

<sup>1</sup>Minutes  
Ida Township Board Meeting  
March 15, 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 Tom Scarcy and Mike Rosenwald, 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**

Blegen made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2010 Town Board Meeting. Scarcy seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Scarcy-aye, Rosenwald-abstained.

Rosenwald made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2010. Blegen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Rosenwald-aye, Scarcy-abstained.

Scarcy made the motion to approve the March 9, 2010 Board of Canvass minutes. Rosenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Rosenwald-aye, Scarcy-aye.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Krueger read the February Treasurer's report. Rosenwald made the motion to approve the February Treasurer's report as presented. Scarcy seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Rosenwald-aye, Scarcy-aye.

### **Review and Pay Bills**

Blegen made the motion to review and pay bills. Scarcy seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Rosenwald-aye, Scarcy-aye. Krueger paid the approved claims with checks 7461 – 7491 from the Bremer Checking Account.

### **Roads**

- **Jeff Stabnow report.** The township engineer, Jeff Stabnow, reported that he had driven the section of Pleasant Grove that was upgraded last year and found it to be fairly stable. On the South half, there are some areas that are moving some and at this time he didn't see any spots that would warrant doing sub cuts like we did on the North end, but thinks reconditioning may suffice. On 81<sup>st</sup> Avenue the gravel section is sloppy, but was recently bladed. There are sections of

Big Chip Trail that there has been some movement, but hopes that it will settle once the frost is out of the ground and the road dries out. Stabnow stated that MNDot is going to be letting bids for blacktopping TH 114 from Lowry to I-94 on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May, so if the Township has any planned blacktopping it would be beneficial to request bids after that date.

- **Posting Roads.** Blegen reported that the County had contacted the Township regarding posting the new blacktop roads in the township. Blegen posted 4 roads for a 7 ton limit; they were Betsy Ross Road, Christopherson Road, 81<sup>st</sup> Avenue and the South end of Bedman Drive. The rest of the blacktopped roads would be covered by the posted County Roads and the gravel roads are automatically covered at a 5 ton limit. The road restrictions will be on the roads for six weeks.
- **Road Petition.** Tabled until next meeting. Rosenwald will check with the Township Attorney regarding how many signatures are needed. Blegen is against any blacktopping until the one we have is paid off.
- **Eagles Landing-Dave Robley Resolution 10-01.** Dave Robley, the County Engineer, addressed the Board regarding the roads (Talon Road and Talon Circle) in the Eagles Landing Development. Robley presented a Cooperative Agreement between the County and the Township for the Board's approval stating that the Roads in the Eagles Landing development will be designated County Roads. The County will take care of getting the roads repaired and blacktopped. The County will also take care of the legal issues and special assessments. Once the roads are completed and approved, the County will sign the roads back over to the Township and the Township will then maintain them. Scarcy made the motion to adopt Resolution 10-01 approving the Cooperative Agreement. Rosenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Rosenwald-aye, Scarcy-aye. Robley will present the agreement to the County on March 23, 2010 and return a signed copy of the agreement to the Township.
- **Other**
  - **Culverts.** Blegen reported that he had checked the culverts. He stated the one on Lake Ida Way was flowing fast and didn't need any work. He had AJ dig out the culvert on Memory Lane and Water Lily Trail and steamed culverts on Memory Lane and Betsy Ross Road.
  - **Burkeys Lane.** Rosenwald stated that he checked on Burkeys Lane and even with the snow fences the snow melt still covers part of the road and shallow ditches are still needed. Dick Berg stated that the wind had blown down a couple of snow fences; otherwise there were just a couple of bad spots. Berg also stated that the road needs gravel.

### Old Business

- **ALASD report.** Rosenwald reported that the tax capacity in Ida Township is going up faster than in other areas. Rosenwald is trying to get them to use another formula besides tax capacity to determine the amount that is levied on Ida Township for the sewer district. Rosenwald stated that the levy is only placed on

people in the sewer district, so it is not levied on people who are on the West side of County Road 6.

### **New Business**

- **Lake Ida Church on Ebay.** Searcy reported that someone brought to his attention that there is a postcard on Ebay of a church in the Lake Ida area that is for sale. He was interested in if the church is or was in our Township. No action by the Board was needed.
- **Other.**
  - Krueger reported to the Board that he received a letter from First State Bank that they are changing to Letters of Credit for collateral on amounts over the federally insured amounts. The letter says they are more stable than what they have been using.
  - Searcy thanked Blegen for his years of service on the Township Board. Blegen said that when he became Chairman, the first time, he opened up the Town Board meetings for discussion from everyone in attendance during the meetings and not making people wait until the end of the meeting when decisions had already been made and he feels that the Board should continue to do that.

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

### **Public Comment**

- **Dick Berg** asked about the interest rate on the Township's Money Markets. Rosenwald informed him that the amount fluctuates the interest rate fluctuates with the financial index that the bank uses.
- **Frank Bartlett** said that when the Board is changed he would like one of the supervisors to be designated as a liaison for the Board of the Lake Charley Cemetery. He plans on having the Sheriff's Department sentence to serve people come out to fill in low areas and seed it with grass this spring.

**Adjourn** Searcy made the motion to adjourn at 8:49 pm. Rosenwald seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blegen-aye, Rosenwald-aye, Searcy-aye

Barbara D. Kilgore  
Ida Township Clerk

Ida Township Chairman