



TOWN OF BROCKWAY
COUNTY OF STEARNS
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MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2024

Approved

1. **Call to Order:**

- On the 16th of January 2024, the Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:30. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Supervisor Fiedler and PC Sandal were absent.
- Motion made by Pogatchnik to approve the agenda, seconded Douvier approved.

2. **Land Use Requests:**

- Motion made by Pogatchnik, seconded by Douvier to approve the requested administrative subdivision for Ron Molitor, approved.

3. **Clerk's Report:**

Motion made by Pogatchnik to approve the December 18, seconded Douvier approved.

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

- A. Motion made by Douvier to approve the December report on accounts, seconded Pogatchnik.
- B. Motion made by Pogatchnik to approve claims 22977-22993, seconded Douvier approved.
Treasurer advised that as of January 18, we will have earned \$10,500.06 on our CD.

5. **Public Input:**

None currently

6. **Old Business:**

- A. **Roads:** Brush clearing was done, and it went well.
- B. **Ehlen property:** Clerk advised we have not heard back from Attorney Ruppe regarding the additional paragraph to be added.
- C. **Town Line Road:** Timeline was presented to the Supervisors for their review on when construction will start in May 2025.
- D. **Broadband:** Nothing new at this time about when our funds need to be given to the County. Pogatchnik felt we could use the money this summer and then would just need to take out of R & B to pay for the Broadband at the end of the year. Treasurer thought we could get another six-month CD to add more interest back to the township.
- E. **Opole Septic:** Clerk advised she has spoken with John Bialka and at this time John was not requesting any funds from the Township regarding his septic break. Clerk has tried reaching out to the Engineering firm who initially put in the system and with MN pipeline. John stated he was compensated by one of the contractors on the job. Clerk will continue to look into this to see how to get the septic system on a locator system. Pogatchnik feels we would have to do the marking our only defense would be if they did not get a ROW through the township. Douvier asked if the company that the telescoping (Jetline) did if they would have anything. Clerk will check on the information we received from them to see if there is any kind of depth listed.

- F. **MAT/PTO:** Treasurer reported on the Earned Sick & Safe Time, the State still does not have an update for reporting this but might have something by the end of the month. Douvier asked what it works out to be? Work at least 80 hours in a year, provide them with 1 hour of S & S time for 30 hours worked, up to at least 48 hours a year. Treasurer photocopied the article and gave it to John so he would know about it.
- G. **Lights at Town hall:** Supervisors were given information on the savings we will see from replacing fluorescent to LED and some of the savings already for just one month.

7. **New Business:**

2024 Stearns County Shoreland Workshop: Clerk stated it was for the Supervisors info in case they wanted to attend. Motion made by Pogatchnik to approve Supervisors to attend the SC Shoreland workshop, seconded Douvier, approved.

St. Stephen Fire: Contract price for this year will be 62,953.25. Motion made by Douvier to approve the St. Stephen Fire contract from April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025, seconded Pogatchnik, approved.

Crack sealing 2024: Clerk stated that she will get bids out to four vendors and have those by our February meeting.

Feed lot – Dillenburg: Clerk presented to them a new feedlot in Brockway, but nothing that needs to be done.

Township Maintenance map: Stearns County GIS has created a survey link where the township can enter culverts and once created the Township can view, edit, update and create new points for the culverts. More discussion on this in February.

8. **Mail / Miscellaneous:**

Water Softener: Clerk asked about the softener in the back room. Is it something we use, if so, does it still work, do we need? Salt inside in the container is hard and there are bags of salt. Douvier said the scale in the toilets is bad. Pogatchnik and Douvier thought if we had it, we should use it. Douvier said he would look at it.

9. **Public Input:**

Resident Warzecha asked what portion Brockway has of Town Line Road and how much are we paying. Pogatchnik stated they wanted \$250,000, but we committed 125,000. No one really knows the final cost, there is a 7.5 million grant and then the rest put out to Townships & City of Sartell. It will all depend on what all needs to be done. Resident Legatt stated the County wanted wider ROW, Pogatchnik stated for the grant to be used the ROW need to be a minimum of 45, but they would like 50.

Resident Legatt asked about the Township Maintenance map if the County is requesting it from the Township? Douvier stated it is for culverts and where they are located. Legatt stated that is something we already have, why would the County get involved. Pogatchnik didn't think they were requiring us to use it, but it would be to assist in keeping track of our culverts.

Move to Adjourn/Recess: 8:08 time.

Next Regular Meeting Date: Tuesday February 20, 2024