to justify sealing. Jordan Arntson stated that a ¼ inch crack will take molten tar but any smaller crack and it wouldn't flow into the crack. There are areas where tar has come off of the road surface and there is still sand under it. The cracks have not been properly cleared of sand, etc. before tare is poured into the cracks.

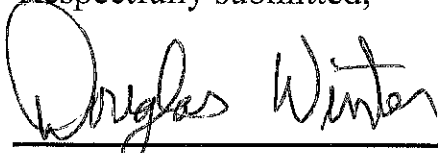
7. Supervisor Dalman stated that he has driven several roads and found brush issues on Midland Beach, Franklin Lake Road and Poss Beach Road. 460th before Poss Beach.

Meetings/Hearings: Regular Monthly Meeting: July 12, 2021 at 7pm

Town Hall Rentals: July 17 Parking Kelly Cooper, // July 24th 8am LLLA, // Sept 11th 9am LLLA.

ADJOURN: Motion by Seifert and seconded by Nyquist.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglas Winter, Clerk of Dunn Township



David L. Johnson, Chairman of Dunn Township