

WOODROW TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

March 17, 2016 (re-scheduled from March 10 due to illness)

7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bob Hankey at 7:00 p.m. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were supervisors Myles Wagner and Bob Hankey, treasurer Tim Mueller and clerk Diane Schires. Absent: Supervisor Lindquist

MSP Wagner/Hankey to approve the agenda with the amendment to have Cass County Land officer Kevin Dahlmen to be first on the agenda. Mr. Dahlmen discussed buying parcels in the upcoming June land sale within Woodrow Township. Discussion ensued regarding the two parcels for sale, with Wagner commenting that these are parcels the county no longer wishes to maintain. Motion to approve the Cass County Land sale by Hankey, seconded by Wagner.

MSP Wagner/Hankey to approve Board of Audit minutes.

MSP Wagner/Hankey to approve February minutes with clarification that all 5 members of the board will be attending the MATS training at the end of March for \$250.00.

MSP Hankey/Wagner to accept Treasurer's Report with Mueller informing that the gas tax funds have been deposited. Balance of \$634,551.67, 2 CD's of \$82,007.03 and \$45,622.18 for a total of \$762,180.80 and that everything is balanced. Wagner motions to open for discussion the issue of approving a 5 year CD of \$100,000 at a higher interest rate, earmarked for future road projects. Mueller assures that there is enough money available in answer to Hankey's inquiry of having enough money after our budget process of last month. MSP Hankey/Wagner to approve funds.

MSP Wagner/Hankey to approve Claims with \$11,000 Northern Engineering invoice questioned by member of audience. Wagner explained the invoice was from December but was misplaced in the clerk position transition, and that yes, it would have been more agreeable to have been paid from last year's funds.

MSP Wagner/Hankey to approve Payroll.

ROAD AND BRIDGE REPORTS-

Supervisor Wagner- Wagner conducted a visual inspection of icy roads as he didn't want to give carte blanc to road contractor for sanding, and directed him to problem areas. Overall savings to township road and bridge fund for winter sanding has been approximately \$700.

OLD BUSINESS-

Knoll Road Update-Contractor's Plan- Hankey received Kelly Condiff's engineering plans today and wasn't able to read thoroughly. Wagner stated that he had time to review the plans and thinks the Joint Powers Board's (Condiff) estimate of \$50,000 is unacceptable even if there were matching funds. With the township responsibility of %25 it would amount to around \$12,500. We would also have no control, with that given over to the JPB. He spoke with Herheim for his professional opinion, and after reviewing the site believed he could complete the project for around \$10,000 with the township retaining 100% control, which is significantly less to the taxpayer. Wagner doesn't think the Condiff plan is a pragmatic approach as opposed to the township retaining control, giving the Buxton Road project as an example of when the county took control of that project and the resulting cost to the township taxpayer was significantly higher in the end. Hankey concurred that the \$40,000 tax-payer difference of Condiff taking control of the project versus Herheim performing the project was significant. He also stated that once we have a full board we can go forward, explaining that Lindquist will be back to attend the April meeting. Wagner wished to be on record opposing this plan with the Joint Powers Board and Condiff. MSP Wagner/Hankey to not accept the JPB project for Knoll Road at this time and in taking this vote does not indemnify Woodrow Township to JPB, or for further fees for the planning phase. Hankey will draft letter and send to JPB tomorrow.

Road Contract- Wagner states that three years ago the contract went into July because of complications during the process. Past contracts were usually awarded in May after the road inspection. He disagreed with Lindquist's request to wait until November to award the road contract as it doesn't make sense to do so after the normal road season is over. Hanky tabled the road contract issue until the April meeting when there is a full board and will be the primary agenda item. Wagner reminds Hankey that Hawk Trail will be an important issue at that meeting as there is a public meeting scheduled for May. Hankey assures Wagner that it shouldn't take much time.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business to discuss.

PUBLIC INPUT

No public input.

MEETING ADJOURNED by Hankey at 7:30 p.m.

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Chair, Bob Hankey

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Clerk, Diane Schires