



**TOWN OF BROCKWAY
COUNTY OF STEARNS
STATE OF MINNESOTA**
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MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 2023

Approved

1. **Call to Order:**
 - On the 15th of May 2023, the Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:31 with one Supervisor Douvier absent. The pledge of Allegiance was recited.
 - Motion made by Fiedler to approve the agenda, seconded Pogatchnik, approved.
2. **Land Use Requests:**
 - A. None
3. **Clerk's Report:**
 - A. Motion made by Fiedler to approve the April 17, 2023, minutes, seconded Pogatchnik, approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - A. Motion made by Fiedler to approve the April report on accounts, seconded Pogatchnik, approved.
 - B. Motion made by Fiedler to approve claim #22818-22843, seconded Pogatchnik, approved.
5. **Public Input:**
 - A. None
6. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Roads:** None at this time
 - B. **411th Street:** Nothing more at this time.
 - C. **Smarts Ferry:** Garbage & Porta Potty have been placed out there. Fiedler did get a bid for striping for \$495. Motion made by Fiedler to accept this proposal from Done Right to stripe Smarts Ferry Landing, seconded Pogatchnik, approved.
 - D. **Cul-de-sac radius:** Tabled
 - E. **County enforcement of ordinances:** Clerk Stang stated from the MAT attorney that we would need to use our own attorney to prosecute these cases, which could add up to a lot of cost, with not much return. Tabled.
 - F. **Trailer pricing:** Two proposals were given on 2 different sizes; 4 ½ x 8 at \$2,525.35 and 5 x 10 for \$3,017.38. We cannot use Tax Exempt status on the purchase of trailers. Motion made by Pogatchnik to get the Aluma 63 x 10 utility trailer from MidSota for \$3,017.38, seconded Fiedler, approved. Clerk Stang will get this ordered.
 - G. **Resolution / Scenic View Drive:** PC Sandal presented the Resolution to Board members establishing Scenic View Drive as a Township Road. Motion made by Fiedler to approve the resolution establishing Scenic View Drive as a Township Road, seconded Pogatchnik, approved.
 - H. **Signs:** Clerk Stang had contact with John Anderson and he hopes to get started with street signs at the end of May or beginning of June.
7. **New Business:**
 - A. **Roads to be paved for 2023:** Bids were opened at 7:15 and Knife River was selected. The other bid was from MN Paving. Roads to be paved are Rockline addition; 103rd Av, 442nd St and 100th Av, along with 411th Street & 57th Av. Knife River 411th 69,850 and Rockline was 105,737.25.
 - B. **Fiedler contract for 2023:** There is an increase in the monthly maintenance up \$65.00. Motion made by Fiedler to accept the new contract with Fiedler for the Opole Septic, seconded Pogatchnik, approved.
 - C. **Mechanical Tree Removal:** Aaron Willenbring was in attendance and explained how he can clear trees on the roadside for the township. He has a 12" chipper that he pulls behind and leaves the chips in the ditch or will take away. Pogatchnik asked if he does brush cutting in the ditches as well? Aaron stated depending on the size of the brush. He will also treat the stumps when he is done. Fiedler stated he felt there would be need for his work but felt we would make a decision at our next meeting. Pogatchnik asked how much he charges; a stretch of road where there are 100 trees to take out, but if one tree the price would be a lot higher. In Wakefield Township he charged \$500/hour and it came out to be about \$100/tree. Tabled
 - D. **Granite Pest / Regular spraying:** Do we want them to come every fall to spray beetles. The board agreed that the building needs to be maintained so it is necessary. Clerk Stang will make the contact to get it set up.

E. **Furnace, AC & boiler replacement:** Two estimates were presented to the Board. Mechanical Energies; \$16,243; Opatz \$16,770 + electrician fee. Motion made by Pogatchnik to use Opatz to replace the furnace pending their willingness to include the electrician as the other bid, seconded Fiedler approved. In further review it was noted that Opatz's bid was actually \$400 less.

F. **Ordinance for emergency response services:** Bob Ruppi brought this up at a previous meeting. Fiedler will ask Ruppi about this at the legal review.

G. **70th Avenue / Township Road:** Fiedler stated it is not maintained by the township.

H. **Oak Tree on 40th Street:** Fiedler stated he went down there and did not see any tree that needed to be taken out. Resident will be called.

I. **Culvert / 57th Ave:** Fiedler had a resident Dave Theisen addressed a culvert off of 57th under a driveway. You could see it on the east side, but nothing on the west side. Joe Lahr was contacted to take care of the problem by Noelting and Ehlen.

J. **Mailbox standards:** Fiedler stated we have standards which are to be followed in regard to mailboxes being taken down during snow plowing. It is in our ordinance that if it is not set by our standard the plow company is not responsible for any damages. New ordinance will be put in place. Chuck Ertl stated it would be good for ditch mowing as well to get around the boxes.

K. **Brush Cutting / Chuck Ertl:** Chuck was at the meeting and presented his cost for ditch mowing at \$3,281 for 2023. Motion made by Pogatchnik to accept, seconded Fiedler, approved. Chuck would like someone to sit down with him a go over any new roads before he starts so he doesn't miss any. Chuck's boom arm is the same as we used last year, doesn't do a pretty job.

8. **Mail / Miscellaneous:**

Mail was looked at and addressed.

9. **Public Input:**

None

Move to Adjourn/Recess: 8:23 time.

Next Regular Meeting Date: **Monday, June 19, 2023**