

Helga Township
Regular Meeting of Township Board of Supervisors
Minutes of
May 23, 2017

PRESENT: Don Clay-Chairman, Supervisors; Jeff Schussman, Dale Berglund, Joanna Olson Hammerstrom, Jim Lyle, Treasurer-Terri Westin, Clerk-Sue Adkins
Planning Commission members; David Horn, Brian Fulk, Branden Smith, Terri Westin, Joanna Olson Hammerstrom
Meeting called to order, 7:00 pm, Pledge of Allegiance recited

MINUTES:

Reviewed minutes of April 25, Regular Meeting

Motion made by, Don Clay to approve the April 25, 2017, Regular Meeting minutes, **Seconded by** Jim Lyle, by a show of hands, Unanimous yeas, motion **carried**.

Claims List:

Claims list reviewed Checks # 8782-8804. Marvin from the Hubbard County Highway Department was contacted and said to not worry about the \$850.43 bill, they could not find any notes about the work being authorized-check will be cancelled.

Motion made by, Don Clay to accept the claims list from 4/26/2017 through 5/23/2017, and the \$850.43 striping check for Hubbard County will be cancelled because Hubbard County had a billing error, **Seconded by** Jim Lyle, by a show of hands, Unanimous yeas, **motion carried**.

Treasurer Report:

Terri Westin gave the treasurer's report; -Total Assets: **\$270,296.45**

Motion made by Don Clay to approve the May 23, 2017 Helga Treasurer's report, **Seconded by** Jeff Schussman, by a show of hands, Unanimous yeas, **motion carried**.

Land Use Report:

There have been 9 building permits this month. The higher permit fee is bringing us closer to a break even for cost.

Road Report:

A complaint from Hewets regarding 498th Street being washboard, they requested someone to drive and check the road.

Corner of 470th Street and 255 St a culvert was filled by beavers, it has been taken care of.

Town Hall Report:

Outdoor toilet quotes for weekly service, \$140 Port a John & \$100 Bob's Econo Pump. A note from Wayne Hoff says the lighting upstairs still needs to be rewired. Wayne was going to get a bid. The new form with the new hall rental rates needs to be done. The new garbage can has arrived, the old one needs to be hauled away. Dirk Fisher was in the audience and said he would take it. The cleaning service is going well.

Cemetery:

New flag pole is being put up tomorrow. Shutters were removed from the bell tower and the bell works. Low spots have been filled in and weed control was done.

An implement is sitting in the brush and Dirk Fisher will haul it out of there.

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Gravel Contract:

Contract from last month was signed.

Road Signs:

We had requested a 36"x36 sign and M & R Signs questioned if we wanted 30"x30" instead. We will go with 30"

Motion made by Don Clay to change our sign order from M & R Signs, to the sign size of 30"x30", and approve the order that was \$3872.57-which will change a little with the size change, **Seconded** by Jim Lyle, by a show of hands, Unanimous yeas **motion carried**.

Chloride:

We have a quote from Dust B Gone that went down from \$3,500 a mile and is now \$3,230 a mile

Fisher Road:

Dirk Fisher was in the audience requesting approval of a road petition and subdivision. Karvakko Engineering said that they need a written approval to move ahead with the minor subdivision.

A public meeting needs to be held. A mailing will not need to be done because Dirk is the only affected owner.

Motion made by Don Clay to hold a public hearing on June 13th, 2017 at 7:00pm, for the road and subdivision for Whispering Pines, **Seconded** by Jim Lyle, by a show of hands, Unanimous yeas, **motion carried**.

Noxious Weeds:

Joanna Olson Hammerstrom and Terri Westin had attended the meeting and shared information. Helga Township has Wild Parsnip and Wild Toad Flax and the county will spray in June on county roads. There isn't any on township roads at this time, if there were it would cost \$125 plus chemicals. A notice will be put on the website to alert residents to watch for noxious weeds.

Credit Cards:

Users need to be designated and will get their own card.

Motion made by Don Clay, to allow the clerk to go through the process to secure a VISA credit card for township use with purchases preapproved at meetings, **Seconded** by Joanna Olson Hammerstrom, by a show of hands, Unanimous yeas **motion carried**.

Boarder to Boarder:

The Township Association has asked us to do a resolution saying we are against the Board to Board Trail program.

Motion made by Don Clay, to sign Resolution 05232017-01, to go along with the sample resolution from the Township Association, **Seconded** by Joanna Olson Hammerstrom, by a show of hands, Unanimous yeas **motion carried**

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Grader:

Discussion- purchasing a new grader and the costs for running and maintaining it. How the packer will help with reduced costs of gravel by approximately 1/3 and the amount of grading trips needed. Operating cost would be about \$100 an hour versus a quote for summer grading at \$135 an hour without a packer. The cost of building a new building or the chance of finding one in the township that could be rented to house the grader. Discussion on how the quality of service is important.

Motion made by Joanna Olson Hammerstrom to hire JD Hansen to grade our roads this summer for \$135 an hour as needed, **Seconded by** Don Clay, by a show of hands Unanimous yeas **motion carried.**

Motion made by Don Clay to purchase the grader from Ziegler/Cat for the amount of \$323,340. **Seconded by** Joanna Olson Hammerstrom, by a show of hands, Don Clay, Joanna Olson Hammerstrom and Jeff Schussman- yeas, Dale Berglund and Jim Lyle- opposed, **motion carried.**

Summer Short Course:

Board of appeal and CTAS training is part of the course.

Motion made by Don Clay to have Terri Westin and Jim Lyle attend the summer short course in Walker with hourly pay and mileage, **Seconded by** Jim Lyle, by a show of hands Unanimous yeas **motion carried.**

Land Use Forms:

Tabled till next meeting.

ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion to adjourn made by Don Clay, Seconded by Jim Lyle, by a show of hands, Unanimous yeas, **motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Adkins, Clerk

Donald Clay, Chairman