Munson Township Board of Supervisors

# **Meeting Minutes**

# **October 18, 2021**

# The regular monthly meeting of the Munson Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:00 PM on October 18, 2021, by Chairman, Joe Willenbring.

# **Present**

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

# **A motion to approve the town board minutes from September 20, 2021, was made by Gertken, seconded by Burg. Carried 3-0.**

**Treasurer’s Report**

Income $25,486.78 Expenses $112,429.55 Balance $515,229.83. **A motion to accept the Treasurer’s report was made by Burg, seconded by Gertken. Carried 3-0.**

Paul Orvis, Stearns County Sheriff’s Dept, was present to just check in and see if we had any problems or questions, no questions, or problems to report to him.

Ricky Wait and Greg Huras, Mathiowetz Properties were questioning the status of a mining pit on Wait’s property near Roscoe. The original mining pit was not recorded with Stearns County, so no details were known about it. It was decided to have Wait apply for a new mining permit to ensure that things are done properly, and the paperwork is recorded.

Dale Job, CMCU brought information on investing the ARP money. Money in the money market is always liquid and can be adjusted monthly. A decision will be made next month.

**Ralph’s Excavating**

Snow Plowing for the 2021-2022 Season

Same as last year $110/hour

$2000/ month retainer starting Nov 1

Gertken Bros Inc. will take over the contract

Ralph will help as needed.

**A motion to hire Gertken Bros Inc was made by Burg, seconded by Gertken. Carried 3-0.**

The board asked Ken to do the high population roads first preferably before the roads are driven on and to follow Ralph’s route. Ken said that they also have a snowblower that can be used on heavy snow. Ken will get a price for that to the board for consideration.

Ralph has purchased the salt/sand mix for the snow season and he will issue a bill to the township that will be paid next month.

Kayla Sand had a complaint about grass clipping and other debris that has been dumped in the ditch on Koetter Court. Koetter Court is a private road, and the township does not have jurisdiction over it. Gertken will contact Mark Sand and let him know that we cannot do anything.

Boni asked about possibility of Munson Township providing a compost site for the residents of the township. The board said that they would not want to provide that. Residents can bring leaves etc. to Kraemer Inc. The board is considering a 1-day clean-up in the spring where the township would provide dumpsters at township expense.

It was decided to pay half of Ron Mehr’s dust coat bill ($470.25) because the road had been graded after the dust coat was applied. **Motion Gertken, second Burg. Carried 3-0.**

Gertken thought that the board should consider dust coating all township roads on a rotating basis. He also said that Knife River does dust coating. It will be decided later.

Boni said that she had been asked when the road ditches would be cut again. Gertken said after the first frost. Gertken told Boni to give his cell number to the people with questions.

**COL Fire Update –**

\*Call numbers were down this month, 3-4 calls.

\*Credit card has been acquired.

\*The fire district is considering a sinking fund to be created to purchase new equipment as things wear out. It would mean a $22,200/yr. increase for Munson Township. This would include turn-out gear.

Dick thought that the COL Fire District and the Richmond Fire Dept should consider splitting fire calls and medical calls with each doing one or the other to cut down on expenses and not doubling up on equipment. Gertken did not think that that would be feasible at this time.

Population estimates from the county for Munson Township for 2020 was at 1,450. 2018 was 1,557.

**A motion to pay bills was made by Burg, seconded by Gertken. Carried 3-0.** Bills were paid in the amount of $33,951.77 using check numbers 7077-7087. Burg was paid for cutting brush and putting up signs using check #7078. Gertken was paid for ditch cutting using check #7077.

**At 9:20 PM, the meeting was extended to October 25 @ 5:30 PM. The extended meeting will be onsite on 210th St. near Troy Buermann’s to assess the rocks in the ditch and decide on what should be done. Fieldstone and Fruitwood will also be looked at. Willenbring will contact Ralph to attend also.**

Minutes submitted by: Boni Behnen, Clerk

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