

MINUTES

March 6, 2011

Road Policy Meeting

PRESENT: Chair Mike Smith, Supervisors Mike Sherwood, Jim Lyle, Dave Christianson, and Steve Pemble. Clerk Shannon Skime. Also present was Treasurer Marilyn Pemble.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Board reviewed the agenda. **Motion** made by Mike Sherwood to approve the agenda. Seconded by Jim Lyle, motion carried.

REVIEW ROAD POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS: The Board reviewed the Road Improvement Prioritization Plan put together by Karvakko Engineering. Mike Karvakko was present. They discussed various options for prioritizing emphasizing that safety issues are a major factor in prioritization. They discussed addition of an appendix for a process to petition the taking over of existing private roads as township roads. Dave Christianson and Mike Steve Pemble will prepare this document. **Motion** made by Mike Sherwood to approve the Plan with the addition of a process for petitioning for accepting existing roads as Township roads to be prepared by Christianson and Pemble, seconded by Steve Pemble, motion carried.

RECOMMENDED ROAD BUDGET: The recommended budget as outlined in the report from Karvakko was \$145500. Mike Smith and Dave Christianson took the recommendations as presented in the report and created a spreadsheet to help determine how we could reach that goal over a 5 year period. Their recommended starting point is \$128,121 for the road budget in 2012. They felt it would be adequate since we are not graveling this year, where as last year we had gravelling and the Hidden Oaks project. The budget would increase annually and have a built in adjustment of 2% inflation rate. **Motion** made by Mike Sherwood that we set the road budget at a minimum of \$128,121 for the year 2012, knowing that our actual estimated costs based on the road plan that we've accepted calls for costs at \$145500. Seconded by Dave Christianson, motion carried.

ROAD GRADING & SNOWPLOWING FOR 2012 / 2013: We had a bad fall for moisture and that followed through to the winter. Some of the issues were beyond our control and some were not. The Board discussed the fact that the contract with Vogt gave them the option if they wanted to exercise it to re-bid the contract this year. After some discussion the Board decided that they would prefer to continue working with Vogt at this time. Smith stated that he would like the township to re-address the issues that have come up through the year with Vogt. They decided to have Dave Christianson meet with Vogt on these matters.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Dave Christianson to adjourn, seconded by Jim Lyle, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

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