

Helga Township
Regular Meeting of Township Board of Supervisors
Minutes of
April 22, 2014

PRESENT: Don Clay-Chairman, Supervisors; Jeff Schussman, Dale Berglund, Joanna Olson Hammerstrom, Mark Lawyer, Treasurer-Jeanie Porter, Clerk-Sue Adkins

Meeting called to order, 7:05 pm, Pledge of Allegiance recited

MINUTES:

Reviewed minutes of March 18, 2014 Regular Meeting, Noted that a correction needs to be made from Thoring to Bob Platt for contract. **Motion** made by Joanna Olson Hammerstrom to approve the minutes for March 18, 2014 Regular Meeting with the one correction, **Second** by Dale Berglund, **Approved**

CLAIMS LIST FOR APPROVAL/NET PAYROLL LIST

Motion made by Don Clay to approve the Helga Township claims list, **Second** by Jeff Schussman, **Approved**

Treasurer's Report:

Jeanie Porter, gave report. **Motion** made by Don Clay to approve the treasurer's report, **Second** by Mark Lawyer, **Approved**

Road Update:

A date was set for the annual road tour for Tuesday, May 6th, 6:30.

A culvert across 500th St is not draining out. The approach is 7" too high. A quote was received from Gary Skime to dig out ditch, haul in black dirt, seed and to bring it to grade where it should be for \$1000. **Motion** made by Don Clay to approve the bid from Gary Skime, **Second** by Mark Lawyer, **Approved**

An email was received from Katherine Ehrenstrom, that indicated a culvert on her approach on 496th St was damaged during snow removal. She indicated that they would remove the approach if the culvert was not repaired. Steve Bolton had given an attorney option that Ehrenstrom could not legally do that. Ms. Ehrenstrom was in the audience and they indicated that it has been a problem and she just wanted it fixed. Don Clay said a repair could be done to put a coupling on the culvert to repair it. Bob Plat was also in the audience and he was asked if he would be interested in the repair job. He indicated that he could do the repair.

Don Clay indicated he signed up for a gravel road maintenance course, in Brainerd, Apr 24th for township supervisors at the cost of \$60. **Motion** made by Mark Lawyer to reimburse Don Clay for the class and his mileage, **Second** by Joanna Olson Hammerstrom, **Approved**. Don Clay abstained.

Also on Apr 24th there is a weed meeting in Park Rapids that someone needs to attend at 7:00 pm. This person would need to meet with Greg Hensel in July. Joanna said she would go.

Land Use Report:

Jeff Schussman reported that he and Don had met with Troy Gilchrist and the process is started to amend the ordinance. He has received a lot of calls on building permits and CUPs. He mentioned we need to make sure we have enough members on the Planning Commission. Don Clay said that the attorney said two members of the board can be

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appointed to Planning and Zoning. **Motion** made by Don Clay to appoint Mark Lawyer and Joanna Olson Hammerstrom to the Planning board, **Second** by Jeff Schussman, **Approved**

Sue Adkins-Clerk swore them in at the end of meeting.

Town Hall Report:

The attic is cleaned out and ready for insulating. Two bids for insulating were reviewed but did not seem clear. Dale Berglund mentioned they should come out to look at it. Wayne was asked to have them come out to look at the site and to have them explain the bids more- tabled till next meeting.

Rentals are picking up. The historical registry is still in process-more documents were found in the attic. Wayne discussed people who have showed interest in forming a foundation. Don Clay said the Attorney Gilchrist mentioned an option might be to sell the building to the nonprofit foundation and there are other options.

Gravel Contract:

It was discussed that Bob Platt would extend his contract for another year for the same \$68 an hour and he has added a plow truck. **Motion** made by Jeff Schussman to extend the contract, **Second** by Dale Berglund, **Approved**

Mowing Contract:

The contract from last year for lawn mowing will do it for the same price and they will be sending insurance certificates. Ray Ball ditch mowing; have not heard back yet.

Legal Paper:

Sue Adkins had gotten price comparisons for the Buy Line and the Pioneer. There is a big savings to use the Buy Line. **Motion** made by Don Clay to change the legal paper to the Buy Line, **Second** by Mark Lawyer, **Approved**

Correspondence:

North Country First Responders sent a thank you for the donation.
Armstrong, letter of complaint for erosion- This is a county road. Sue will respond to her by letter.
Email Hubbard Co- The gravel pit resolution is being discussed at the next county meeting

Local Board of Equalization:

Meeting April 23; 1:00

Restore House:

The court ruled that the Restore House request was denied.

Doug Crosby litigation:

Doug was in the audience and requested information. He was directed to contact his attorney to request any information because of the litigation.

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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