

Helga Township
Regular Meeting of Township Board of Supervisors
Minutes of
August 23, 2016

PRESENT: Chairman-Don Clay, Supervisors; Jeff Schussman, Dale Berglund, Joanna Olson Hammerstrom, Jim Lyle, Clerk-Sue Adkins, Deputy Treasurer-Teri Westin

Planning and Zoning members; David Horn, Teri Westin, Brian Fulk;

Meeting called to order, 7:00 pm, Pledge of Allegiance recited

MINUTES:

Reviewed minutes of July 26, 2016 regular meeting

Motion made by Don Clay to accept the meeting minutes of the July 26, 2016, regular meeting, **Seconded** by Joanna Olson Hammerstrom, **motion carried.**

Claims List:

Claims list reviewed Checks # 8570-8599

Motion made by Jeff Schussman to accept the claims list as submitted, **Seconded** by Jim Lyle, **motion carried**

Treasurer Report:

Teri Westin-Deputy Treasurer gave the treasurer's report, total assets; 475,922.48.

Motion made by Don Clay to accept the August 23, 2016, Helga Township Treasurer's report as read, **Seconded** by Jeff Schussman, **motion carried.**

Land Use:

There have been six building permits.

CUP coming for the cabinet shop on Hwy 71.

Don Clay and Jeff Schussman discussed the Land Use meeting they went to in Park Rapids to discuss issues with the non-conforming lots along 71, accesses and variances. Right now anyone in Hubbard County needs a variance in order to get an easement- costs keep increasing from Hubbard County. It effects our township the most, people are holding off to see what happens. It was discussed how to get the word out to contact the county and let them know of the issues.

Road Report:

Don Clay gave a report that there was a tree down on Union Rd that was cleaned up. Tree Bark has a sink hole in the ditch at address, 23129. JR is still working on culverts, recently done; 470th- 5' of culvert.

Timber Trail Drive:

A petition has been received to take over Timber Trail Drive. The road needs fill there is a low spot, a cross line and approach culverts, and 2 ½-3" of gravel and other items to bring up to spec. The work needs to be done before the township would take over the road. A person in the audience presented an engineer's report was done on Tree Bark Dr. from 2007. The rocks that the township put in the road years ago, need to be removed because of liability – a different

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barrier was discussed. Home owners from that area were at the meeting to address concerns. Water flow on the road was also discussed.

Motion made by Don Clay to have Green Tech remove the rocks between Timber Trail Drive and Tree Bark Dr. and install 4 more barricades that will be purchased by the township, (discussion) **Seconded** by Jeff Schussman, **motion carried**.

Dirk Fisher Road:

Dirk is putting in a development road past his mini storage. This is being done by Schulke.

Vogeltanz Road:

A1000' road with a cul-de-sac is being put in across from Fugate's old gas station. That is being done by Gladden's.

Parking Lot:

Bottom course went in 2 weeks ago and the wear course was done on Friday, with seal oil. Lights are here and painting will be done for about \$750, by Minnesota Seal Coat and an LED sign will be put in.

Motion made by Don Clay to have Minnesota Seal Coat paint the parking lines, handicap signs, and light posts for \$750, **Seconded** by Jim Lyle, **motion carried**. Jeff will contact.

Roof:

All of the gutters were full of sand from the shingles. Old chimney is down and covered, new rafter tails will be done. Shingling will be started on Thursday and done Friday.

District Meeting:

The district township meeting is 8/24/16, 6:00, in Walker.

Motion made by Don Clay to allow Jim Lyle, attend the District meeting in Walker, paying mileage and hourly fee, **Seconded** by Jeff Schussman, **motion carried**.

Fire Assoc:

Dale Berglund attending a meeting. The new contract will start January 1st. The cost to the township is unknown at this time. Fourteen townships make up the association and the township buy some of the equipment.

Motion made by Don Clay to have Sue develop a confirmation letter for the contract, **Seconded** by Dale Berglund, **motion carried**.

Ordinance Meeting:

The meeting is this Thursday August, 25th. The draft ordinance can be changed yet at the meeting.

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Primary Elections:

The new voting booths worked great. The state had a low turnout, there were 19 voters at the Helga primary. Two supervisors and the treasurer position are up that will be on the general ballot in November. Don Clay, Jeff Schussman and Teri Westin have filed for office.

ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion to adjourn made by Don Clay, Seconded by Jeff Schussman, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Adkins, Clerk

Donald Clay, Chairman