

¹**Minutes**
Ida Township Board Meeting
January 19, 2010
Ida Township Hall
4700 County Rd 6 NW, Garfield, MN 56332

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Orin Blegen. Supervisors Mike Rosenwald and Tom Searcy, Clerk Barbara Kilgore and Treasurer Palmer Krueger were also present.

The pledge of allegiance was conducted.

Blegen announced that the recorder being used to record the meeting belongs to the clerk and is only used to assist her in taking the minutes of the meeting.

Minutes

Rosenwald made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2010 Town Board Meeting. Blegen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Rosenwald-aye, Searcy-aye.

Treasurer's Report

Krueger read the December Treasurer's report. Searcy made the motion to approve the December Treasurer's report as read and submitted. Rosenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Rosenwald-aye, Searcy-aye.

Review and Pay Bills

Blegen made the motion to review and pay bills. Rosenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Rosenwald-aye, Searcy-aye. Krueger paid the approved claims with checks 7419 – 7441 from the Bremer Checking account and check 4-2105 from the 7T Debt Service Fund. The payment for the February payment of the PFA interest payment was also approved.

Roads

- **Calcium Chloride.** Kilgore informed the Board that if they wish to use the County for putting down calcium chloride again this year that they have to inform them in February. Blegen stated that the County did a good job last year, but he still feels that we should keep it local. Rosenwald said that when the County put down the chloride in 2009 the cost was \$12,000 less than in 2008, so if the Township does go with AJ he wants AJ to be within 10% of the amount we paid the County last year. AJ stated that he has been competitive with the County to within two to three cents per gallon and that he had always done Ida Township first and did a lot of extra leg work helping the township measure

extra amounts to be paid for by township residents. AJ also pointed out that he always had a Supervisor from the township with him telling him where to put the chloride. AJ informed the Board that the spray bar on his truck has different calibrations and can be set to whatever amount the Board would like. Blegen made the motion to go with AJ with a lighter application. Rosenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Rosenwald-aye, Scearcy-aye.

- **Other**

- **Blading.** Rosenwald reported that the cost of blading was up about 20% this year and wanted to know why since we have more blacktopped roads now. AJ stated that he takes direction from the Board on blading the roads and he had increased the roads west of County Road 6 to twice a week instead of once a week.
- **Snow Plowing.** The Board also discussed some snow plowing options and complaints with AJ.
- **Speed Limits.** Rosenwald informed the Board that he had obtained a copy of a letter sent to Dave Robley by the state regarding speed limits on the 7T blacktop roads. The letter doesn't say that we can't put speed limits on those roads. The Board authorized Rosenwald to talk to the state regarding setting speed limits on the 7T blacktop roads and on Betsy Ross Road.
- **Culverts.** Glen VanAmber reported that there is a culvert that is frozen on Lake Ida Way. Blegen will check on it and see what needs to be done.

Old Business

- **Lakes Area Recreation (LAR).** Fritz Bukowski the director of the LAR addressed the Board. Bukowski stated that the LAR appreciated the Township's support. Bukowski reported that 79 different children from Ida Township signed up for LAR programs in 2009. That number does not include open gyms and there could be more because some people do not include their township on their registration forms. Bukowski said that Ida Township is in Tier II, and no increase will be asked for this year. Bukowski also stated that he doesn't think the new YMCA will have much effect on LAR programs.
- **Alexandria Area Transportation Study.** Rosenwald and Blegen attended the meeting. Rosenwald reported that the State of MN. Did a traffic study and most of the problem areas are in the city limits. Rosenwald also stated that as the demographics are changing, the city is going to work on more bike paths.
- **Newsletter.** Kilgore noted that she had received articles for the newsletter from the board, but wanted to know if there are any other items that need to be included. Blegen said that the dead line for residents wanting extra chloride needs to be included. Rosenwald said to include thistle control issues as well.

New Business

- **Election Judge Approval.** Searcy made the motion to approve Julie Kirscht as Head Judge and Lucy Krueger, Jean Challeen and Bonita Hagel as election judges for the March 9, 2010 Township election. Blegen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Rosenwald-aye, Searcy-aye.
- **Absentee Ballot Applications.** Kilgore stated that anyone needing to vote by absentee ballot for the March election should contact the township office and applications will be sent out as needed.
- **Annual Meeting Agenda.** Kilgore asked about items for the Annual Meeting Agenda. Blegen suggested putting the thistle problem on the agenda to keep people informed. An update regarding the cemetery will be added as well.
- **Other.**
 - **Certificate of Deposit.** Krueger informed the Board that a CD in the amount of \$20,461.91 is coming due on February 6, 2010. Rosenwald asked what the Township is entitled to do with that money to try to get a better return on the investment. Krueger will see what is available.
 - **Report of Outstanding Indebtedness.** Krueger had the annual report of Outstanding Indebtedness completed and ready to send in to the county.
 - **Lake Access checking.** Blegen stated that Dian Lopez, President of the Ida Lake Association, had contacted him about have the DNR spot checking boats at the public landings on the fishing opener and few fishing tournaments for invasive species. There will not be any cost to the Township. The Board did not have any objections for this plan.

Mail and Permits The mail and permits were passed around for the board to examine.

Public Comment

- **Dick Berg** asked if there was a different kind of chloride that we were going to try. The Board did not know of anything at this time.
- **Glen VanAmber** informed the Board that he had planted trees outside of the sewer easement on the Peterson property and ALASD had run over some of them when they plowed the easement for maintenance. He said ALASD agreed to do the maintenance during the summer months and will try to stay within the easement.

Adjourn Rosenwald made the motion to adjourn at 9:02 pm. Searcy seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Rosenwald-aye, Searcy-aye

Barbara D. Kilgore
Ida Township Clerk

Orin C. Blegen
Ida Township Chairman