



TOWN OF BROCKWAY
COUNTY OF STEARNS
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MEETING MINUTES

July 17, 2023

Approved

1. **Call to Order:**

- On the 17th of July 2023, the Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:30 with Pogatchnik on his way. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Motion made by Fiedler to approve the agenda with additions, seconded Douvier approved.

2. **Land Use Requests:**

3. **Clerk's Report:**

- A. Motion made by Fiedler to approve the June 19, 2023, minutes, seconded Douvier, approved.

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

- A. Motion made by Fiedler to approve the June report on accounts, seconded Douvier, approved.
B. Motion made by Fiedler to approve claims #22866-22888, seconded Douvier, approved.

5. **Public Input:**

Victor Legatt asked about rocks around the culverts. Fiedler asked if he thought the size was too big, Legatt stated they are not allowed at all. Douvier asked what the ordinance number was, but he was unsure. Fiedler stated he would check into it again. Douvier asked if you have a 4 to 1 slope would it matter if it is concrete or rocks. Pogatchnik feels if we find it and we need to tweak we can do that to fit the township needs.

6. **Old Business:**

- A. **Roads:** Pogatchnik brought up that we are closing in on August and during August we can mow our entire ROW. Any interest in seeing if Chuck can take a few miles of road and mow where he can. On 95th Av there is so much brush and rock. We struggle with spraying, last year we got phone calls of residents mad because we left stumps. Discussion was brought up about taking 20 to 30% of the township and do whatever it takes to get those road miles done. Fiedler agrees with what Pogatchnik is saying. Douvier states 95th Av is loaded with rock they have been putting them in there for a long time. Douvier feels we cut the brush out and keep it sprayed. Douvier stated we tried to do that a few years back, cut the brush and then spray, but then we couldn't spray because it was killing bees. Pogatchnik feels we should have Chuck go through in the areas where Pat went last year and cut the stumps down. Pogatchnik would like to see so much money allocated for a second ditch mowing, see how it goes with Chuck and what it would cost. Pogatchnik made a motion to authorize up to \$10,000 for ROW clearing, seconded Fiedler, approved. Douvier advised he contacted Central Applicators about doing a fall spray and we shouldn't do that if Chuck can do the whole township. There is 7 ½ gallons of spray in the back room and they are at 250 to 300 a ditch mile. Last time it was sprayed they paid \$4500 on 25 miles or 4800. Douvier thought no spraying until next year. Pogatchnik made a motion to authorize up to \$10,000 for spraying of brush in the ROW, seconded Fiedler, approved. Douvier wanted clarification on ditch mowing, Pogatchnik stated as far as he can go, not beyond the ROW.
- Paving on Rockline Addition, 411th, 56th and 57th is done as well as shouldering. On Rockline the contractor did not come all the way down to 440th. Douvier was out there on the morning they stated and had everything figured out and then I got a call and was asked why you not went down to 440th. Douvier took a picture and has talked with Knife River (Tim), and he was unable to answer. Tim will talk with the millers and ask why they didn't go down there, but if we want it done, they will come out and do it.
- B. **Signs:** Pogatchnik read off an email from ID Signs regarding locations that were missed, and if we wanted an estimate on warning signs and an inventory when he is all done. Douvier stated on CR 17 and 85th there is no 85th Av sign. Pogatchnik recommends that he orders the signs he missed and finish it. Clerk will have John order the signs, get an estimate made and get us an inventory when done. Check CR 17 & 85th to see if we need a sign for 85th?
- C. **380th Culvert:** Douvier stated it is the one we shared with St. Wendel. The bill was sent to St. Wendel, and they have paid half.
- D. **Cul-de-sac drawing:** Sandal stated with the change to the size of the radius on the road standards it also refers to the diagram. Should this also be updated. Douvier suggested we just change the numbers, Pogatchnik & Fiedler agreed.
- E. **Culvert 57th Ave:** Fiedler states that this has been completed for the Noelting & Ehlen driveway.
- F. **Ehlen's driveway status:** Fiedler stated our Attorney sent a letter, which created an email being sent to the Clerk for information from 1977. After the Clerk was advised to contact our Attorney and the MAT Attorney, she got the same response that this is a Data

Practices Act conflict. Clerk was advised not to proceed any further. Mr. Ehlen still has until August 1 to either remove his driveway or apply for a permit.

7. **New Business:**

- A. **BAE Training:** Pogatchnik and Fiedler's training of for the Board of Appeal is up on 7-1-2024. They will need to redo the training. Clerk will send the email to them with the site to register and get re-certified.
- B. **Rahn's Oil Prebuy:** Treasurer stated we prebought last year bought 1,200 gallons, asking if we want to prebuy, but we still have monies in our account. Clerk will call and clarify.
- C. **Redo road map:** Fielder feels the Township Road map which was done in 2007 should it be redone? It was decided to wait.
- D. **Unmaintained yard at 39958 57th Av:** Fiedler advised he sent a letter HUD addressing the issues at the residence. Fiedler will contact the neighbor and inform him of what we are doing.
- E. **Email of residents:** Fiedler informed that in the MN Insider there was an article regarding Townships getting email addresses of residents and then they can send out a newsletter as opposed to mailing it out. Thoughts of putting it in our next newsletter to see if they would give us their email to receive the newsletter that way. Pogatchnik wondered if it would be easier.
- F. **Park funds / Smart's Ferry:** Fiedler researched the ordinance about using park funds. Fiedler would like it documented that we used those funds for repaving the road as that is allowable. Treasurer will go back and change the accounts to come out of park funds. Fiedler wants it to show that we used those funds in the appropriate manner. Fiedler also stated he has a call into Charles from Rocks & Roses as we were going to do some clean up at the boat landing. Clean up by the shore and the sidewalk if there are any funds left, we will use that for his bill. Pogatchnik felt we used that fund up with the paving so there wouldn't be any money left in this account.
- G. **Ditch spraying:** This was addressed under Roads.
- H. **Scenic View Drive:** Fiedler asked if it was changed, Sandal stated it was. When Scenic View goes to the south it goes to 390th Street, but Supervisors feel it should be an Avenue. Fiedler would like to take that sign down unless it screws up their mailing address. Fiedler will check on the sign to see if it would screw things up.

8. **Mail / Miscellaneous:**

Hail damage in township, our Township did not receive any damage.
MAT Dist. 5 mtg Aug 17 @ 7 PM, anyone interested in going? No one was.

9. **Public Input:**

Victor Legatt asked if Joe Perske had spoken with Fiedler. Shelly Benson from the County wanted to change the 75,000 for Hazardous Waste to do more advertising to the public at 160,000. Perske shot it down as you won't get residents to do the right thing.

Move to Adjourn/Recess: 8:42 time. Next Regular Meeting Date: Monday, August 21, 2023