

¹Minutes
Ida Township Board Meeting
February 16, 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. Supervisor Tom Searcy, Clerk Barbara Kilgore and Treasurer Palmer Krueger were also present. Supervisor Mike Rosenwald was absent.

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

Searcy made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2010 Town Board Meeting. Blegen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Searcy-aye.

Treasurer's Report

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

Review and Pay Bills

Blegen made the motion to review and pay bills. Searcy seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Searcy-aye. Krueger paid the approved claims with checks 7442 – 7460 from the Bremer Checking Account.

Roads

- **Eagles Landing-Dave Robley** Dave Robley, the County Engineer, addressed the Board regarding the roads in the Eagles Landing Development. The roads in the development only received one layer of black top from the original developer, Eagle Custom Builders. The development has since gone into foreclosure. The letter of security was allowed to lapse and the company who provided the letter of security has filed for bankruptcy. Tri-Mont Realty Advisors will take position of the foreclosure certificate in June. Robley believes that they will not want to put any money into the development and will want to turnaround and sell the certificate for a profit.

There are a total of 35 lots in the development, 8 have been purchased and 1 is for the development association. There are 6 current residences that purchased their lots with the understanding that the roads would be blacktopped and

completed. There were two lots sold this past July and Robley was not sure how the lots were sold or for how much, since the development was already in foreclosure.

The Township has not taken over these roads and does not maintain them. The roads in the development only received one layer of black top from the original developer, Eagle Custom Builders. The east road in the development, Talon Road has portions where the base blacktop is breaking up. It needs to be repaired or completely redone. The west road, Talon Circle, the base blacktop needs to be repaired. Both roads need to have a second coat of blacktop and shouldering completed. Robley estimates the cost of completing the roads to be \$100,000.

Robley proposed two options for getting the roads completed. He will consult with the County Attorney and take the issue to the County Commissioners at their planning meeting.

The first option is an assessment process. Whereby there would be an agreement between the Township and the County. The County would do the engineering, construction and inspection of the roads and the Township would assess the lots of 100% of the costs. The engineering and legal costs would be excluded. The Township would do a special assessment on the properties and turn the money over to the County. Robley would like the assessment to be placed on the unsold properties, since on the 6 original properties the purchase price included have completed roads.

The second option would be for the roads to be made County Roads and once they are completed and the Township approves the roads they would be turned back over to the Township and the Township would then maintain them. The County would take care of the assessment of the costs. Robley will consult with the County Attorney to see if this option is possible.

Blegen stated he is for the second option as long as it doesn't cost the Township any money. Scarcy said he would like to go with the second option as well and he would like to see the assessments fall on the unsold properties.

Robley will report back to the Township Board the results of his consultation with the County Attorney and what the County Planning Commissioners decide.

- **Road Report.** Blegen reported that he had driven the township roads and found them to be in pretty good condition except for being snow packed. There has been a lot of drifting and AJ had been working out here all day Monday to take care of the drifting.

Old Business No Old Business.

New Business

- **Alexandria Fire Protection Information.** Kilgore provided the Board with the information regarding the costs of fire protection from the City of Alexandria for 2011. The amount for 2011 is \$12,213.00. The 2010 billing is \$13,579.00, so there is a 10% decrease in the costs.

- **Upcoming Events.**

- Annual Election/Meeting March 9, 2010
- Weed Inspection Meeting/Douglas Co Township Meeting
- Douglas Co Public Works March 17, 2010 at 8:30 AM
- MAT Short Course Training, March 25, 2010 Alex-Arrowwood 9:00 AM
- Board of Equalization April 19, 2010

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

Public Comment

- **Glen VanAmber** asked if the Board had found out if it is okay for the fund balances to go into a negative balance until the next county settlement came in. Kilgore said she asked the Townships CPA and he said that during the year he would allow that, but at year end he would require that money be transferred from other funds.

Adjourn Searcy made the motion to adjourn at 8:31 pm. Blegen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Searcy-aye

Barbara D. Kilgore
Ida Township Clerk

Orin C. Blegen
Ida Township Chairman