

## MINUTES

HELGA TOWNSHIP 25895 Co 9 BEMIDJI, MN

September 26th<sup>h</sup>, 2023

Present: Alicia Mueller, Jeanie Porter, Don Clay, Keith Kinnen, Joanna Hammerstrom, Kip Reinarz, Harrison Hoicks, Chris Heck, Barry Horn, Becky Reinarz, Rita Goodrich, Lily Hadrava, Betty Goose, Drew, Mike and Sara Karvako

Absent; Aric Porter, Dana Gelately, Kurt Fenner

## CONSENT AGENDA

7PM open meeting with pledge

Review Minutes for approval Motion by don, seconded by Kip, all approved.

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

Treasurer Report by Alicia. Motion by don, seconded by Harrison, all approved.

Land Use Report Keith reported 2 permits in September. Tentative date set for CUP for Dana and Makayla Fischer provided they provide a legal property description of the property from the county.

Town Hall Report Joanna introduced Rita Goodrich from MacDonald and Mac. Rita gave a talk on where the funds are obtained for the Historical Society. The fund is a part of the fund from sales tax collection and is distributed throughout the state. We have received four grants for the town hall. We have received a total of \$663,754.00 thus far. The next project is to replace the exterior. An estimated of \$417,000 has been obtained. Rita recommended we resubmit our grant request next year and work with the Historical Society on cost cutting and phasing possibilities. She recommended increasing the townships matching fund amount. Thus far we have paid \$15,000 toward the \$663,754 amount.

Discussion held on fund raising and other grants to request. It was noted that we sued the Nilson fund for the rink. The township also contributed funds toward the rink. We thank Rita for her very informative presentation. Joanna will meet with Gary Gregg from Clarity glass about door replacements. Motion by Don, seconded by Kip all approved to hire Paul Christianson as a handyman as a casual as needed employee for small repair projects at \$50.00 per hour.

Fire Report A written report was submitted by Dana in his absence. The fire dept gave a report of all calls in the past year. Next meeting is October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Road Report Roads were all graded this week after the rain stopped. There is a washout on 219<sup>th</sup> and Co.9. Barry will fill it in the week. There is a beaver dam blocking the culvert on 255 Ave and 470<sup>th</sup> St. Motion by Don, seconded by Keith, all approved to offer a \$200 bounty per beaver tail. The culvert will be cleaned out after the beaver are removed. Motion by Keith, seconded by Kip, all approved to obtain 2 impact drills and sockets for the grader garage.

## REGULAR AGENDA

A request to rent the hall on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for the DFL party caucus has been made. The date for the Feb. board meeting will be adjusted at the January organizational meeting.

A Christmas Planning Meeting will be September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Financial information was given on the Jumble Mart fund raising. These funds are used for the Christmas party and other community activities. There are several volunteers contributing time and money to promote these activities.

Motion by Don, seconded by Kip, all approved to accept bituminous donation from Schuelke to pave around the rink, the walking path, and to enlarge the driveway approach.

Rink employee hiring was discussed. Both Chris Heck and Drew are interested. Matt is 15 at present. Clerk will contact MATIT lawyer on conditions of employment to hire a 15 year old person.

Motion by Don, seconded by Harrison, all approved to obtain a no cash debit card for the clerk to use in ordering items that require a financial card to be used. Alicia will go to the bank and obtain said card.

Motion by Don, seconded by Harrison, all approved to accept the \$6000 with 10% over run for unexpected obstacles for Dave Speck to clear out the cemetery and to prepare the site to become a park.

Motion by Don, seconded by Harrison, all approved to adjourn.

## OTHER BUSINESS

## UPCOMING DATES

Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Reg board meeting

Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> Fire meeting

Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> Reg board meeting

Dec 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Reg board meeting