

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

HELGA TOWNSHIP 25895 Co 9 BEMIDJI, MN

September 27th, 2022

Present- Don Clay, Dale Bergland, JoAnna Hammerstrom, Kip Reinartz, Alicia Christophersen, Jeanie Porter, Keith Kinnen, Chris Heck, Kurt Fenner, Dana Gelately.

Absent- Harrison Hicks, Aric Porter

Others- Barry Horn, Becky Reinartz, Lily Hadrava, Betty Goose, Dorothy Schmidt, Tim and Lisa Urban, Jennifer Hendricks, Paul Schummer, Mason Karvakko, Zachary Johnson, Rita Goodrich

CONSENT AGENDA

7PM open meeting with pledge

Review Minutes for approval Motion by Don, seconded by JoAnna, all approved.

Claims list for approval Motion by Don, seconded by Kip, all approved.

Treasurer Report by Alicia. Motion to approve by Don, seconded by Kip, all approved. The grader is now paid for.

Land Use Report Motion by Don, seconded by Joanna to have Lawyer Johnson to ascertain right of way information on 470th St. East of County 36. 3 supervisors approved.

Town Hall Report Joanna gave report on status of work project. There is trim work that needs to be finished by a few doorways and some baseboards. The electric heaters in the North classroom need removing as they are nonfunctional. The wire bundle hanging in the hall way and in the office will be the township's responsibility to repair. There may be some left over trim boards and we need to find a place to safely store them in case of future need. Kip suggested putting a shelf up in one of the cloak halls. A grant application has been submitted for hallway floor asbestos tile removal and restoration of floor. Discussion held about time frame for work completion if the grant is approved. The contractor has been informed of the boards displeasure on the length of time in present contracts fulfillment.

Fire Report Dale stated there is an audit of fire fund money that is to take place. Kip noted that several townships have concerns of money being sent to Bemidji Fire Department with little accounting of spending.

Road Report The new culvert is in on Union Trees that are hazards will be cut and removed soon. Front - blade on grader will be put back on next month. Dorothy Schmidt stated that her road, 496th, has not been mowed for 2 years. The grass is very high in the ditch by the stop sign and 4 wheelers are not easily seen. Don called the mower and he will finish mowing the roads that are uncut soon. Paull Schummer turned in payment request for work done for the township. He is no longer employed by township.

REGULAR AGENDA

Land Ordinance Review- Changes in the clarification of terms of subdivisions was reviewed and approved in the planning and zoning meeting. The changes will be posted under rules and guidance in the web site.

Motion by Don, seconded by Kip to hire Bro Mowing Sand and Salt to keep doorways and sidewalks clear after every 2 inch or more snow event for \$55/hr., apply sand and salt on roadways as needed and directed at \$110/hr and remove trees and other ditch/road hazards at \$110/hr. all approved.

Community Use of Properties and Rental Use Clarification—There is a long - standing policy that nonprofit use for community socialization such as 4-H meetings, card clubs, nonprofits to raise money for community events in Helga are not charged rent. Their events must be free and open to the public. Rental fees are applied to those using the property to generate a profit.

Blinds and Shades For Hall Motion by Don, seconded by JoAnna to approve purchasing shades and blinds from Lori's Blinds for \$22,263.60 All approved. There were no grants available to cover the cost. We also don't know if we will get a grant to install air-conditioning.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Urban and Hendricks parties presented their concerns about traffic problems at the Hendricks event, Dixie's Boutique. Town board referred the Hendricks party to the land use supervisor and to obtain a CUP form from the web site and bring the completed for to Harrison Hicks.

UPCOMING DATES

10/25 Reg Board Meeting

10/26 Election Judge training 2PM Court House

11/8 General Election

12/12 Reg board Meeting

12/17 Christmas Party