

MINUTES

HELGA TOWNSHIP 25895 Co 9 BEMIDJI, MN

August 22, 2023

Present Alicia Mueller, Jeanie Porter, don Clay, Keith Kinnen, Harrison Hicks, Kip Reinarz, Joanna Hammerstrom, Dana Gelately, Kurt Fenner, Chris Heck, Barry Horn, Becky Reinarz, Mike and Sara Karvakko

Absent Aric Porter

CONSENT AGENDA

7PM open meeting with pledge

Review Minutes for approval Motion by Don, seconded by Harrison to approve, all approved.

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

Treasurer Report Presented by Alicia. Motion by don, seconded by Kip, all approved.

Land Use Report Keith had 3 land use permit applications. Did not receive a completed request for a CUP by Dirk Fisher. Will schedule CUP when application is received.

Town Hall Report Joanna said the floor project is done and will have a meeting with Historical Society representatives within the next few days to review the project. We are looking for an e-mail concerning the next grant application for the exterior restoration of the building.

Fire Report Harrison attended the July fire meeting. He noted that the BRFA members had much concern about the lack of transparency of spending by the city of Bemidji with no input from the rural members. The city approved buying new radios, tires for a fire truck and sent a fire truck to North Dakota for repair without input from the rural members. The state fire marshal will be coming to the area with a meeting soon. Harrison will let board members know the date of the meeting. There will be discussion of developing a fire district. Our current contract with the city of Bemidji expires in 2025.

Road Report Barry reported the Upper Neck Tie and Union had some very rough areas. Rain is forecast for Friday and grading will be done after the rain. Rocks are

still being stolen off 470th. New bigger rocks will be replaced. Whomever is stealing the rocks are using a machine to lift them out of the ditch.

Cemetery The survey has been done and found an area in the South side that will need to be grubbed out to expand available grave sites.

REGULAR AGENDA

Town Hall Upgrades The front and back doors both allow snow to blow in. Joanna will check to find appropriate replacement doors and costs in the meantime door sweeps will be applied to stop the snow. Becky finds the battery-operated cameras need to be recharged every 10 to 14 days and do not adequately cover all the entrances and the upstairs. Motion by Joanna seconded by Harrison to have 4 new cameras wired into the downstairs and upstairs for approximately \$1000 per camera for a total of \$3,995.00.

Motion by Don, seconded by Kip to have 2 more programable thermostats placed upstairs and to have the furnaces serviced by Wagner Plumbing and Heating. All approved.

Don motioned to have Joe's Pest control come and spray the hall for pests, seconded by Keith, all approved.

Becky noted that there were 8 small handyman tasks to be completed such as hanging a mirror, door sweeps, sink repair. Harrison will contact a contractor he knows that may be able to do the jobs.

Playground Equipment. Kip and Keith discussed setting up our playground equipment with a professional installer. He advised to sell the equipment and apply for grants to obtain new equipment as the old equipment does not have a written plan of construction and poses liability issues. The contractor will forward grant information to Kip. Motion by Don seconded by Harrison for Kip to sell the playground equipment for the township and pursue grant applications for new equipment. All approved.

Rink lighting. It has been detected the the rink has 2 circuits that are drawing too much current and need to be repaired. Motion by Don and seconded by Harrison to have Todavich Electric come and repair the circuits. All approved. Don will contact Todavich.

Motion by Don, seconded by Joanna to have rink maintenance done not to exceed \$2000 to replace hockey nets ,a new terry cloth rag for the Zamboni, paint and silicone caulking for the boards, repair kick plates and poly protectors for the boards, and staples for the chain link fence. All approved

Levy or the township Motion by Don, seconded by Keith to approve the levy as proposed last February. All approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

UPCOMING DATES

September 26th reg board meeting

October 24th reg board meeting

November 28th reg board meeting