



TOWN OF BROCKWAY
COUNTY OF STEARNS
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MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2024

Approved

1. **Call to Order:**

- On the 20th of May 2024, the Regular meeting was called to order at 7:30. The Pledge was recited. All Supervisors present.
- Motion made by Fiedler to approve the agenda with additions; seconded Douvier, approved.

2. **Land Use Requests:**

None currently

3. **Clerk's Report:**

Motion made by Pogatchnik to approve the April minutes as amended, seconded Douvier.

Motion made by Pogatchnik to approve the Special Meeting minutes, seconded Douvier.

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 Claims No: #23039-23059, seconded Douvier, approved.

5. **Public Input:**

None

6. **Old Business:**

- A. **Roads:** Douvier stated there is a culvert on 115th that is separating. Culvert looks in good shape, but we think the band that held them together is separating, hoping to get it repaired next week. Shouldering on 125th has not been done yet. Douvier also looked at 438th for any culverts needing to be replaced before tarring and they do not. Clerk brought up about a guard rail at 421st St & 95th Avenue. Douvier read the email where they stated vehicles were missing the curve and flying off into the ditch. None of the supervisors have heard of this happening. A guard rail going up would be harder for mowing and snow plowing. Pogatchnik believes better signage would be best. Right now, there is a curve sign indicating what's ahead.
- B. **Ehlen property:** Clerk shared the construction permits Ehlen's applied for an 8 x 40 storage container and 8 x 40 RV on April 25, 2024. Fiedler stated that we could see all the Shoreland permits if we passed an ordinance that we wanted to see all construction site permits. Discussion was addressed on seeing other permits but not the shoreland ones. Fiedler stated the county said they do all the zoning for shore land, so the township doesn't need to see them. Fiedler now as chairman just acknowledges seeing the permit, he could approve or disapprove. Brockway has five miles of shoreland. PC Sandal will research to see what it would take to see all construction permits.
- C. **Road Striping:** Fiedler stated he got a proposal from Sir Lines A lot, the use to be AAA Striping to do the ones we have repaved at a price of \$16,390. Douvier felt that it went up quite a lot, what type

of paint they are using. Douvier felt they had given us a choice of two different paints, the more reflective paint is more than 50% more. Fiedler will check if it is the better paint, supervisors would like to go with the lower-level paint. Motion made by Pogatchnik to accept the proposal with Fiedler checking to use the cheaper paint, seconded Douvier, approved.

7. **New Business:**

- A. **Score Grant:** Clerk put in for the grant at the request of Fiedler, possibly \$3,000 for ditch clean up or could be less depending on how many townships put in for the money. Haven't heard anything yet.
- B. **Direct Deposit:** Treasurer investigated this, and Sentry Bank said it could be done for \$5/month no limit on how many. Supervisors had no real hard opinion and asked Treasurer what would be the easiest. She stated staying the way it is, all agreed with that decision.
- C. **Brush cutting bid:** Clerk presented a proposal from Chuck's Brush & Ditch cutting. Motion made by Fiedler to accept the proposal, seconded Douvier, approved. Pogatchnik would like to see our ditches mowed on a three-year rotation. Discussion was asked of Chuck on how big of brush can his machine take down. If you get up there around 15' set it on top and it will shred it all the way down nothing will be lying in the ditch. Chuck states he has no stumps left. Pogatchnik would like to give Douvier the ability if you're willing to oversee to say go 5 miles where brush needs to be done. Brush cutting would be \$125/hour and mowing \$3,525 for all the township roads. Chuck plans to start on the 25th of June with one swath. Supervisors asked that as he is mowing and doing all the roads to take notes of where brush needs to be taken down. Pogatchnik suggested we do a third and then next year another third and just rotate it. Pogatchnik asked if 50 hours would be good for a third of the township for just brush. Chuck felt it would depend on the area. Fiedler suggested authorizing 50 hours of brush cutting. Douvier asked if we were going to follow up with spray as well. Chuck stated 20' as you must keep the tractor even or it will be skipping. Chuck could start brushing July 15 to August 15 when he is done with the first grass cutting. Fiedler made a motion for 50 hours of brush cutting between the period of July 15 and August 15, seconded Douvier, approved.
- D. **Road bids:** Clerk handed over three bids out of the five that were contacted. They were Astech \$775,449.70; MN Paving \$676,678,80; and Knife River \$553,146,52. Motion made by Pogatchnik for Knife River to pave 85th Av from CSAH 17 to 450th Street; 438th St from 85th Av to CSAH 1 and 105th Av from CSAH 17 to River Street, seconded Fiedler, approved.
- E. **Road map:** Fiedler would like to get the township map updated. He contacted Mike Nielsen to get a proposal from him on what it would cost to update our map. Douvier stated then we will know for sure which roads we should be maintaining. Fiedler stated he will base it off this existing map and then anything after 2007.

8. **Mail / Miscellaneous:**

Mail was handed over for the supervisors to look over.

9. **Public Input:**

None

Move to Adjourn/Recess: 8:39 time.

Next Regular Meeting Date: Monday June 17, 2024