

Dresbach Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, May 4, 2021 7:00pm
Dresbach Town Hall

Attending: Dave McCann, Nick Erdmann, Brant Amble, Ryan Ottinger, Joann Demorest, Bruce Nordeen, Janice Hoeschler

Green sheets are available for addressing the Board

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm and recited the Pledge of Allegiance

GUESTS:

APPROVE MINUTES: Review Regular Monthly Minutes from 4/6/21: **Brant makes a motion to approve minutes from 4/6/21 as written, Dave 2nd, vote 3-0 passes.**

Clerk/Treasurers Report:

- Presented Treasurers report for April to the Board for filing. No discrepancies to report
- Accounts Payable: **Nick makes a motion to approve all payables, Brant 2nd, vote 3-0 passes**
- Kim will be on vacation the week of 5/9-5/16

Old Business:

- Maintenance Agreement Mormann's: Review bids from Engineer firms. **Dave made a motion to approve the bid from Makepeace Engineering, Nick 2nd, vote 3-0 passes**
- Contractor bids: Discussion regarding the bids for concrete, siding and roads.
 - **Siding:** received 3 bids for Vinyl and LP Smart siding. Board discussed the options and decided to go with the LP siding. Awarded work to Grass Roots Design at \$27,250.00. **Dave made the motion to approved Grass Roots Design, Brant 2nd, vote 3-0 passes**
 - **Concrete:** received 3 bids for exposed aggregate concrete for replacement of stairs at Town Hall front lawn. Discussion about keeping stairs or possibly going to a flat slab. Will need to check with Winona County regarding pitch limitations for a Public Building. Awarded work to J&J Concrete. \$2200-\$2800 depending on what finish is decided. **Dave makes a motion to approve J&J Concrete, Brant 2nd, vote 3-0 passes**
 - **Roads:** Solicited 4 Contractors and we only received one bid. Board discussed the cost savings vs what was budgeted for each road. It's a savings of approximately \$90,000 and fixes/maintains some roads earlier than planned. Some roads will be double chip sealed, some single chip sealed and other crack filling. **Dave makes a motion to approve Scotts Construction bid for road work, Nick 2nd, vote 3-0 passes.**
- Donaldson Drive costs for repairs: Board discussed the proposed costs to fix the bottom portion of Donaldson Dr and what the property owner's responsibility should be. Bid was \$699.00 for the bottom portion of the road, double chip sealed. Top portion of the road was bid \$374 for single chip sealing. **Dave makes a motion to for the Township to pay for the top portion (\$374) and that Renee and Tom Donaldson should be responsible for the bottom portion (\$699) due to damage created from contractor in March of 2020, Brant 2nd, vote 3-0 passes.** Kim will put a letter together and have Township Attorney approve before sending out. Amount due and payment terms need to be determined.

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- Clean-up Day/Dumpster Day: The Board would like to thank everyone that volunteered for Clean-up day. It was a great turn out and a lot of work was completed. Reminder, Dumpster Day will be Saturday, May 15th from 7:00am-4:00pm. Open to Dresbach residents/property owners only. Limitations are in place and everyone has been informed of those limitations.
- Tree removal: Discussion regarding a group of trees on the Stenger property that needs to be removed to prepare for culvert replacement. **Dave made a motion to remove trees on Old Mill Rd, Brant 2nd, vote 3-0 passes.** Dave will arrange removal with Joe Baumgartner.

New Business:

- Trail camera: Discussion about possible cameras on Oak Hill Rd. With the problems we have had with people dumping illegally, it might worth looking into the costs and effectiveness. Nick made a motion to approve \$250.00 to purchase camera(s), Brant 2nd, vote 3-0 passes. Kim has a contact and will see about options for cameras and placement for the next meeting.
- Maintenance person: Discussion about adding a part-time maintenance person. Would need to find someone that can pick up the plowing hours of 6:00am-6:00pm and have some flexibility to help with other jobs around the Township when needed. Board ok's job posting.
- Heavy Equipment permit: Request was made for a "7 ton road access" permit. Work to start May 10-19. Contractor would need access through the gate at the boat landing. Discussion about concerns with the culvert under the parking lot at the boat landing and additional traffic. Parking should not be obstructed and the contractor will need to make sure to clearly mark the gate area. One rock will need to be removed to allow access. Also discussed the Township Ordinance #3 regarding the deposit for the permit and requirements of when a permit is needed.
- Overflow parking lot-Trees removed: Discussion regarding overgrowth/bushes that could be removed near the Keiper property at the parking lot on Riverview. **Dave makes a motion that it's ok to remove these from Township property, Brant 2nd, vote 3-0 passes.** Volunteers will schedule time to remove of brush.
- Grading Oak Hill Rd: Dave spoke to Willie at New Hartford about grading Oak Hill, Lanes Valley and Buehler Rd. Should be done in the next week or two.
- Culverts Waas Vally/Queens Cove: Several culverts are in need of gravel work. Waiting on permission from the Skemp Estate regarding Queen's Cove. Waiting on bid from Diversified to assist.
- Road signage for tonnage limits: Discussion... need to call attorney/county

From the Floor:

- Tarp/Cover for truck bed. Needs to be covered when traveling on the interstate with loads. Request for \$300.00 to purchase. **Dave makes a motion to approve the \$300 for truck bed cover, Nick 2nd, vote 3-0 passes.**
- Old Mill Rd/Hoeschler property. Request to have maintenance clean up dirt pile on RR side from plowing. Will issue a work order to take of it.
- Crystal Lewandowski case: Discussion about new information regarding a plea deal. Winona County attorney would like input from the Board how to proceed. Board was in agreement that they County should seek charges for finance fraud and go to a jury trial.
- Electrical outlet in the Gazebo at the park: resident requested that an outlet be place near the ceiling of the gazebo if one isn't already there.

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- Bike/Walking trail update: There was a meeting with Winona County, Houston County, La Crescent and MNDOT regarding maintenance of the MRT trail in Dresbach. Some residents from Dresbach attended this meeting and discussed plowing in the Winter. The Board was addressed about plowing a couple years back and it was decided that due to liability issues the Township was not interested. With the new truck, there are concerns with liability, weight and damage to the trail. Mark Kerrigan plowed the path last Winter, but doesn't want to tackle that project on his own and again, residents asked for Township help. The Board discussed and still does not want the responsibility for Winter maintenance on the trail. Kim will reach out to Anne Morse about getting minutes from said meeting to have contact information available if anything has changed from the 2015 agreement we have on file.

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm, Nick 2nd, 3-0 passes

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Low 5/5/2021

Approved by:

Chairman

Witnessed:

Clerk

Date:

Notary: