



TOWN OF BROCKWAY
COUNTY OF STEARNS
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MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 2023

Approved

1. **Call to Order:**

- On the 20th of November 2023, the Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:30. The Pledge was recited.
- Motion made by Fiedler to approve the agenda, seconded Douvier, approved.

2. **Land Use Requests:**

None

3. **Clerk's Report:**

- A. Motion made by Fiedler to approve the October 16 minutes, seconded Douvier, approved.

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

- A. Motion made by Fiedler to approve the October report on accounts, seconded Douvier, approved.
B. Motion made by Fiedler to approve claims 22949-22963, seconded Douvier, approved.

5. **Public Input:**

Sgt. Noetzel reported he felt the toilets at Smarts Ferry were a nice improvement. He did notice this morning several burn outs in the parking lot. Five crashes throughout the month of September. Nothing out of the ordinary.

6. **Old Business:**

- A. **Roads:** Douvier asked if we were thinking of striping the roads again as they are wearing off. Clerk will check into previous companies.
- B. **LRIP Grant:** Clerk is still working on this with help from Douvier. It needs to be in by December 8th.
- C. **Ehlen property:** Constructions site permits get reviewed, except for the Shoreland ones as it took too long. Possibly pass an ordinance that we need to review the shoreland ones before construction. Fiedler was not able to comment on Ehlen's driveway. No permit was ever acquired to put the driveway in. Fiedler will talk to Ruppe about possibilities to finish the rock wall or two posts and a cable. Set a deadline of May 15 for the driveway to be out.
- D. **Town Line Road:** Clerk presented the information to the supervisors on costs/mile. Supervisors would like to have a meeting to discuss with other municipalities what is going to be involved. Clerk will try to set up a meeting on an evening for all to attend.
- E. **MAT Conference:** Fiedler is unable to attend, so Douvier and Pogatchnik will consider if they are available.
- F. **Opole Septic Contract:** Fiedler signed the contract.
- G. **MS4:** PC Sandal is looking into the platted areas and will be ready to put this together when needed.
- H. **Broadband:** Fiedler stated that Michael Williams showed the status of our internet. Wondering when we need to give the county the money. Fiedler will get Mike to come to our next meeting and talk about it.

7. **New Business:**

- A. **Noxious weed report:** Pogatchnik filled this out and signed.

- B. **Nuisance neighbor:** One resident complained about another neighbor's dog. She was given two options a letter sent out or the Sheriff's office. She chose the letter which was sent.
- C. **Ulster Road/Speed:** Residents came to complain about the speed of drivers on Ulster Road. They would like 25 MPH posted on this road then the Sheriff's office can enforce it. Fiedler will check into his information to see if we can. Motion made by Pogatchnik to put speed limit signs on Ulster Road at 25 MPH or the next lowest speed acceptable, seconded Douvier, approved.
- D. **Hometown Planning contract:** PC Sandal presented the new contract for the coming year with one change of \$110/hour. Motion made by Pogatchnik to accept the Hometown contract for the coming year, seconded Douvier, approved.
- E. **Earned sick and safe time:** Fiedler stated if employees worked 80 hours in a year, they should have 1 hour paid sick and safe time. Payroll will need to see if this will come out in the new CTAS update.
- F. **Cannabis management:** Fiedler advised it was brought up at the Freeport meeting. Most townships are picking up the County ordinance. But we can do more or less. Tabled for next meeting.
- G. **Septic replacement loans:** Loans are available for homeowners if systems need to be replaced. The clerk will put it on the website and in the newsletter.

8. **Mail / Miscellaneous:**

Reminder about open meeting law.

Other mail a Thanksgiving card and the new Stearns County newsletter.

LeSauk Paul Wagner asked what we did for Clean up day. No one could remember.

It was addressed about a local farmer who has been driving off the road ditch on 390th & 55th. A letter will be sent to him.

9. **Public Input:**

Melissa Pogatchnik brought up about them getting rid of their buckthorn and they were able to get a land match grant from the DNR for a substantial portion to take care of the buckthorn. They are going to cut, treat and help put in native plants. Information will be put in the newsletter.

Move to Adjourn/Recess: 8:22 time. Next Regular Meeting Date: Monday December 18, 2023