

¹Minutes
Ida Township Board Meeting
January 20, 2009
Ida Township Hall
4700 County Rd 6 NW, Garfield, MN 56332

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

The pledge of allegiance was conducted.

Rosenwald announced that the tapes being used to record the meeting belong to the clerk and are only used to assist her in taking the minutes of the meeting.

Minutes of the January 5, 2009 Town Board Meeting Blegen made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2009 town board meeting as written. Conn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Conn-aye, Blegen-aye.

Treasurer's Report Krueger gave the December Treasurer's Report. Rosenwald made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as written. Blegen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Conn-aye, Blegen-aye. Rosenwald made a motion for Palmer to rollover the CD that came due on January 2, 2009 in the amount of \$20,000.00 plus interest into a new CD at the best interest rate that he can find. Conn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Conn-aye, Blegen-aye.

Review and Pay Bills Conn made the motion to review and pay bills. Blegen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Conn-aye, Blegen-aye. Krueger paid the approved claims with checks 7065-7092 from the Bremer checking account, check 5179-5180 from the 7-T Capital Project Fund, checks 200-202 from the 7T Debt Service Fund and check 2112 from the Bedman Drive Debt Service Fund. The claim for the February PFA bond interest payment plus \$200,000.00 of principal was also approved so it can be wired in February.

Roads

- **Burkeys Lane Snow Fence.** Judy Burkey submitted a \$269.81 estimate for the cost of replacing her gate that she said was damaged by the snow plow. The gate is located at the end of Burkeys Lane. Rosenwald said he had reviewed the gate and stated that the bottom on the lake side is bent in slightly, and the top rail has been squeezed from the top and the bottom. Rosenwald doesn't see how the plow could have caused the damage to the top rail. Burkey said the damage happened when the piles of snow that were against her fence were removed.

Rosenwald pointed out that the gate is right on the property line and there is absolutely no room between the end of the road and the gate for plowing the snow. Rosenwald stated that the amount of damage cannot be assessed at this time because of the amount of snow and we will have to revisit the issue in the spring.

- **Snow plowing.**
 - **Eagles Landing.** Rosenwald reported that we had received an e-mail from Scott Bettin from the Eagles Landing Development requesting that the township take over plowing the roads in the development. Rosenwald said that we need to inform the Bettin's that the roads in the development have not been accepted by the township therefore they are still private roads and it is the developer's responsibility to maintain them. Rosenwald stated that he was informed that the development is changing hands, and the roads in the development have not been completed, there is only one lift of blacktop and that is falling apart in places. Mr. Bettin has an irrevocable letter of credit of \$75,000 filed with the county and the township needs to stay on top of the issue, so the roads can be completed with the developer's funds. Conn said Rosenwald should contact the township's attorney regarding the issue.
 - **Burkeys Lane, Clear View Road, Betsy Ross Road.** Blegen has received complaints regarding snow piling up and drifting into the road on Burkeys Lane, Clear View Road and Betsy Ross Road. Blegen will have AJ come out and blow out the problem areas. Blegen said the cost of having the snow blown out is \$115 per hour. Blegen asked Judy Burkey if the township can blow the snow over the top of her fence on to her property. Burkey said she would allow it only if the Township clears all of Burkeys Lane to 33 feet of road.
- **Burkeys Lane Right-of-way.** Rosenwald informed the Board that he had contacted Richard Luth and at this time Luth is not interested in giving the township the 60-foot right-of-way. Rosenwald also said that the township does not have 60 feet of right-of-way by the Ritchie Burkey and the Chad Burkey properties and the road in front of these properties is located outside of the right-of-way. Rosenwald would like to stake out the road in the spring, so we know exactly what we are dealing with. Conn stated that since this will be a legal issue, we should have a plan in place before we stake out the area. Rosenwald thinks we should pursue the issue, since we have Judy Burkey's agreement to provide a 60-foot easement if Mr. Luth will.
- **Retro Reflectivity Sign Program.** Rosenwald did a comprehensive spreadsheet of all the road and street signs in the township by road. The spreadsheet included a schedule for replacement of signs to meet retro reflectivity. The retro reflectivity signs are good for ten years. According to the plan a minimum of 30 signs will need to be done in 2009.
- **Dust Control/Calcium Chloride.** Rosenwald would like to try contracting with the county for calcium chloride for one year. Blegen hates to take it away from

AJ, who does a good job, and give it to the county. Rosenwald made a motion to have the county do the calcium chloride for this year. Conn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Conn-aye, Blegen-opposed.

Old Business

- **7T Bond payments/funds transfers.** Due to the fact that the motion at the January 5, 2009 was not unanimous as required to transfer funds; Rosenwald made a motion to transfer all monies except \$30,000 from the Blacktop & Upgrade Fund to the 7T Debt Service. That money to be used to pay the first scheduled payment and to keep \$10,000 as a buffer in that account and the remaining money, if any, to be used to pay down the principal. Blegen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Conn-aye, Blegen-aye. The amount to be transferred from Blacktop and Upgraded fund to the 7T Debt Service Fund is \$73,811.64. Rosenwald made a motion to transfer \$127,691.11 from the 7T Capital Project Fund to the 7T Debt Service Fund. Conn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Conn-aye, Blegen-aye.
- **Sewer Assessment parcel 24-0542-000.** After reviewing the sewer assessment on parcel 24-0542-000 that was addressed at the January 5, 2009 meeting, Kilgore informed the board that the amount assessed on this parcel was one and one-quarter instead of one and one-half of an assessment. Conn made a motion that the motion he made at the previous meeting regarding the removal of the half of a sewer assessment for the Michael Elias/Stacy Ball property be rescinded. Rosenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Conn-aye, Blegen-aye. Conn made a motion to adopt **Resolution 09-01** removing one-fourth of an assessment from parcel 24-0542-000. Blegen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Conn-aye, Blegen-aye, Rosenwald-opposed.
- **Newsletter.** Rosenwald stated that the bios for candidates are due for the newsletter. Kilgore reported that Michael Elias informed her that he wished to withdraw from being a candidate, but it was after the deadline stated by Minnesota statute, so he will be listed on the ballot.

New Business

- **Upcoming events.**
 - **Board of Audit.** January 26, 2009 at 7:30 PM.
 - **February 2, 2009 meeting cancellation.** Conn and Rosenwald will both be unavailable for the scheduled February 2, 2009 meeting. Blegen made a motion to cancel the meeting. Rosenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Conn-aye, Blegen-aye.
 - **Lobby Day at the State Capital.** Is February 10, 2009. The bus leaves from Wal-mart at 9:00 AM.
 - **Noxious Weed/Douglas Co. Association Meeting.** March 18, 2009 at 8:30 AM at the Douglas County Public Works Building.

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

Public Comment

- **Wes Smith.** Asked if the fuel adjustment with Alden Just adjusts down as well as up. Rosenwald informed him it does not.
- **Tom Searcy.** Asked if the Board had done a cost savings analysis of blading versus chloriding on township roads. Conn informed him that a study has not been completed.
- **Don Erstad.** Asked how someone would know when the deadline to withdraw from being a candidate would be. Kilgore stated that it is governed MN. Statute.

Adjourn Conn made the motion to adjourn at 9:46 PM. Rosenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Conn-aye, Blegen-aye.

Barbara D. Kilgore
Ida Township Clerk

Mike Rosenwald
Ida Township Chairman