

Munson Township Board of Supervisors

Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Munson Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:00 PM on May 18, 2020 by Chairman, Butch Gertken.

Present

Joe Willenbring, Matt Burg Clerk, Boni Behnen, Treasurer, Dick Behnen, P & Z Ad., Lynn Burg, P& Z Chair, Orville Willenbring and P and Z member, Mike Behnen.

A motion to approve the town board minutes from April 20, 2020, was made by Burg, seconded by Willenbring. Carried 3-0.

Treasurer's Report

Income \$5,636.99 Expenses \$6076.00 Balance \$430,019.03. **A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Willenbring, seconded by Burg. Carried 3-0.**

COL Fire Update

Due to COVID 19 no regular meeting was held. Bills were paid.

Lynn said that there will be variance request at the June meeting.

The board granted Pilgrim's Pride permission to haul 80,000 -97,000 pounds gross weight loads on .5 miles on 260th St. and .73 miles on Hilltop Road. Same as last year. PP has also asked Farming to sign the same form. **Motion Burg, second Willenbring. Carried 3-0.**

As authorized at last month's board meeting, Ralph will begin work on Fieldstone and Fruitwood Roads.

Boni will email Mid Mn Dust Control to coordinate dust control with Ralph and notify them that the Gilks would like to be added to the list for dust coating.

Burg talked with Joe Finken from Arvig concerning the poor quality of internet service in Munson Township. Finken said that Melrose had received a grant to upgrade the service on the southside of their city. Burg thought that we should consider a grant writer so we could try to get a similar grant to make improvements to internet service in our township.

Orville Willenbring said that work would be done on County Road 23 in the summer of 2021 and the ditches will be widened for fiber optic cable.

Gertken had been asked by the City of Richmond if Munson Township would allow a one-time haul of grey matter in the township. No one on board was in favor of that.

Willenbring said that there was a road sign near his place that had been shot up. Also, a sign was missing by Roadside Tavern and 210th Street. Burg will take care of it. Orville stated that the new maps are ready to be picked up when the County Offices are re-opened.

Andy Leenstra had sent a letter to the board asking them to reconsider the denial of his rezoning request. The letter was read aloud. After a short discussion of the reasons detailed in the denial letter and the denial resolution the denial stands.

The camera that the township has in place to watch the dumpster for unauthorized dumping does not work. Someone had smashed the lens. Boni had checked on an upgrade replacement for \$120.00. The board will think about it.

The board needs to do its annual road inspections. Because of COVID-19 social distancing requirements two cars will be used and the board will use cell phones to communicate.

There was a discussion about the condition of the roads. Mike Behnen thought that the roads should have more of a crown. New roads should have a 4% grade.

We had received information from Road Groom Manufacturing for a heavy-duty road grader that is supposed to save money on operating expenses. The board thought that it was too costly.

Willenbring had been questioned by a resident about an outlot on Big Lake Road but Lynn had taken care of it.

A motion to pay bills and was made by Burg, seconded by Willenbring. Carried 3-0. Bills were paid in the amount of \$ 25,759.67 using check numbers 6762-6774.

A motion to pay Burg for sign work and picking up garbage was made by Willenbring, second by Burg. Carried 2-0. Burg abstained. Check #6772.

At 9:10, a motion was made by Burg, second Willenbring to extend the meeting to May 23 at 8:00 AM to conduct the yearly road inspections. Carried 3-0.

Minutes submitted by: Boni Behnen, Clerk

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