

**DRESBACH TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING**

August 7, 2018
6:00pm

ATTENDEES: Dave McCann, Pat Burns, Chad Teirgar (sp?), Dave Gilster, Seila Craig, Gordon Bateman, Jim Huerkamp, Nick Erdmann, Gerald O'Flaherty, Claude Mosley, Larry Baeder, Larry Goodlund, Nancy Goodlund, Hans Schroeder, Mariel Carlisle, Bob Bullis, Deb Tesch, Tina Bullis, Brant Amble, Bruce Nordeen, Kerry Brinkman, Mark Grade, Tim Mormann, Mary Vasquez, Jay Low

-Call to order at 6:01pm
-Pledge of Allegiance

GUESTS: Kevin Buehler—NOT PRESENT

-Minutes to approve: **Reg meeting Minutes from 7/10/18. Make changes to Duane Maas as he is deceased, add Richard Smith, or George Howe. Tuan makes a motion to approve, Pat 2nd vote 3-0 approved**

-Treasurer Report submitted to the Board

-approve accounts payable

-Update regarding the transfer of money from Checking to Money Market account

-Discuss sale of Smith property and check from Wieser Law for payment in full of the special assessment tax for this property

-Correction made from the June tax deposit from Winona. Misapplied the special assessment money to the general fund. Made the necessary transfer to put the money back into the Sewer Fund

-Voiced concerns to the Board regarding have enough money to pay the General Obligation loan in Feb. Due to late or missed tax payments from those in the SSD in June, there may be a short fall for the Feb 2019 payment of \$47000. Wanted the Board to be aware and to have a plan of how to pay if money collected in Oct isn't enough.

-Update regarding the Crystal case. **Pat made a motion to contact Skip Wieser about representing the Township on a criminal case against Crystal, Dave 2nd vote 3-0.** The MN State Auditors Office will assist Winona with the case in a criminal suit.

-Primary Election next week. When should Kim work in place of Tuesday while in Dakota? Also, Kim will be on vacation from Aug 19-28. Food should be a volunteer effort for election day.

OLD BUSINESS

-Partnership Agreement with MNDOT: **Pat made a motion to review and sign the original agreement from MNDOT, Tuan 2nd,** Discussion...Kim asked Pat to clarify which document he is asking to review and sign? There have been several documents submitted and revised and Pat didn't have the document with him to review. **Dave made a motion to table this until the Aug 17 working meeting, Tuan 2nd, vote 2-1 Motion carries to table.** Sheila and Kim will review which document is being considered, will review/make changes if necessary at the 8/17 meeting at 8:00am and then bring to the meeting for approval on 9/4.

-Retaining Wall-Wolf property: Pat explained the current plan to fix the retaining wall. Winona County sent a certified letter to the property owner explaining that the retaining wall was not legal due to being in the right away. Fixing the wall as it stands is not an option. Buehler Landscaping will be working to remove the wall and grade/fill hill to be compliant.

-Drainage Waas Valley: Kim still needs a Certificate of Liability from Dewey and the Township needs to make sure that contracts are written when work is being done in the Township. Pat said this was an emergency and the Township doesn't need one. Discussion about who and when the ditch was filled in behind Crawford property? Comments from

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residents indicated it happened before 1991 and that the State filled the ditch with no culvert to widen the road, but then wanted to charge the Township. Kim suggest looking into a bid to either put a culvert in or open up the fill for a spillway. This is a potentially dangerous situation and finding the original party responsible and asking them to pay seems unlikely. **Dave make a motion to bid out a culvert or open to a spillway, Tuan 2nd, 3-0 vote passes**

-Friends of Dresbach: Garden Tour, Thursday, Aug 16 at 6:30pm. Watch Newsletter for more details. Discussion about water testing the hose and hooking up the water fountain behind the shed. **Dave makes a motion to have water testing done and if safe, hook up the water fountain, Tuan 2nd, vote 3-0 passes.** Residents suggested Mary Leuther and other local agencies for testing. Kim will check into the cost for the next meeting.

-CUP update: Kim provided information from Lew at Winona about the ability to complete the CUP application now in lieu of owning the property. It was suggested to fill out the application with a site plan and then list the current owner on the application. This process often happens with other residential properties when sales are pending. **Pat makes a motion to start preparation of the CUP, Tuan 2nd, vote 2-1 passes.** Pat and Kim will start preparations for the meeting on 8/17.

-Lawn mowing: So far he is doing a good job. Question regarding whether it's a cost savings? Too soon to know. After the season is over, Kim will try to do a side by side comparison from previous years. Also discussed the garbage on the bike trail? The overlook cans are spilling over. Tim mentioned he use to collect the garbage weekly. Kim will pull the agreement to review and contact Winona County to communicate that garbage pick up needs to resume on the trail whether by the County or the State.

NEW BUSINESS

-Summons: Pat read the email quote from MATIT attorney representing the Township. Will try and schedule a closed session meeting with her on 8/15/18 Time TBD

-Election machines: Kim provided cost information for new machines required by the State. Dresbach and Dakota would share the cost of the new machine, but due to the cost and maintenance, we should possibly reconsider the mail ballot option. We both qualify for the mail ballot option and the cost is much cheaper....to mtc costs, training, election judges, etc... Dakota's next meeting is Monday, Aug 13th at 7:00pm. Meeting will be posted at the Board may attend to discuss. Meeting is located in Dakota at the community center.

-Permit revisions: over 7 tons and driveway access permits have been updated. **Pat makes a motion to approve the revisions to both permits, Dave 2nd, vote 3-0 passes**

-Boat landing: Tuan will talk to DNR. Need quote for two concrete moorings to help stabilize the dock at the landing and will look into grants to put in rip-rap north of the landing/beach

-Paint townhall: Lead is present in the paint that is currently peeling off the Town Hall. Tuan will get bids to remove paint and cover with siding. Should the Township send out notification of Lead peeling? Need to ask MATIT insurance about legal responsibility to report. Dave is still working on the water issue in the basement. Also have concerns with the continued pumping of water out of the Shimshak residency. Will reach out to Winona about an ordinances or safety concerns.

-Garbage pick-up: request to increase Summer pick-ups to every other week. Would like to have it from April thru October. Will have to request each year to change as Harter's doesn't have the capability to set it up automatically.

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-Update on roads: Brush clean up will commence on Waas, Valley View, Al Moore, Old Hickory, bottom of Oak Hill, Queens Cove. Dave Haef will have the equipment to do this. Need to get a contract agreement for work being done. Hourly rate and equipment costs. Kim will contact. **Pat makes a motion to approve to contract Don Haef for brush clean up, Tuan 2nd, vote 3-0 passes**

-Dump Truck of cold mix: Tim needs to get a load of cold mix for patching. \$800-\$1000 per load. **Dave makes a motion to approve Tim to purchase 2 loads of cold mix as needed, Tuan 2nd, vote 3-0 passes**

-Buehler Rd gravel—Need a contract for cost for rock and blading. Need cost per hour and equipment charges. Estimated cost to be under \$10,000.

-Culvert on Old Hickory: Tim said Paul Dawson will provide equipment to dig up road to check culvert and repair. Paul also has the equipment to clean up the fence line along the boat landing area. Need to get a contract of cost to do the work. **Tuan made a motion to approve Tim and Paul to work together to get these projects completed, Dave 2nd, vote 3-0 passes**

-Hold Harmless burning contract with Mathy: Will need to get a burning permit on the day specific to burning. Contact Scott Hoeg in Dakota for permit. Will need to meet with Mathy to find out exactly where in the quarry to burn.

-Lynn Gellerson: Tim mentioned that Lynn isn't mowing everything. In front of Hengel and on Old Hickory. Need to get a contract from Lynn so the Township knows where he mows and a contract on file. Will add to Sept agenda.

-Maintenance concerns: Truck and Plow on the truck needs work. Need to decide if we should repair or replace the blade/plow. Maybe a new truck? Contract plowing out? Dave will continue to get in bids to evaluate at next meeting. Tim will get a quote for the new blade/plow and cost to install/fix. Need culvert signage and other signs for township. Kim asked Tim to put a list of all the signs we need to order along with what signs are needed for back up inventory. He will bring list to closed meeting on the 17th. Light at boat landing needs to be done. Yield sign at Old Hickory has no words and is faded. Tim would also like the Board to look at the sink hole on Old Mill Road. There is one down by the Stenger property as well that needs to be addressed. Plan on looking after the meeting on the 17th. Suggested that Kerry and Larry meet too as it's near their properties.

-Plan closed meeting for personnel: 8/17/18 at approximately 9:00am

-Kim asked that Pat announce at the beginning of the meeting the date and time of said meeting. Often when listening to recordings, she doesn't know the date of the meeting she is listening to. She also asked that we try to encourage people to use the microphone as recording are very difficult to understand people when they are just talking without identifying themselves.

FROM THE FLOOR

Adjourned 9:25pm

Respectfully submitted by

Kim M Low

8/9/2018