



TOWN OF BROCKWAY
COUNTY OF STEARNS
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MEETING MINUTES
July 15, 2024
Approved

1. **Call to Order:**

- On the 15th of July, the Regular meeting was called to order at 7:30. The Pledge was recited. Supervisor Douvier was absent.
- Motion made by Fiedler to approve the agenda with 1 addition, seconded Pogatchnik approved.

2. **Land Use Requests:**

Motion made by Fiedler to approve the Pesta variance request, seconded Pogatchnik, approved. Traci Johannes brought the Mylar county plats to be signed.

3. **Clerk's Report:**

Motion made by Fiedler to approve the June minutes with correction, seconded Pogatchnik approved.

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

- A. Motion made by Fiedler to approve the June report on accounts, seconded Pogatchnik, approved.
- B. Motion made by Claims No #:23074-23092, seconded Pogatchnik approved.

5. **Public Input:**

6. **Old Business:**

- A. **Roads:** Pothole on 65th Avenue & CR 5 south side by stop sign and it will get patched. Clerk stated ID Sign Solution was contacted and he thought replacement of other signs would be end of July or first part of August. Pogatchnik asked about the nails and flat tires, Fiedler informed that Deputy Noetzel was not able to find anyone responsible, but a report was made at Stearns County.
- B. **Road map for Brockway Township:** Fiedler stated he has gotten more information a range of pricing from \$3860 to \$10,455. With Douvier missing this item will be tabled until next meeting.
- C. **Road striping:** Fiedler stated we had a proposal from Sir Lines A lot of 140,000 lf \$16,000 to restripe roads, when the bill came it was 181,000 lf @ \$19,000. Fiedler questioned them on this, and they informed him they had just estimated the miles and it was more than what was estimated. Pogatchnik wants us to look at what roads are striped the next time, residents approached him about striping of 411th and 56th Street. Pogatchnik wants us to consider the roads that need stripping, not dead-end roads. Fiedler stated he got a proposal to strip 85th, 438th & 105th Av which will be tabled til next meeting.
- D. **Township agreements:** Clerk stated that we had agreements from LeSauk, St. Wendel, Two Rivers and Holding Townships for roads that we share.
- E. **Weeds:** Pogatchnik stated he asked the clerk to send one out to Knife River Corp by St. Stephen (Skroch pit). Pogatchnik also sent one out to a resident and he has taken care of the weeds.

7. **New Business:**

- A. **Prairie Grass Lane:** Fiedler stated there has been discussion on Prairie Grass Lane if it is a township road or not. We are unable to find anything in past minutes that the township took it over and that is the key if it is not maintained then it is not a township road. Fiedler stated in talking with our attorney there are some possibilities. Resident Adam Stang spoke on behalf of the residents who have petitioned for the township to take it over. Stang stated it has been plowed, but we have asked them not because of the damage done to the road. Weed inspector has been out, ditches get mowed every year and the school bus comes down. A portion of the road is dedicated and platted by the county. Fiedler stated it does not appear that the township has ever formally taken over the road. Petition was given to Fiedler, and he stated there is a process that needs to be followed and the township will get our attorney involved to do it the right way. M. Stang asked if the township would accept an 80/20 split. Fiedler asked if we got an estimate to have it done and M. Stang stated yes for \$104,000. Fiedler stated to the residents that we will get the process going and see where it goes. M. Stang asked if it was left the way it was would they come down and plow the road. Pogatchnik started to contact the school and then have Burski come down to clear it. Pogatchnik asked if the residents would be opposed to it being assessed to their taxes. Tabled til next meeting.
- B. **Flood resources:** Clerk Stang gave information to Fiedler in regard to helping if Brockway has any flooding issues.
- C. **Michael Gruber use of town hall:** Clerk Stang stated Gruber emailed about using the Town Hall for "Ask Me Anything" session for school board. Board agreed he should be charged \$50 for rental of the hall.
- D. **Approval of Election Judges:** Clerk Stang presented a list of 10 Judges, which the Board approved.
- E. **Edward Peternell:** Mr. Peternell came before the board stating he has 90 acres in the township and 110 in the city of St. Stephen and would like to have all of it in Brockway Township. He asked if the township has any rules in regard to animals. Fiedler stated when he pulled it up it looked like only 40 acres in Brockway and a 38.2 in St. Stephen. Peternell stated 50 & a 40 is in the township. Fiedler asked if he had gone to the city of St. Stephen, and he said he did. Peternell stated he tried it 45 years ago they don't want 9th Avenue NE. Fiedler stated the township does not have rules about animals, but the county does. Peternell stated he stopped out of respect for local government. Peternell would like us to think about and talk about it. Fiedler informed him once he is done with St. Stephen and the county, if he would write a written proposal to the Township. PC Sandal stated it would take a resolution between the city and Township to take over the land.
- F. **Township Meeting rules:** Fiedler stated that MAT thought it would be good for all townships to have meeting rules. He gave the other supervisors information on it, and they will discuss it at next meeting.
- G. **Benton Telephone permit:** PC Sandal stated they have submitted their ROW permit for putting in broadband by Ulster Road. Duane met with them, and they left the bond, application, site plan with about 15 crossings and they have paid a fee of \$1,050. Fiedler made a motion to allow Benton Communications to have a ROW permit, seconded Pogatchnik, approved.
- H. **Rahn's prebuy:** Clerk advised we usually do a prebuy last year we had 1,047, should we just do 1,050.

8. **Mail / Miscellaneous:**

Cannabis regulations; Paul Stanoch 235' telecommunications tower July 25 public hearing; Fiedler asked Mike Williams about our broadband Spring 2025; Fiedler stated at meetings he goes to they ask about who your Engineer is. Tabled for next month should we have an Engineer who works for us. Clerk had a letter on road work being done in Stearns County and Spraying for weeds Central applicators. Pogatchnik inquired about a nuisance letter that we have out, and it is coming due for us to take further action on it.

Public Input:

Resident asked if it is public knowledge to know how much money is in the CD and that if you transfer out you would lose six months interest. That would be like 60,000 dollars. Supervisors stated that is why it was put in a CD as we had no need for it now. Asked if we put it into one singular CD or ladder CDs in case you had to pull funds early. Resident encouraged us to do part of it 3 months, 6 months, 9 months and 12 months so if you ever need a little bit of it, you aren't losing all six months. Good suggestions.

Chuck Ertl stated brush cutting was starting on Monday on the south part of the township.

Resident A. Stang stated you didn't find any documentation on PGL who put the maps together for the township road maps, I think I see PGL as one of the roads on there. Clerk will check at the County Recorder's office.

Move to Adjourn/Recess: 8:16 time.

Next Regular Meeting Date: Monday August 19, 2024