Munson Township Board of Supervisors

# **Meeting Minutes**

# **September 20, 2021**

# The regular monthly meeting of the Munson Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:00 PM on September 20, 2021, by Chairman, Joe Willenbring.

# **Present**

# Butch Gertken, Matt Burg, Clerk, Boni Behnen, Treasurer, Dick Behnen, P & Z Ad., Lynn Burg, P& Z Chair, Mike Behnen.

# **A motion to approve the town board minutes from August 16, 2021, was made by Burg, seconded by Gertken. Carried 3-0.**

**Treasurer’s Report**

Income $973.12 Expenses $26,473.19 Balance $612,172.60. **A motion to accept the Treasurer’s report was made by Gertken, seconded by Burg. Carried 3-0.**

Ron Kron, Duane Mehr and Brian Athmann were present to talk about the condition of Fruitwood Road. They asked about paving the section of Fruitwood that is now gravel. The board explained that it would be a 50-50 cost share between the township and the residents requesting the paving. At least 85% of the residents would need to be on-board. If the residents would pay upfront for the cost, it would save attorney, assessing, and engineering fees. Paving could run $180,000/mile.

The board suggested that we try to upgrade the gravel road by adding Class 2 on the corners and hills to improve the condition of the road. And possibly adding a culvert to keep the road from washing away.

Kron thought that the township should enforce the right-of -way to keep the gravel from washing away.

Mehr asked if the road ditches would be cut this fall. Gertken said that they will be cut.

The board had an email from Ron Mehr and he had stated that a portion of the road that he paid to have dust coated had been graded after the dust coat was applied. Willenbring will call Mehr. The board thought that perhaps we should pay for half of Mehr’s ($980) dust coat bill because of the mix-up.

Alver Schlangen had cut the road ditches by his property and wanted to be paid for the work. Boni stated that we cannot allow residents to cut township roads because of the liability in case of an accident. The board decided to pay him this time, but he needs to be informed that we cannot allow that to happen again because of the liability issue. **A motion to pay** **Schlangen was made by Gertken, seconded by Burg. Carried 3-0.**

The county grants permits for solar farms in the township. The board would like to continue to have the county do that but would like to be informed before the permit is granted so that we are aware of what is happening in the township. Boni will email Chelle Benson at the county

Elmer Braegelmann had contacted Willenbring about the permit he was requesting for his RV. They have decided to build in that location instead and have been in touch with the county. The county has relaxed some of its rules about buildable lots. Braegelmann will present a plan at the next board meeting.

A copy of the mining pit for Cathy Weber-Zunker has not been located at this time. Boni called the Stearns Co Recorder’s office to see if it had been recorded. They had no record of it. Boni also called Jennifer at environmental services to see if they had any info. They did not. Jennifer suggested that we hire our attorney to contact Frank Kundrat about it. Kundrat was the attorney who took care of the permits for the township at that time. Mike Behnen asked if we should just let it go. No action will be taken at this time.

Gertken had contacted the Dept of Aeronautics about getting info on owning and operating a drone in MN. They will email him the info. He will share it at the next meeting.

Boni will contact Dale Job about investment options for the ARP money and ask him to come to our next meeting.

Harold Nonner had contacted Burg about water running into his yard from Edgewater Road. Burg will bring Ralph (Excavating) to see if the road could be graded to stop the issue.

**COL Fire Update –**

\*Call numbers were down this month, 22-23 calls.

\*They would like to hire another person.

\*Credit card has still not been acquired.

\*They would like to start a sinking fund for a new truck in the future.

\*Holthaus will make a schedule of equipment.

The county mileage report was signed and Boni will return it to the county.

A stop ahead sign is missing on Edgeton Road. Burg will install a replacement.

Ralph (Excavating) had indicated to Willenbring that he may not want to plow snow this season. Salt has been ordered. He would be willing to help out if someone else could be found, possibly Dale Lang or Kenny Gertken.

**A motion to pay bills and payroll was made by Burg, seconded by Gertken. Carried 3-0.** Bills were paid in the amount of $122,429.55 using check numbers 7052-7076. Burg was paid for cutting trees and signs using check #7060. Gertken was paid for ditch cutting using check #7059.

**At 9:45 PM, the meeting was adjourned.**

Minutes submitted by: Boni Behnen, Clerk

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