Munson Township Board of Supervisors

# **Meeting Minutes**

# **May 20, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Munson Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:00 PM on May 20, 2019by Chairman, Joe Willenbring.

## Present

## Butch Gertken, Matt Burg, Clerk, Boni Behnen, Treasurer, Dick Behnen, P & Z Vice-Chair, Orville Willenbring, P & Z board member, Mike Behnen, and P &Z Ad., Lynn Burg.

## A motion to approve the town board minutes from April 15, 2019, with one correction, was made by Burg, seconded by Gertken. Carried 3-0.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Income $135.00 Expenses $8,413.36 Balance $396,230.35 **A motion to accept the Treasurer’s report was made by Gertken, seconded by Burg. Carried 3-0.**

**COL Fire Update**

The fire district has applied for a gambling permit. They would like to raffle off a pontoon. Only 500 tickets will be sold.

It was too late in the school year to implement the Firefighter for A Day event. They will try it in the fall.

Keith Togstad and Tim Lunsford, Edgedale Court had complaints about the damage done to their property by the snowplow. Lunsford had placed an 8-foot post in the road ROW to mark the sprinkler head he had also placed in the ROW. The snowplow had taken out the post and Lunsford wanted to bring attention to it. It is unlawful for a resident to place the post and sprinkler head in the ROW and the township is not liable for the damage. In fact, the resident could be held liable. Togstad said that the snowplow blade had taken out some of the grass on his property. The board pointed out that with the large amount of snow that was plowed this year it was inevitable that there would be some grass damaged. Togstad also said that the center of the cul-de-sac did not need to be plowed and the snow could be piled in there instead of on the edge of the road. Togstad said that the township does a great job of snow removal. The residents on Edgedale had paid for the asphalt on the road 10 years ago and they would like to see the township put down sealcoat. Gertken asked Boni if she would get statute info on ROW regulations.

Marty Scherr, Becker Lake Circle stated that the state snowplow dumps snow onto BLC when they turn around and leave a 3-foot plie at the end. We do not have jurisdiction over the state. The street sign is also missing. It is also not our issue. He will need to call the state. Scherr would like to see lighting placed along the highway to illuminate the end of BLC. Highway 23 will be upgraded to a 4-lane beginning in 2022. The board thought that there could be something planned for that.

Pat Johnson was requesting an on-site wine and strong beer license for Twilight Acres Resort for the period of July 1, 2019 thru October 31, 2019. **Motion Burg, second Gertken. Carried 3-0.** Consent of Town BoardDocument signed by clerk.

Roman Schaefer again asked the board to rebuild 222nd St. He no longer owns the field next to the road as he sold it to his son, Keith, but was speaking on Keith’s behalf. Keith would be willing to donate the fill to upgrade the road. Schaefer had been sent a certified letter from Bob Ruppe, township attorney stating that he needed to remove the approaches that he had put in without the board’s permission. This work must be completed by June 1 and all fill removed. The budget will not support the upgrade.

Burg had located the business that sells the cold patch needed for road repairs. ($14.50/bag) He asked if he could put the charge for a pallet on the township Visa. Boni said that the Visa limit would not support it. Burg will get Core & Main to get a credit app to Boni and she will take care of it ASAP.

Dave Thielen’s name came up as a possible replacement for the empty seat on the P and Z Board. The P and Z Board will discuss it at their next meeting on June 6th.

The Joint Powers Agreement with Wakefield Township was signed by the Clerk and Chair authorizing the road improvements to Forest Hill Road. Boni will send a copy to Wakefield Township.

The mining permit resolutions from action taken in April were signed and will be sent into the county to be recorded.

Gertken had gotten price quotes from 4 implement dealers on ditch mowers. It was decided to buy the Woods Bat Wing Mower Model# 10.70 from Lake Henry Equipment for $15, 600.00. We will be getting the same discounted price as the Stearns County Hwy Dept. and Lake Henry will have replacement parts on hand. **A motion from Burg was made to purchase the mower, second by Willenbring. Carried 3-0.** The old mower will be sold for any reasonable offer over $3000. Boni will call to put insurance on the new mower.

Willenbring had received an estimate from Knife River Corp for $405,000. It would be for the stretch of road from Hwy 43 to Hwy 22. Grinding and re-laying approximately 2.5 miles, 3” blacktop with a 2-foot shoulder.

Estimate for patching Edgeton Road from MN Blacktopping was $33,500. Burg made a motion to do the Munson share contingent on Eden Lake Township.Burg said that we needed a plan of where to start with road improvements. And we should see if there is any state aid available for road projects.

Per road inspections the following gravel improvements were authorized:

Dutch Ave – 3”- 4” (1 mile)

210th -4 inches of gravel (1-1/2 – 2 miles) Have Ralph dig out rocks.

246th near Flint’s – Up hill, crushed blacktop.

Greenfield Road – 3 -4 miles gravel, let Ralph decide.

230th near Ron Mehr- 4 inches gravel.

250th and 246th – 2” gravel

243rd – ¼ mile chip seal ($5,900.00)

**Reviewed Mail**

**A motion to pay bills and was made by Gertken, seconded by Burg. Carried 3-0.** Bills were paid in the amount of $ 35,988.51 using check numbers 6487-6496.

**At 10:20, a motion adjourn, was made by Burg, second by Gertken. Carried 3-0.**

Minutes submitted by: Boni Behnen, Clerk \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Chair

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