



TOWN OF BROCKWAY
COUNTY OF STEARNS
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MEETING MINUTES

December 16, 2024

Approved

Call to Order:

- On the 16th of December, the Regular meeting was called to order at 7:30, Pledge was recited.
- Motion made by Fiedler to approve the agenda with additions, seconded Douvier, approved.

Land Use Requests:

Motion made by Fiedler to approve Fiedler line adjustment; Rudnicki rezoning; Holz line adjustment; Legatt prelim & final plat; and Pesta revised plat from the PC meeting, seconded Douvier, approved.

Clerk's Report:

Motion made by Fiedler to approve the November minutes with corrections, seconded Pogatchnik, approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- A. Motion made by Fiedler to approve the November report on accounts, seconded Pogatchnik, approved.
- B. Motion made by Fiedler to approve Claims No #23175-23189, seconded Douvier, approved.

Public Input:

none

Old Business:

- C. **Roads:** Pogatchnik brought up guard rail @ 421st St & 95th Av we had decided no guardrail, but John was going to put up signs. Pogatchnik stated at this time there are no signs on that road. Clerk will call John to see if this was going to get done. Douvier asked if there was going to be a speed limit sign as well. Pogatchnik stated that it was on 79th that the speed limit sign changed. Chevron should be up, but not speed limit sign. Other road issues with the ice Douvier has sent Burski out to spread salt & sand.
- D. **Nuisance:** Fiedler advised he has contacted Tyler Schwartz, and he is making great progress. He understood what we were expecting and was going to get it cleaned up. Fiedler feels we should continue to monitor the problem and if he doesn't take care of the problem, it will cost him more.
- E. **Prairie Grass Lane:** Fiedler went out to the site and met with Mike Nielson and he was going to get a proposal back to Fiedler, but as of now one has not been received. Fiedler after walking the road has a different opinion after looking at the short distance, he doesn't believe it will be a thoroughfare so his opinion is why spend a lot of money on the road when it could just be raised up 4-5" and then eventually pave it. Pogatchnik stated, "and not bring it up to township specs". Engineering can do some borings and find the bad spots that need to be dug out, replace the culverts at the start of the road. Douvier stated that Burski does have an engineer that they use.

Tabled for next meeting until we get something back from the Engineer about bringing the road up to township specifications.

- F. **Smarts Ferry:** Fiedler stated he sent an email to Ruppe and got an out of office so he has not gotten a response yet. Tabled.
- G. **Township Road map:** Fiedler stated he sent out a proposal to both supervisors. Fiedler went to our Engineer, and they gave a couple of proposals. Supervisors will look over the proposals and they will talk about them at next meeting. Pogatchnik states we need to tell them what township roads are. Pogatchnik feels we can go with a marker and revise it, rather than paying the money. Pogatchnik feels the cartways in our township have been causing problems about a sign. It wasn't our road, it's a cartway and we don't have anything to do with those roads. He feels we need to get the cartway roads figured out as well so that's on it. Fiedler says they will go to the County and then the cartways wouldn't get missed. Douvier asked about the shared roads, whose road is on that portion of the road. Fiedler stated you would put it somewhere on the map as a "shared" road. On the Holdingford road we pay snow plowing, not sure about gravel.
- H. **Comprehensive plan:** Fiedler is still looking at grants. Hometown Planning said they do that kind of work depending on what needs to be done.
- I. **ID Signs:** Clerk stated that yes he will be doing a map of where the signs are, possibly get it done this winter.
- J. **Broadband for Brockway:** Albany Fiber is coming and contacts have been made to different board members. The cost is 0 at this time to install, but then you can choose your service you want. Fiedler stated at the MAT conference that Stearns County is the only county that has a broadband plan to get it to everybody.
- K. **Stearns County cannabis ordinance:** Stearns County has passed an ordinance for cannabis. Fiedler advised that MAT had information on their website. Fiedler asked if we did a resolution on cannabis, Douvier stated he thought we left it up to the county. MAT recommends that we do a resolution delegating cannabis retail to the county. With the cannabis we would have to do periodic checks if there were any businesses in Brockway Township. Pogatchnik brought up that we didn't do anything with shoreland, Fiedler agreed nothing more was done. PC Sandal stated the Board wanted to see the proposals prior to the county approving and they were sure that they weren't going to change their policy. Fiedler will investigate it further. In the Stearns County cannabis ordinance, there is something about a cannabis event, but it isn't defined as to what it is.

New Business:

- L. **Planning commission contract:** New contract for Hometown Planning was presented with a \$5 increase from \$110 to \$115, which was approved and signed by the board. Motion made by Fiedler to approve the contract, seconded Pogatchnik, approved.
- M. **MPCA grant:** Clerk presented a letter to Fiedler regarding MPCA issues and grants that could be applied for to help the Township fix the problems.
- N. **St. Stephen Fire contract:** 2026 increase to 3.9% from 2025. Pogatchnik inquired if our fire fund was negative on our report. Treasurer stated it is negative all the time.
- O. **John Lenneman:** John was inquiring if there was any need for brush cutting in Brockway Township. Clerk will email him back and let him know at this time nothing but will keep his name on file. Douvier stated DKs also called and was looking if we needed anything more.

p. **Future planning:** Fiedler stated that Stearns County could help us with some planning. He asked her to define what that would involve; having a couple of sessions to talk about what we might do and give us some options. Pogatchnik asked what Hometown Planning could do for us. Fiedler stated their services would not be for free. Fiedler stated we could have a session or two with the county, Fred or Ben could be there. And get some ideas and finalize the documentation.

q. **Mat conference:** Fiedler attended this, and they had good speakers, Couri & Ruppe presented on solar. Ruppe told everybody if they were looking for an ordinance on solar the best one is in Stearns County. MAT conducts Township Tuesday sessions virtually and they are all recorded so you can go on the MAT website and listen to them. MAT talked about membership due increases in 2027 and there hasn't been an increase since 2013. Township Day at the Capitol is January 27, you can register on the MAT website. They talked about clerk and treasurer meetings, but they were all full when we tried to register. MN paid leave for employees was also discussed.

Mail / Miscellaneous:

Car fire on Tallow Road, Fire Department is going to file a claim for insurance. Burski will be sending a bill. Clerk will reach out to County to see if we can get the report.

Public Input:

Move to Adjourn/Recess: 8:27 time. Next Regular Meeting Date: Tuesday February 18, 2025