Munson Township Board of Supervisors

# **Meeting Minutes**

# **March 15, 2021**

# The regular monthly meeting of the Munson Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:00 PM on March 15, 2021 by Chairman, Butch Gertken.

# **Present**

# Joe Willenbring, 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 February 16, 2021 was made by Burg, seconded by Willenbring. Carried 3-0.**

**Treasurer’s Report**

Income $32,916.43 Expenses $31,402.48 Balance $455,724.85. **A motion to accept the Treasurer’s report was made by Burg, seconded by Willenbring. Carried 3-0.**

Brian Wallraff presented the mylars for the final plat of Bush’s Acres. Mylars were signed by P and Z Chair, Mike Behnen and Chair, Gertken. **Motion Burg, second Willenbring. Carried 3-0.**

**A motion to open Class 5 and Blading Quotes for 2021, Willenbring, second Burg. Carried 3-0.**

Ralph’s Excavating - $105/Hour, Class 5 -$5.00 /Yard

**Motion to approve, Willenbring, second Burg. Carried 3-0.**

Herdering Inc. (Ervin)

$4.00/yard – Hauling and Spreading

**Motion to approve, Burg, second Willenbring. Carried 3-0.**

Gertken and Herdering will work together to provide the Class 5 and distribution. They will submit separate billing and insurance.

Ralph has a mulcher that he would like to try out on the shoulders of the roads. The supervisors advised him to do one side of the road and then blade to see how it works. Ralph will get one of the supervisors to be there and observe and to give the go ahead to do other roads.

Arvig received a grant to upgrade the fiber optics along township roads. Maps were given to Burg showing the work area. Arvig will be responsible for any damage to ditches or roads. Arvig will have documents for the supervisors to sign at the next monthly meeting.

Kevin Schmidt, District 3 Right of Way Engineer for the MN Dept of Transportation, was present to discuss possible turn backs to the township due to the expansion of State Hwy 23. Turn backs would happen in 2023-2024. Supervisors reviewed maps of possible turn backs. Roads will be built on the state’s dime.

**Mike Nielson, WSB**

Nielson stated that Munson township roads are currently at a 64% Pavement Condition Index. He asked if we would like to leave at 64% or bump it up to 70%. At 64% we would need to spend $260,817/yr. on improvements. At 70%, it would be $303,000/yr. The levy would need to be upped $40,000/yr. The supervisors discussed various roads and what needed to be taken care of first. Roads will be reviewed on the road inspection tour. A decision will be made next month.

**COL Fire Update**

The new truck is up and running. Gertken asked about the sinking fund for the fire dept. He is concerned that the dept will not keep receiving grants. Willenbring said that the sinking fund will be discussed next fall.

Lynn Burg had received an inquiry about driving golf carts on township roads. Munson Township does not have specific guidelines in their ordinance. The supervisors would like the carts to have slow moving vehicle signs on the carts. Also, the cart drivers need to be licensed, be courteous and move over for other larger vehicles.

Mail – Reviewed the latest bridge condition report from Stearns County.

**A motion to pay bills and payroll, was made by Willenbring, seconded by Burg. Carried 3-0.** Bills were paid in the amount of $25,441.71 using check numbers 6948-6972. **A motion to pay Burg (#6961) for snow plowing the parking lot and signs was made by Willenbring, second Gertken. Carried 2-0.** Burg abstained.

Road inspections will be Monday, April 12 @ 3:30 PM. Meet at town hall parking lot. (Due to conflicts, the date was subsequently changed to Thursday, April 15 @ 3:30 PM)

**At 9:25, the meeting was adjourned.**

Minutes submitted by: Boni Behnen, Clerk

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