

¹**Minutes**
Ida Township Board Meeting
February 4, 2008
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 Orin Blegen, Jim Conn, Clerk Barbara Kilgore and Treasurer Palmer Krueger were also present.

The pledge of allegiance was conducted.

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

Minutes-January 22, 2007 Blegen made a motion to approve the January 22, 2008 Town Board Meeting minutes as written. Rosenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Blegen-aye, Conn-abstained. Krueger stated that he took the Certificate of Deposit out for \$20,000 and not the \$20,500 stated in the minutes.

Rosenwald made a motion to recess the meeting to reconvene the Board of Audit Meeting to address the budget issues. Conn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Conn-aye, Blegen-aye.

Board of Audit See minutes of Board of Audit Meeting, January 30, 2008.

Rosenwald made a motion to reconvene the board meeting at 8:10 PM. Conn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Conn-aye, Blegen-aye.

Roads

7-T Road Project

- **Canyon Contracting Equipment Rental.** Issue carried over from previous meetings regarding an invoice from Canyon Contracting for costs they said they incurred for machinery rental for work that had been canceled for Wahtomin Trail. Rosenwald checked with Sweeny Brothers regarding the invoice presented at the December 19, 2007 town board meeting. Rosenwald stated Sweeny Brothers informed him that the invoice was for a monthly billing of a road grader and there were 80 hours used on the equipment. The board denied by motion to reimburse Canyon Contracting for rental of equipment from Sweeny Brothers at the January 7, 2008 Town Board Meeting. At the January 22, 2008 meeting, Gary Walsh informed the board that he had to keep the equipment for a month, so he used it on Bedman Drive and for other situations and there was \$500 pick up and drop off fee. It is Rosenwald's opinion that if Walsh would have sent the equipment back unused, it would have cost an extra \$500 for pick up of the equipment. Blegen feels it is the township's obligation to pay Canyon Contracting

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\$1,000 for the pick up and delivery charges of the equipment. Conn stated that since the grader was used on other projects besides our 7-T road project, he doesn't feel we owe Canyon Contracting anything. Conn made a motion to deny any funds for the Sweeny Brothers bill. Rosenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Conn-aye, Blegen-opposed.

- **7-T performance Bonds.** Rosenwald reported that he was informed that Anderson Construction and Canyon Contracting have not paid Okerlund Gravel for the gravel used on the 7-T project. Paul Strom also had an unpaid invoice from Anderson Construction. Rosenwald made a motion for the clerk to notify the performance bond companies regarding the amounts due to Okerlund. Blegen seconded the motion. Rosenwald-aye, Conn-aye, Blegen-aye. Stabnow stated that when the clerk notifies the performance bond company regarding Canyon Contracting, to let them know that the work on Bedman Drive is not complete to our engineer's satisfaction and that work will resume in the spring when the road restrictions come off or April 15.
- **Peterson Family Relocation Expenses.** Rosenwald gave the board a print out of the costs of the Lake Ida Way relocation expenses and the amount due to the Peterson Family and he would like it to be paid at the February 19, 2008 meeting.

Sunset Strip Sign/hole Kilgore reported that the Sunset Strip street sign in La Grand Township is missing. Kilgore will contact La Grand Township regarding the sign. Blegen stated that he had the hole on the south end Sunset Strip by the culvert filled in on Sunday. The board will review it during the Road Review in the Spring.

Old Business

- **Park Donation for Kensington Runestone Park.** Issue carried over from the January 22, 2008 meeting. The Douglas County Parks Department requested that the township donate 25% of its park money from developments to the Kensington Runestone Regional Park. Conn wants to keep our parks funds for own uses in the future. Rosenwald made a motion to donate \$3,562.50 to the Kensington Runestone Regional Park. No second. Motion failed.
- **Newsletter.** Kilgore had the draft of the newsletter ready for approval. Rosenwald requested changing the wording in Conn's article from Political Funds to Discretionary Funds. Blegen wanted a sentence regarding the condition of Christopherson Road to his article. Rosenwald made a motion to approve the newsletter with the corrections noted. Conn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Conn-aye, Blegen-aye.
- **Jack's Recycling.** Kilgore gave the board a flyer from Jack's Recycling regarding the costs for providing a drop-off for metals and electronic recycling in the township. Rosenwald made a motion for Clet to take the flyer to the Lake Association to see if they would want to co-sponsor a drop-off. Conn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Conn-aye, Blegen-opposed.
- **Exterminator.** Kilgore had received an estimate from Plunkett exterminators on taking care of the rodent problems in the town hall. Conn made a motion to have Plunkett come on a quarterly basis at \$37.50 each time Rosenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Conn-aye, Blegen-opposed

- **PFA/Wastewater Infrastructure Fund (WIF).** Kilgore informed the board that she had received a letter from PFA regarding the WIF money that the township needs to set up. Kilgore will contact ALASD to get the flowage amounts.

New Business

- **Election Judges/wages.** Rosenwald made a motion to approve Julie Kirscht as head judge and Annabel West, LaVonne Hildebrandt and Lucy Krueger as election judges for the March 11, 2008 Township election. Blegen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Conn-aye, Blegen-aye.
Rosenwald made a motion to increase the head judge wages to \$13.50 per hour and the election judge wages to \$12.00 per hour. Blegen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Conn-aye, Blegen-aye.
- **Township Cemetery (Lake Charley Cemetery).** Rosenwald reported that Stoeckel will survey the outside and the graves for \$1500. Blegen made a motion to try to give the cemetery away. Conn seconded the motion. Blegen amended the motion to add as our recommendation and bring it up at the annual meeting to give it away to someone. Rosenwald seconded the amended motion. Motion failed. Blegen-aye, Rosenwald-opposed, Conn-opposed. Rosenwald made a motion to bring up the cemetery at the annual meeting without a recommendation. Conn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Conn-aye, Blegen-abstained
- **Wussow Sewer Assessment (Leaf Valley Township).** Rosenwald made a motion to send the letter and resolution to Leaf Valley Township to add the parcel to their sewer assessment role as Barb has put together. Conn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Conn-aye, Blegen-aye.
- **Upcoming events**
Douglas County Emergency Management Meeting-February 19, 2008. Conn will attend.
Lakes Area Recreation Meeting. February 7, 2008 at 6:30 PM

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

Public Comment

Glen VanAmber noted that on the recommend levies for 2009 that combining the 7-T debt service and the Blacktop and Upgrade fund, it comes up to \$120,000, so in fact the board is raising the amount by \$20,000 over the 2008 Blacktop and Upgrade Fund..

Paul Strom suggested the board call the contractors as a courtesy before contacting the bond companies. Kilgore will contact both contractors.

Adjourn

Blegen made a motion to adjourn at 9:13 PM. Rosenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rosenwald-aye, Conn-aye, Blegen-aye.

Barbara D. Kilgore
Ida Township Clerk

Mike Rosenwald
Ida Township Chairman