



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

Approved

1. **Call to Order:**
 - On this 16th day of May 2022, the Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. With all Board members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
 - motion was made by Fiedler to approve the agenda with one addition, seconded by Douvier, all in favor approved.
2. **Land Use Requests:**
 - A. None currently
3. **Clerk's Report:**
 - A. motion made by Fiedler to approve the April 18, 2022, meeting minutes, seconded Douvier, approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - A. Motion made by Fiedler to approve April report on accounts, seconded Douvier, approved.
 - B. Approval of claims 22608-22625, Motion made by Fiedler, seconded Douvier, approved.
5. **Public Input:**
 - A. Pat Smoley stated the weight restriction sign was taken down as they put in the sewer system for the Ehlen's who will be building in two years.
6. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Roads:** Pogatchnik asked if the one bridge sign got switched as the County requested. Pat Smoley stated it has been changed. Pogatchnik stated he attended the St. Stephen Council meeting regarding the 5-ton road. During restrictions they will post at 7 and then it will be a 9-ton road. Pogatchnik also stated after the storms we had he drove around and there are several places in the township that has a lot of sediment that washed into the ditches. Pogatchnik stated he checked into it and we as a township do not need to pay to have ditches cleared. Pogatchnik stated the Landowner is responsible for this area. The areas of concern are 115th, 1 & 125th. Pogatchnik feels a letter needs to be sent to the landowners that these areas need to be cleaned out in 60 to 90 days. If not done in this time frame the township would have someone take care of the problem and the landowner would be accessed for these charges. Douvier stated the culvert on 105th did get replaced and it looks good. Fiedler asked if the culvert by Prairie Grass got cleaned out, Douvier will investigate having Nielson's or Fiedler's clear it out. Fiedler brought up 52nd & Ulster Road stating it is not a Township Road and we should take down the sign. John Smoley will remove this.
 - B. **Signs:** Pogatchnik stated they were out doing our sign inventory figures he will have a cost proposal to us by our next meeting. ID signs should be contacted so they know what our ordinance states, so it meets our specifications.
 - C. **380th Street / St. Wendel Supervisor:** Scott Volkens came forward to address the repairs needed to 380th Street. They are looking at using an Ultra-Thin Bonded Wear Coarse. Aztech uses this and it has worked well in the past on roads. Board members will look at it and see what they think is needed. Volkens says sooner than later for the repair.
 - D. **MS4/Nicholas Nistler:** Fiedler stated the board had their MS4 training on the 12th. Ordinances should be updated so the township follows the regulations needed for Stormwater. Fiedler stated we would go to the ponds once a year and say we inspected them.
 - E. **99-year lease:** Revisions were made after the last meeting, Privatsky seemed comfortable with the agreement, it was sent to them to sign and send back, but Fred has not heard anything back yet.
 - F. **Broadband:** Mike Williams from the county is convinced Albany Tel will do everything the correct way. Fiedler would like to make a motion that we are amenable to this agreement. Discussion was brought up about Benton, but Fiedler stated he talked with them, and they are just too busy, but he assured Fiedler that Albany is a good company. Pogatchnik made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded Fiedler, approved.
 - G. **Cemetery:** Clerk Stang stated she met with Jon Perry, and he voiced his concerns. Joe's Countryside Acres brought over a load of black dirt to be used on the uneven graves. Jon is looking to have the cement blocks around a family plot to be dug out or jack hammered out so he can mow over them. He is not too concerned about the leaning headstones. Board members would still like to get a proposal to straighten the headstones. Clerk Stang will reach out to the company and see if they have had a chance to look it over.
 - H. **Smart's Ferry:** Fiedler stated he has had contact with the County and DNR about work that we can do at the landing area. Environmental services met with Fiedler and all plans were good except for the wall, he suggested we talk with DNR. Fiedler called her explained what we wanted to do, and she said that would be pretty good, no problem with that. Since the County oversees the

shoreline, they require an Engineered solution for the little wall. Fiedler will get new proposals from both companies with all that we want done. Fiedler will continue to work on this.

- I. **411th, 56th & 57th** : Mike Nielson with Sambatek was contacted and he viewed the sight, but still no information back from him. Clerk Stang will call and see if he has come up with something.
- J. **Majestic River Estates**: Fred stated there has been a change to the plat, out lot B has been taken out. No action needed by the board. The final plat is being developed. A draft agreement was put together by Fred between the Township and Steve Legatt. Fiedler asked when the agreement needed to be done. Fred said before the final plat, which could possibly be by our next meeting. Board members will look it over and give Fred feedback on what needs to be changed. Fiedler stated when a developer puts in a development, they are supposed to put so much money into the Parks Fund. Parks Department now said instead of money they want land because he is close to the archery area, so Steve has put that area on hold.
- K. **Township Ordinances**: Fred stated that he is working the other ordinance. Everything on the website should be up to date but feels the numbering system should stay the same just take out any old ordinances. Fiedler made a motion to accept the Resolution adopted and corrected summary of amendments to Ordinance 4, seconded Pogatchnik, approved.
- L. **385th Street Road Easement**: Fred advised there really isn't anything more to do on this issue.
- M. **386th Street**: Douvier stated a resident called requesting a speed limit sign as there is some excessive speeding in a very residential area. Board agreed to a 35-mph sign. ID Solutions will be asked to add the two 35 mph signs to his bid proposal.

7. **New Business:**

- A. **Conflict of interest officer**: This was signed by Douvier, but each Supervisor feels they should have one as well. This will take place at our next meeting. Pat Smoley brought up the issue of him helping John Smoley with some of the projects. If something was to happen to Pat how is he covered. Pogatchnik proposed that we pay Pat minimum wage if the project needs more than one person then he would be covered if anything happened. Discussion was made regarding insurance and liability.
- B. **Ditch Mowing bids**: Two bids were received: Ertl's Brush Mowing \$2,853 & DK's Landscaping \$5,800. Pogatchnik was interested in getting bids on doing brush mowing as well not just grass. Douvier stated DK's has this equipment. Chuck was asked what he had for brush mowing, he stated he has a boom. Pogatchnik asked what the cost per hour for brush removal is. Chuck stated \$100/hour. Chuck suggested that you do a 1/3 of the township every three years and then that will help keep it better maintained. Motion made by Douvier to accept Chuck Ertl's bid for ditch mowing, seconded Pogatchnik, approved. In concern to brush mowing Douvier will pick an area and see how it works for Chuck. Pogatchnik feels that some spraying might help, Douvier doesn't feel that we would be able to get the company to do it at this short notice.
- C. **Paving bids**: Three Bids were reviewed by the Board; MN Paving 139,294.20; Astech 149,774.10 and Knife River 141,827.20. Much discussion was voiced regarding who to choose. Motion made by Fiedler to go with the lowest bid, seconded Pogatchnik, approved.

8. **Mail / Miscellaneous:**

- Treasurer Goodew wanted some clarification on what minimum wage would be for Pat Smoley. Pogatchnik stated MN minimum wage is \$10.33. Motion made by Fiedler to pay Pat Smoley \$10/hour, seconded Pogatchnik, approved.
- Apple Duathlon May 21, 2022
- Majestic River Estates, Thursday May 19 @ 6:00 pm
- J & M displays – fireworks/ CR 1 & Walleye Road: Permission slip was signed and sent back to J & M.
- Fiedler stated our new Commissioner is Joe Perske from the redistricting.
- Shouldering needs to be done in other areas after this rain. Douvier will check with Travis Scott from Foley, 320-241-4595 regarding possibly doing this. Pogatchnik feels this would be a year to do signs, brush mowing and shouldering to catch up on these other miscellaneous items.
- Fiedler brought up landscaping around the town hall, weeds, and the bushes. Pogatchnik stated take everything out and just put rock in. It will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Xenia Road tree down John Smoley will go in and take care of the rest of it. He would need to contact the homeowner to see if they want the wood.
- Fiedler got a call from a resident on Pine Point and with all the rain a shoulder has washed down the ditch, he wasn't sure who's responsibility it was. It was minimal so Fiedler called him back and said we would not take care of it.

9. **Public Input**

- Conrad Legatt stated on 385th Street there is a sink hole a little bit east of his place. Across the road from him and east by Pilarski's. Fiedler will take care of looking at it and marking it.

Fiedler moved to adjourn, seconded Douvier, approved.

Margaret Stang, Clerk

George Fiedler, Chair

Move to Adjourn/Recess: _9:28_ time.

Next Regular Meeting Date: Monday, June 20, 2022

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