



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

August 21, 2023

Approved

1. **Call to Order:**

- On the 21st of August 2023, the Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:30 with everyone present. The Pledge was recited.
- Motion made by Fiedler to approve the agenda with additions, seconded Douvier approved.

2. **Land Use Requests:**

Motion made by Fiedler to approve the Mark Traut administrative subdivision to allow for a home build of 82 acres, seconded Douvier, approved,

3. **Clerk's Report:**

A. Motion made by Pogatchnik to accept the July 17, 2023, minutes with a correction from Victor Legatt, seconded Douvier, approved.

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

- A. Motion made by Fiedler to approve the July report on accounts, seconded Douvier, approved.
- B. Motion made by Fiedler to approve claims 22890-22908, seconded Douvier, approved. Discussion from Pogatchnik concerning our CD that we have, Treasurer Goodew will run an investment page that will show the CD.

5. **Public Input:**

A. **Pat Smoley** said all the roads that were tarred look good, as well as the new signs. **Victor Legatt** mentioned Fiedler stating moving Park Funds into the R & B to cover the cost of Walleye Road. Legatt doesn't think funds can be spent on a dedicated road. Fiedler stated the funds from the County "Park Funds" qualified to be used at the river landing. Fiedler asked Legatt's point and Legatt stated it is a dedicated road he doesn't think those funds can be used there. Fiedler will check into this again to make sure we used the funds properly. Pogatchnik thought they could be used for the parking lot which is associated with the landing. Legatt was concerned about the parking line, but that is what the company suggested to use.

6. **Old Business:**

- A. **Roads:** Rockline is not finished yet, but hopefully before Winter.
- B. **Road Standards & access #9:** It had been approved in June, but Clerk needed signatures. The cul de sac diagram was also complete and attached.
- C. **Goodew's Road:** Clerk presented a resolution where they would like the Township to take it over, since it has been two years. Motion made by Fiedler to approve the township taking over 386th Street, seconded Douvier, approved. Jim Goodew wanted to thank the board with all the help they provided in the process of the road. Much discussion was brought up about having all residents pay for having any road tarred rather than just one person. Pogatchnik feels that each resident should be assessed for improvements. S. Goodes stated they could not sell a lot and keep the road private. J Goodew didn't want a township road, but that was placed upon him when he wanted to sell a lot. Legatt stated Goodew's came to the township asking what needed to be done for the township to take it over. Fiedler would like to pull this and look at it for future roads.
- D. **Cleanup of brush on 110th & Beehive:** Fiedler stated we got another email from a resident that there is still a lot of stumps and brush. John has been up there trying to clean it out. Pogatchnik states he should just bring it within a reasonable height, to cut it so someone can mow is not required. Fiedler will go back and respond to this person and let them know we are working on it.
- E. **Landscaping town hall:** Fiedler got a quote from Rocks & Roses to redo landscaping around the town hall, keep some plants and no plants that are large. Clerk Stang stated she had reached out to Melissa Pogatchnik to give a quote from her business. M Pogatchnik asked if the irrigation system was going to get fixed at all? Fiedler made a motion to approve the proposal that Rocks to Roses presented to the Board. Pogatchnik is abstaining for voting as he knows the contractor. Douvier feels we should just leave it the way it is. Douvier also addressed the sprinkler system, Fiedler stated it would be done in sequence. Upon further thought Douvier seconded the motion, approved.
- F. **Rocks on the roadway:** Fiedler addressed the rocks on the roadway, what is said in the newsletter. He states it is not clear in our ordinance, we just say headwalls. Fiedler proposes that we add some definition, he looked up the town of Becker he presented pictures of what they considered bad or good. He is looking for agreement to add more detail on what can be done with headwalls in Brockway. Fiedler feels we need more definition, rocks like the picture. Subgrade mentions no rocks bigger than 3". Douvier likes what is shown. Pogatchnik doesn't think it would be safe for snowmobilers. Fiedler will do more research together to clarify our ordinance.

- G. **57th Avenue:** Fiedler stated Larson added the culvert its at an angle, but not severe and it's good.
- H. **Unwanted yard 57th Avenue:** Fiedler also addressed the Unmaintained yard on the other 57th Avenue. A letter was sent but the address must be wrong as it came back. He will try to find a current address and resend.
- I. **Ehlen's:** We sent them to our attorney and Rупpi forwarded an email he got from Ehlen's that was acquisitory. Fiedler stated he was down at the landing with Charles from Rocks & Roses and Steve was yelling at him, Fiedler advised him to contact our attorney. Steve sent a picture of where his house plan has been approved from the county. Fiedler has asked our attorney since the August 1 date has passed; can we block the driveway. Rупpi feels we can, but he's going to get back to us. Fiedler had the surveyor come back and put the corners before Rocks & Roses did any work.

7. **New Business:**

- A. **2023 Local Road Improvement Program:** Clerk Stang stated she did a webinar on it and there is a 102.9 M funds available for counties, township, cities to construct, reconstruct or recondition projects. The max award would be 1.5M. Township would have to pay for it up front and then be reimbursed later. It is a grant program, applications need to be in by December 8, awards announced on March 24. Pogatchnik stated if there is grant money and you're willing to submit for the grant we should.
- B. **Website contract renewal:** Clerk stated the cost for the website is going up considerably. We paid \$550 in 2022, but now it will be \$2,500. I investigated other options but feels staying with our current one would be better. They will be able to put an app on the website that residents can sign up to get notices via email or phone. Motion made by Fiedler to continue with our current website provider, seconded Douvier, approved.
- C. **District 5 meeting:** Clerk Stang attended and gave a rundown of what was discussed by our Representative.
- D. **Holdingford Fire meeting 8/30 @ 6:00:** Supervisors are invited to attend.
- E. **Emergency Management Trng for Townships:** Fiedler talked with the county about putting on training about this. They responded back to him and will try and get a date for training.
- F. **"4-Corners" training for Clerk & Treasurer @ \$50/each:** Clerk Stang has registered, Treasurer Goodew is hoping to. Fiedler moved to approve the "4 Corners" training for clerk and Treasurer, seconded Pogatchnik, approved.
- G. **Planning Commission start time:** Pogatchnik asked what time our Planning commission meetings are publicly noted to start? Clerk stated 6:30. Pogatchnik thinks we should make this change and have it noted. Changes will be made on the website.
- H. **Opole Septic:** Treasurer wanted to make them aware that there was an extra bill for wetland repairs. Fiedler's informed that there are trees on the driveway that scratches their trucks and would like these cut back. Clerk has contacted John Smoley and he said he would have this done by the end of the week.

8. **Mail / Miscellaneous:**

Broadband
Cannabis Ord #654
Tri-Cap – Info posted on town hall.

9. **Public Input:**

Move to Adjourn/Recess: 8:52 time. **Next Regular Meeting Date: Monday, September 18, 2023**