



TOWN OF BROCKWAY
COUNTY OF STEARNS
STATE OF MINNESOTA
WWW.BROCKWAYTOWNSHIP.GOV/OFFICE.COM

MEETING MINUTES

November 21, 2022

Approved

1. **Call to Order:**

- On the 21st day of November 2022, the Regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with all board members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Motion made by Fiedler to approve the agenda, seconded Pogatchnik, approved.

2. **Land Use Requests:**

Nothing at this time

3. **Clerk's Report:**

- A. Motion made by Fiedler to approve the October 17, 2022, minutes, seconded Pogatchnik, approved.

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

- A. Motion made by Pogatchnik to approve October report on accounts, seconded Fiedler, approved.
- B. Motion made by Fiedler to approve Claims No: 22712-22735, seconded Pogatchnik with mention that monies would be reimbursed to funds (FEMA), approved.

5. **Public Input:**

Sgt. Steve Noetzel was present and stated there were 54 calls in September 20 traffic stops: 68 calls in October with 13 of those being in the construction area. Thanks for coming!

6. **Old Business:**

- A. **Roads:** FEMA paperwork was submitted; a call came today in regard to more specifics for Mitigation. This has been forwarded to Burski for the answers to this. Pogatchnik asked Douvier if V. Legatt contacted him about 380th, Douvier stated no. Pogatchnik looked at Jim Stegura's culvert, but it does not fit the parameters for FEMA. Thoughts were to see in the spring what happens with the culvert. John Smoley is still working on clearing brush. Supervisors would like him to get to Rockline (103rd). Douvier stated we are not to be leaving stumps sticking out. Pogatchnik would like to look at a Forestry mulcher for our next time. Supervisors agreed the ditches need to be cleaned up so if not this winter, next spring. The mulcher might not work on all roads as there are too many rocks in some of the older roads.
- B. **411th:** Resident Brandon Theisen was present. Fiedler asked if he was selling, and he said yes. Fiedler went on to stated there are some road issues there. Pogatchnik gave the options that an Engineer presented to the Township. Right now, there is too many accesses into his property, usually you only have two. We want to work with Theisen to see what will work best. Although we also need to address the water issues that other residents addressed at a previous meeting.

Theisen doesn't feel that anything needs to be done. Options: Construction of ditches & culverts or curb & gutter so water goes past this residence. If ditches are done his accesses would be limited. Theisen doesn't believe his accesses are concerned, they just want the road resurfaced. Theisen doesn't believe a new cul-de-sac is necessary. Now that is not what the Board is hearing on the cul-de-sac as turning around is difficult at a dead-end road. Supervisors will look into this issue again during the winter and have contact with the Engineer.

- C. **Signs:** New estimate from the first one new one is at 52,000. Supervisors would like John to be contacted and get a contract rather than an estimate and make sure there is an electronic file and make sure it was all the signs. Pogatchnik would like to have him come and do the work but wants to know the final price before and agreement is made.
- D. **99-year lease:** PC Sandal reported that we are still waiting on Sam Deleo for the survey description to get this lease recorded with the County.
- E. **Gilleland Vacation Easement:** PC Sandal stated we need to follow the road vacation process. We have received the Petition with the proper signatures, now a resolution setting the public hearing needs to be signed, and the petitioners have signed an agreement to pay for costs, which they have done. Public hearing will be set for December 19 at 7:00 p.m. Resolution was signed and the hearing will be posted. Motion made by Fiedler to approve the Resolution to vacate the easement on the Gilleland property, seconded Pogatchnik, approved.
- F. **Ordinance #8:** Fiedler stated this is the road standards he stated we wanted to put something in about the owner being responsible for their culvert on their driveway. PC Sandal presented the paragraph that would be added. Motion was made by Fiedler to include 4.2.2.6 paragraph, "property owner is responsible for on-going maintenance of their culvert and approach. If clogged, they need to clean out". Seconded Douvier, approved.
- G. **Stearns Town Officer's meeting:** Clerk Stang gave some stats from the meeting on the Elections, gravel tax and broadband updates.
- H. **Discrimination & Harassment Policy:** Fiedler addressed this form, which is off the MAT website, Supervisors will look it over and discuss next meeting.
- I. **Fine Distribution:** Clerk shared that the Fines for October because of the construction area was \$483.29.
- J. **Ulster Road:** Resident Jefferson stated this still has not been cleaned up or dirt put down. We will get on this next year.
- K. **Investment:** Treasurer Goodew checked into areas where we can earn better interest. Right now, we earn 0.15 on our checking. CD or a money market from our bank. 15-month 3.25 CD. You need to start with \$10,000, but it would be the same as 100,000. Supervisors were unsure how much to put in 300,000 to 800,000 was discussed. Money markets only earn .6%. Douvier had questions if it was compounded, are there penalties. Douvier will be checking with the bank on all the details. Tabled for next meeting.
- L. **Opole Septic:** Treasurer Goodew asked if the Supervisors wanted to raise the rate that is charged to Opole Septic residents. No change will be made it will remain \$60/month and a \$45/late fee.

7. **New Business:**

Fiedler requested a quote to extend the desk out to make room for the Planning Commissioner. A bid was given from Jarrot Cabinets as they were the ones who initially put it in. Estimate of \$2100

for 5' add on, new counter and install. Thoughts were that it would look more professional. Motion made by Fiedler to approve the \$2100 for the desk extension, seconded Pogatchnik, approved.

8. **Mail / Miscellaneous:**

Thank you was read

9. **Public Input:**

Shoreland Alteration was approved for Smart's Ferry with Rocks' & Roses. This will be submitted and hopefully approved through the county.

Fiedler moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m., seconded Douvier, approved.

Margaret Stang, Clerk

George Fiedler, Chairman

Date Approved 12-19-2022

Amendments 0