

¹**Minutes**
Ida Township Board Meeting
February 19, 2008
Ida Township Hall
4700 County Rd 6 NW, Garfield, MN 56332

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

The pledge of allegiance was conducted.

Conn 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 of the February 4, 2008 Town Board Meeting Blegen made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2008 town board meeting as written. Conn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Conn-aye, Blegen-aye.

Minutes of the January 30, February 4, 2008 Board of Audit Conn tabled the approval of the Board of Audit minutes until the March 3, 2008 town board meeting, when all the supervisors will be present.

Treasurer's Report Krueger gave the January Treasurer's Report. Blegen made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report with two corrections to names in the 7-T Fund changing the two Canyon Construction to Anderson Construction and Canyon Contracting. Conn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Conn-aye, Blegen-aye.

Review and Pay Bills Conn made the motion to review and pay bills. Blegen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Conn-aye, Blegen-aye. Krueger paid the approved claims with checks 6756-6778, from the Bremer checking account; check number 6771 was voided, checks 5101-5103 from the 7-T Capital Project Fund, and check 2106 from the Betsy Ross Road Debt Service Fund.

- **Peterson Relocation Reimbursement.** Since there was discrepancy in the amounts due to Peterson's between the clerk's and treasurer's accounting figures, the payment was tabled until the March 3, 2008 meeting.

Roads

7T Road Project

- **Stabnow Update.** Stabnow informed that board that he had spoke with Okerlund regarding the outstanding invoices owed to him by Anderson Construction and Canyon Contracting. He stated that Okerlund had heard from Anderson Construction, and they are trying to restructure their finances, so they could pay the invoice, but he had not heard anything from Canyon Contracting. Stabnow also stated the MN Statute 16A.1245 requires prompt payment to subcontractors.

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It requires that payment be made within 10 days from when the prime contractor receives payment.

Other Blegen reported that he spoke with AJ regarding the complaint the township received regarding mail box damage on Betsy Ross Road. The problem with the mail box is that it is lower than the others in that area. The owner will move it next year.

Old Business

- **Exterminator.** Kilgore reported that the exterminator had caught 12 mice so far and he will be checking in the spring to see if he can find where they are getting in. The exterminator also recommends changing some of the ceiling tiles in the furnace room once the problem is under control.
- **ALASD PFA WIF certification.** Kilgore reported that she received the information from ALASD regarding the flowage and also spoke with PFA, who told her that a separate account needs to be set up for the fund. That it cannot be commingled with any other money. The issue was tabled until the March 3, 2008 meeting.
- **Cartway.** Kilgore reported that the township had received a letter from Ms Kluver's attorney authorizing the board to pay the township's attorney's, JJ Cline, invoice from November 9, 2007 in the amount of \$1,874.95 from the funds previously sent by Ms. Kluver as security. Kilgore spoke with Mr. Cline regarding this matter and Mr. Cline advised the board not authorize the payment from this secured money as he still has more work to do on the project and the money should still be held as security until the issue is totally resolved. Conn made a motion to deny Kluver's request to pay Mr. Cline's invoice out of the secured funds. Blegen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Conn-aye, Blegen-aye. Kilgore will write a letter to Ms. Kluver informing her to pay the invoice out of her money and she will receive the money left in the security bond when the matter is totally resolved.

New Business

- **Town Hall Mowing.** Conn informed the board that the same person who mowed the town hall property last year is interested in doing it again in 2008 for the same amount of \$599 for the whole year. Blegen made a motion to get the same person to mow the property. No second. Motion failed. Conn said he thinks we need to wait and see if anyone else is interested in doing the mowing.
- **Board of Equalization.** Kilgore informed the board that the Board of Equalization is scheduled for April 7, 2008. Blegen and Conn will check their calendars to make sure that they are available on that date.
- **Douglas County Emergency Management Meeting.** Conn reported that he attended the meeting, but will give a full report at the March 3, 2008 meeting when all of the supervisors will be available.

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

Public Comment

Barry Wahlberg suggested putting the zones covered by the three fire departments who service Ida Township in the next newsletter. He also thought it would have been a good place to ask for anyone who would be interested in mowing the town hall property.

Wes Smith asked if the township had a contracted price with Farmer's Union Oil for heating fuel. Kilgore informed him that we are on a keeps full basis. Smith said to make sure to contract for a price next year as it would save the township a considerable amount of money.

Adjourn Conn made the motion to adjourn at 8:24 PM. Blegen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Conn-aye, Blegen-aye.

Barbara D. Kilgore
Ida Township Clerk

Mike Rosenwald
Ida Township Chairman